

Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2020
VIA Zoom
7:00 PM Business Meeting

Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call

 X Chairperson Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chairperson Linda Caprara,
 X Councilor Barbara Alexander, X Councilor Scott Eldridge, X Councilor Priscilla
Jenkins, Councilor Rita Moran, X Councilor Andy Wess

Item 19 Consideration of approving minutes of the meeting held on March 2, and sign
disbursement warrants

Suggested Motion: Move to approve council meeting minutes for March 2 as written

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 6-0

Item 20 Update: Winthrop Response to COVID 19

Council Chair Fuller reviewed actions taken in response to the Covid-19 crisis, including
declaring an emergency March 16 and activating the Emergency Management Agency (EMA)
under the Town's Emergency Management Ordinance. The EMA has been meeting Monday,
Wednesday and Friday to manage the Town's response to the crisis.

Item 21 Presentation of FY 2019 Audit: Jennifer Connors. Audit Manager, Runyon, Kersteen
and Ouellette

Suggested Motion: Move to accept FY 2019 Audit Report as presented.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 6-0

Item 22 Public Hearing – Winthrop House of Pizza Liquor License renewal

Open: 7:56

Police Chief Ryan Frost reports there are no issues he is aware of.

Close: 7:57

Item 23 Consideration of Winthrop House of Pizza Liquor License renewal.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept Winthrop House of Pizza Liquor License renewal.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 6-0

Item 24 Public Hearing – Pond Town Pub Special Entertainment Permit renewal

Open: 8pm

Town Manager Kobrock explains this permit will be considered under conditional circumstances. A follow up inspection is required by the Fire Chief and Code Officer to check that follow up items have been completed by the owner. When the business is allowed to open again, under Covid restrictions, the inspection will be scheduled.

Close: 8:03pm

Item 25 Consideration of Pond Town Pub Special Entertainment Permit renewal.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Pond Town Pub Special Entertainment Permit renewal under the condition that the business has complied with earlier inspection results.

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Eldridge

Vote: 6-0

Item 26 Report: Cobbossee Watershed District FY 21 Budget

Item 27 Consideration of Order 2020-006 Writing Off Uncollectable Personal Property Taxes

Suggested Motion: Move to write off uncollectable personal property taxes

Motion: Wess

Second: Eldridge

Vote: 6-0

Item 28 Consideration of Order 2020-007 Amending Article I, Section 8 “Amendments” in Zoning Ordinance and waiving second reading.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept Order 2020-007 Amending Article I, Section 8 “Amendments” in Zoning Ordinance and waiving second reading. (requires 5/7 approval).

Motion: Caprara

Second: Alexander

Vote: 5-1 Wess

Item 29 Consideration of Order 2020-008 amending “Essential Service” definition in Zoning Ordinance and waiving second reading.

Suggested Motion: Move to amend “Essential Service” definition in Zoning Ordinance and waive second reading (requires 5/7 approval).

Motion: Caprara

Second: Eldridge

Vote: 5-0-1 Wess recuses

Item 29 Consideration of Food Sovereignty Ordinance.

Public Hearing Open: 8:51

Close:8:59

Suggested Motion: Move to table Food Sovereignty Ordinance and create subcommittee of Councilors Alexander, Jenkins and Moran to bring back a proposal.

Motion: Caprara **Second:** Alexander **Vote:** 6-0

Item 30 Consideration of MDOT agreement to allow Overweight Vehicles in association with specified construction projects.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept MDOT agreement to allow Overweight Vehicles

Motion: Caprara **Second:** Eldridge **Vote:** 6-0

Item 30 Transmission of FY 21 Municipal Operating Budget

Suggested Motion: Acknowledgement of FY 21 Municipal Operating Budget

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Caprara **Vote:** 6-0

Other Business: The work of the Planning Board subcommittee on local Marijuana regulations has been delayed because of the Covid-19..

Manager's Report:

Update - Maranacook Lake Dam Project

The project has overcome earlier hurdles with the manufacturer of the gate, Obermeyer, and is proceeding to a conclusion.

Public Works Intern & Roads Management Project

A summer intern from the Margaret Chase Smith Center will collect, organize and analyze data on our local roads to include utilizing the RDMS application and GIS.

Adjourn.

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm

Motion by: Caprara **Second:** Eldridge **Vote:** 6-0