

Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 9, 2018 - Town Office
17 Highland Avenue

6:00 PM Meeting with Readfield Board of Selectpersons Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call

7:00 PM Business Meeting: Call To Order

Present Chairperson Sarah Fuller, Councilor Priscilla Jenkins,
Councilor Barbara Buck left at 8 PM, Councilor Rita Moran, Councilor Andy Wess

Excused Councilor Scott Eldridge, Not Present Vice-Chair Linda Caprara

6 PM

Item 70-A To hold a joint meeting with the Town of Readfield Board of Selectpersons to hear a report from the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam Committee on bids received for Dam work.

The Town Council held a joint meeting with the Town of Readfield Select Board regarding the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam Committee. Dam Committee Member Wendy Dennis gave an overview of the project. All permits for the project have been obtained. RFP went out and seven companies attended the pre-bid meeting. Three companies ended up submitting bid proposals; H.E. Callahan \$476,500, Wyman & Simpson \$514,454 & PC Construction \$781,760. From the decision of the Town Managers, Larry Perkins and Wendy Dennis, the Dam Committee met to consider only the two lowest bids. The Dam Committee confirmed that both companies submitted proper bid documents and are both qualified to do the work. The Dam Committee voted to recommend that the H.E. Callahan bid be accepted.

Wendy explained that the DEP Permit allows work on the project to be from June 1, 2019 and October 31, 2019. There is an exception that tree cutting can be done to allow access to the project.

After discussion the joint meeting ended 6:35 PM.

7 PM

Item 70-B To consider accepting a bid for Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam Repairs

Councilor Wess expressed that he wanted to make sure that Tom & Pat Heiss accepted the project. Tom Heiss said that he was not satisfied with the project. Tom could not continue speaking. Lynn Reed helped out by conveying Tom's concerns to the council that his property erosion has been occurring since 2006 and the Heiss' have lost property and their house is moving. The Heiss' have had an engineer check their property as well as paid to have trees taken down. The tree roots were cracking the ledge and causing it to crumble. It was also stated that

within six months to a year the streambank could collapse. The Heiss' have given a permanent right of way to complete the work and future work. The work was supposed to be completed on the streambank in late 2017, but due to high bids the work was not completed. Lynn again stated that the Heiss' have paid to take trees down. Tom spoke up and stated that he was more concerned about saving his house than the cost of the tree work. Pat Heiss stated that they have nothing in their hand to say that this project is going to be completed in a timely manner and she does not feel the Town understands the urgency.

Wendy Dennis said the Dam Committee was formed in 2013. Wendy mentioned that Tom was a valuable member of the committee for approximately 4 years. Wendy stated that the trees that were removed were a part of the plan but the Heiss' took the trees down on their own. Wendy stated that was a good thing because in the Army Corp approval of the project the trees could not be taken down from June 1 through July 31st. Wendy also suggested the Towns could discuss the possibility of reimbursing the Heiss' for the tree work.

After discussion on the rip rap portion of the Dam Project, the Town Council voted to accept the Bid from H.E. Callahan.

Motion: Move to approve the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam Committees recommendation to award the bid for repair work on the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam to H.E Callahan in the amount of \$476,500.

Motion by: Jenkins **Second:** Moran **Vote:** Passed 5-0

Item 71 To consider approving council meeting minutes for June 4, 2018 and June 7, 2018

Motion: Move to approve the council meeting minutes for June 4, 2018 and June 7, 2018

Motion: Moran **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 72 To hold a public hearing for a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous beverage license renewal from Pond Town Pub

Time Open: 8:02 PM Time Closed: 8:03 PM . The police department reports no problems.

Motion: Move to approve the Malt, Spirituous and Vinous beverage license renewal for Pond Town Pub & Grub

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Moran **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 73 To hold a public hearing on the State Economic & Community Development Grant award on behalf of the Maine Dental Boutique and to assign an advisory committee

Time Open: 8:03 PM Time Closed: 8:06 PM. The Dental Boutique will hire a receptionist.

Motion: Move to accept the State Economic & Community Development Grant on behalf of the Maine Dental Boutique in the amount of \$30,000, and to task the Council's Finance Committee to act as the Community Development Advisory Committee for the grant

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Moran **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 74 To cast two votes for Election to the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee

Motion: Move to vote for Nate Rudy, Manager, City of Hallowell and Rita Moran, Councilor, Town of Winthrop to represent District 14 on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policy Committee

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 75 To hold a public hearing on the first reading of the proposed Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance as produced by Council Jenkins

Time Open: 8:10 PM Time Closed: 8:15 PM

Councilor Jenkins feels the ordinance is a good product and should fulfil our needs. There was concern that this could place further burden on our code enforcement officer. Ryan Frost advised that Maine Municipal guidance cautions communities on this topic and that the Town should be cautioning anyone wanting to participate in this that the State could still take action for violations of food safety. Councilor Jenkins and others feel we should invite someone with more knowledge on the issue to attend the second reading.

Item 76 To consider accepting a donation to the Winthrop Ambulance Service and for its use

Chief Dovinsky advises this will give the ambulance the ability to use stretcher on all ambulances.

Motion: Move to accept Stanley Sclar's donation of \$3,000 to the Winthrop Ambulance Service and to authorize the donated funds to be used to help purchase a patient power stretcher

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 77 To authorize Capital Equipment Purchases that were approved during the FY2019 budget process

Suggested Motion: Move to authorize the purchase of a Police cruiser and associated equipment from Quirk Ford (not to exceed \$41,500) for three (3) years; Plow Truck with associated equipment from Portland North Truck Center (\$153,238) and Transfer Station Demo Trailer with associated equipment from Warren Equipment (\$70,000) for five (5) years; and an Ambulance with associated equipment from Professional Vehicle Corporation (\$209,971) for six (6) years.

Motion: Moran **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 78 To accept the sole road paving bid from; State Paving Inc. \$355,795.80

Foreman Matt Burnham sent out four requests for bids and only received one bid back. Matt feels that he can keep the cost of the paving at the budgeted \$350,000

Motion: Move to accept the road paving bid from State Paving and require the manager and public works foreman to work with State Paving to keep the amount at the \$350,000 previously authorized for paving

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 79 To approve and sign two quitclaim deeds for satisfied property tax obligations

1. Tax Year 2015 Map 011, Lot 006
2. Tax Year 2016 Map 011, Lot 006

Motion: Move to approve and sign the quitclaim deeds for satisfied property tax obligations as listed on the Quitclaim Deed list dated July 9, 2018

Motion: Moran **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 80 To approve a bid for a tax acquired property on Map 008, Lot 055

Susan Guerette's bid was for property off from Metcalf Road.

Motion: Move to accept a bid from Susan Guerette for the purchase of tax acquired property on Map 008, Lot 055 in the amount of \$7,251.51

Motion: Wess **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 81 To consider entering executive session pursuant to 1MRSA 405(A) (1) to discuss a personnel matter, and take appropriate action.

Motion: Move to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA 405(A) (1) to discuss a personnel matter

Motion: Moran **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 4-0 passes

In at 8:35 PM Exit at 8:55 PM

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes

Item 82 To consider entering executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405.6.C to discuss the condition of town owned real estate

Motion: Move to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA 405.6.C to discuss the condition of town owned real estate

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes

In at 8:55 PM
Exit at 9:10 PM

Other Business:

Councilor Wess wanted to be sure that the owner of Everything Kids had an opportunity to bid on the former fire station.

Councilor Fuller advised of the upcoming Chamber Downtown Development Meeting on July 10, 2018 at 5:30 at the Barn at Silver Oaks.

Manager's Report:

Traffic Caution Lights – Were not included in fire station plan & will not be installed at this time. Fire Department will have a policy on entering and leaving the facility.
Interim Police Chief Dan Cook's has retired.

Adjourn.

Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 9:12 PM

Motion by: Jenkins **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 4-0 passes