

**Winthrop Town Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 1, 2010**

**Winthrop Town Office**

Attendance: Kevin Cookson, David Rheume, Priscilla Jenkins, Sarah Fuller. Ken Buck, James Lattin.. Cornell Knight Town Manager, Fire Chief Dan Brooks 11 members of the public.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cookson at 7:03 pm

Approve the Minutes of February 1, 2010 and February 8, 2010

There was a question raised as to the motion and second for approval of the February 1 minutes. The town manager will check the tape. Motion by Rheume Seconded by Lattin to table the February 1<sup>st</sup> minutes. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Lattin to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Vote 6-0.

Tabled from 2/1/2010 Item #12 Consider accepting out of town demo debris at the Transfer Station.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Fuller to remove item #12 from the table. Vote 6-0.

Councilor Buck said he has talked with several people since he proposed this and thinks this would not be a good idea for the town.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Rheume to not accept out of town demo debris. Vote 6-0.

Item #18 Hold a public hearing on the liquor license renewal and special entertainment license renewal for Sully's Restaurant.

Hearing opened at 7:10 pm no issues from the police department. Closed at 7:12 pm

Item # 19 Consider the liquor license renewal application and special entertainment license application for Sully's Restaurant.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Jenkins to approve the liquor license and special entertainment license. Vote 6-0.

Item #20 Hold a public hearing on the Small Wind Energy Systems ordinance.

Hearing opened at 7:13 pm

Councilor Rheume said a wind mill owner read the ordinance and was pleased with the content so he can raise the height of the pole. Hearing closed at 7:14 pm

Item #21 Consider the first reading of the Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Buck to approve the first reading of the Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Fuller to waive the 2nd Reading of the Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance. Vote 6-0.

Item #22 Consider a resolution to oppose federal warfare funding- Councilor Jenkins.

Councilor Jenkins read an amended version of the resolution. There was a lengthy discussion for and against the proposal.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Fuller to table the resolution until the April meeting. Vote 4-2, (Rheume, Buck opposed).

Item #23 Consider weekly concerts this summer at Norcross Point- Elizabeth McKenney.

Ms McKenney is volunteering her time to schedule 3 concerts a month at Norcross Point on Sunday afternoons. She needs \$150 month for a PA system rental. She will seek corporate donations to offset the cost of production.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Jenkins to approve the request to hold concerts at Norcross Point with the minimal funding for the sound system and that Ms McKenney pursue corporate donations to offset the costs. Vote 4-2 (Rheume, Buck opposed).

Item #24 Consider the purchase of land from DeJour Realty for the site of the future fire station.

There was a lengthy discussion of the possible locations, current building conditions, referendums, committee work, stimulus funding and the purchase price.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Jenkins to approve the purchase of the lot for the future fire station. Vote 4-2, (Rheume and Buck opposed).

Item # 25 Hear an update on the Western Kennebec Economic Development Alliance activities, Amy Lawson, Exec Director.

Ms Lawson mentioned a new company has started on the Case Road, making hard cider. WKEDA is working on a micro loan program, assisting business owners with record keeping to facilitate loan requests, a manufacturing co-op program, a survey of local businesses and marketing a lot for sale on Rte 202 near the business park.

Item # 26 Consider a report of the Appointments Committee.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Jenkins to appoint Kevin McCarthy to the Conservation Commission. Vote 6-0.

#### Manager's Report

Two property taxes should be abated, one is a mobile home that was moved without a permit from a park and the owner can not be found, Richard Talbot, abate \$67.82 plus lien costs. The other, Garrett Levy, a balance due record in 2005 during a transfer was missed, the property has changed hands several times. Tax abated \$134.23 plus lien costs.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Fuller to abate the two properties. Vote 6-0.

Dennis Tompkins has filed an 80-B appeal in court to overturn the Zoning Board of Appeals denial of his variance request.

A card and a donation were made to the scholarship fund in memory of Terry Despres.

The School Board is meeting with the Fayette school board on Thursday to discuss the formation of an Alternative Organization Structure.

Councilor Rheume said the light in front of the post office is out.

Councilor Jenkins said the Keep Winthrop Warm committee raised \$1700 from the chili cook off and raffle.

Chief Brooks said that special entertainment license applicants must have a current fire marshal permit before getting the special entertainment license. The town manager said it could be added to the application.

Jen Currier said the Green Committee is planning Earth Week activities and asked how to go about a dance permit on Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>. She will speak to the Town Clerk.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Rheume to Adjourn at 9:35 pm. Vote 6-0.