



Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes

6 PM Monday, Oct. 23, 2023

17 Highland Ave.

this meeting can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqtKsnZaQbU>

Call To Order – Roll Call – 6:01 pm

Chair Andy Wess _x_, Vice-Chair Shannon McDonnell _x_

Councilor Bruce Burns _x_, Councilor Linda Caprara _x_ (joined at item 179),

Councilor Elizabeth Peters _x_, Councilor James Steele _x_,

Councilor Roy Weymouth _x_

Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment

Item 175 Public Hearing: Pond Town Pub and Grub Liquor License Application

Open: 6:02 pm

Close: 6:03 pm

Item 176 Consideration of [liquor license application](#) from Pond Town Pub and Grub

Motion: Move to table liquor license for Pond Town Pub and Grub

Motion by: Peters

Second: Burns

Vote: 6-0 (Caprara absent)

Item 177 Public Hearing: Authority to Operate Games of Chance to American Legion Post #40 and American Legion Riders for a Period of Five Years.

Open: 6:05 pm

Close: 6:07 pm

Item 178 Consideration of Authority to Operate [Games of Chance](#) to the American Legion Post #40 and American Legion Riders for a period of five years

Motion: Move to authorize Operation of Games of Chance to the American Legion Post #40 and American Legion Riders for a Period of Five Years.

Motion: Peters

Second: Weymouth

Vote: 6-0 (Caprara absent)

Item 179 Consideration of a [land swap request](#) from American Legion Post #40

Motion: Move to approve a swap of parcels each measuring 4,313 square feet, as requested by American Legion Post #40 and Louis Carrier, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute and accept the deeds

Motion: Burns

Second: McDonnell

Vote: 7-0

Item 180 Consideration of a [purchase and sale agreement](#) for 123 Metcalf Road

Motion: Move to approve the purchase and sale agreement for 123 Metcalf Road as recommended

Motion by: McDonnell

Second: Peters

Vote: 7-0

Item 181 Discussion of [licensing fees](#) charged to businesses, including bars and restaurants, cannabis dispensaries, victualers and transient sellers

Motion: Move to ask the Planning Board to review the fees in the cannabis ordinance along with other business fees and make a recommendation to the Town Council on those fees to ensure they are equitable

Motion by: McDonnell

Second: Caprara

Vote: 3-4 (Caprara,

Peters, Burns, Steele opposed) – **motion failed**

Motion: Move to table Item 181 until staff can further research the issue and present its findings to the Planning Board

Motion by: Peters

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-3 (Wess,

McDonnell, Weymouth opposed)

Item 182 Discussion and consideration of [appropriating \\$988,120 in surplus funds and \\$197,561 in American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funds](#)

Motion: Move to appropriate \$20,000 in ARPA funds to the library elevator replacement contingency

Motion by: Peters

Second: Caprara

Vote: 5-2 (Steele, Burns

opposed)

Item 183 Discussion of a [village bench policy](#)

Item 184 Discussion of a [village revitalization committee](#)

Item 185 Consideration of [winter sand bids](#)

Motion: Move to approve a contract with Blue Rock Earth Works for 3,500 yards of delivered sand, and to purchase 1,000 yards of sand from L. Merrifield Excavation to be picked up by the town

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Burns

Vote: 6-1 (McDonnell

opposed)

Item 186 Consideration of a [recommendation](#) from the Appointments Committee

Motion: Move to confirm the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to appoint Thomas C. Newhall to the Winthrop Cemetery Committee

Motion by: Caprara **Second:** Weymouth **Vote:** 7-0

Item 187 Consideration of disbursement warrants

Motion: Move to approve the disbursement warrants as presented

Motion by: Steele **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0

Other Business:

Public comment

Town Manager's report

Adjourn

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 8:14 pm

Motion by: Caprara **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0