



**Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes  
6 PM Monday, Sept. 25, 2023  
17 Highland Ave.**

**Call To Order – Roll Call**

Chair Andy Wess \_x\_, Vice-Chair Shannon McDonnell \_x\_, Councilor Bruce Burns \_x\_,  
Councilor Linda Caprara \_x\_, Councilor Elizabeth Peters \_x\_ (joined at Item 167), Councilor  
James Steele \_x\_ (present for Item 165 only), Councilor Roy Weymouth \_x\_

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

**Item 163 Public Hearing:** Update of the General Assistance Ordinance

Open: 6:12 PM

Close: 6:16 PM

**Item 164** Consideration of the update of the [General Assistance Ordinance](#) utilizing the revised  
GA maximums and ordinance appendices

**Motion:** Move to approve the update of the General Assistance Ordinance as presented

**Motion by:** Burns

**Second:** McDonnell

**Vote:** 5-0

**Item 165** Consideration of extending the [moratorium](#) on mineral exploration, mineral  
extraction, rock quarry excavation, and sand and gravel pit activities

**Motion:** Move to extend the moratorium on mineral exploration, mineral extraction, rock quarry  
excavation, and sand and gravel pit activities by 180 days

**Motion by:** Burns

**Second:** Caprara

**Vote:** 5-1 (Wess)

**Item 166** Discussion of Town Planner [priorities](#)

**Item 167** Discussion of [vacation and sick leave accrual options](#)

**Item 168** Consideration of the [court order](#) for the transfer of forfeiture assets to the Winthrop  
Police Department

**Motion:** Move to approve the court order for the transfer of forfeiture assets to the Winthrop Police Department as presented

**Motion by:** Caprara

**Second:** Burns

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item 169** Consideration of disbursement warrants

**Motion:** Move to approve the disbursement warrants as presented

**Motion by:** Burns

**Second:** McDonnell

**Vote:** 6-0

**Other Business:**

Public comment

Town Manager's report

Tour of the Public Works garage

Adjourn

**Motion:** Move to adjourn meeting at 7:27 pm

**Motion by:** Wess

**Second:** McDonnell

**Vote:** 4-0

(Peters, Steele, Caprara absent)