

Winthrop Town Council

Special Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2010

Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Kevin Cookson, David Rheaume, Linda Caprara, Ken Buck, Priscilla Jenkins, Sarah Fuller, James Lattin. Cornell Knight Town Manager. Patrice Putman, Chair of the Comprehensive Plan committee, Chris Huck KVCOG.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Cookson at 7:00 pm

Item # 59 Presentation of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan

Patrice Putman presented the draft Comprehensive Plan to the council and thanked the committee members for their work. The committee held 30 public meetings and numerous sub committee meetings over the past 18 months. All minutes and reports were posted on the town's website. Using population projections from the State Planning Office, Winthrop will grow to 7,500 people in the next 20 years and will need 600 new housing units. To preserve rural land, the committee recommends growth areas with sewer and water installations to accommodate the new housing. Another focus of the plan is outdoor recreation and the possibilities of economic development in that area. There was also a significant emphasis on a vibrant downtown, public health and local farming. The next step is for the town to submit the plan to the State Planning Office for review and comment. When it is returned there will be a public hearing and changes can be made to the plan.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to table until next Tuesday. After discussion, the motion and second withdrawn.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Lattin to submit the report to the State Planning Office with further review by the Town Council and hold a public hearing at a later date. Vote 7-0.

Item # 60 Update on the intercommunity trail project.

The Town Manager and a group of interested people looked into the TIGER II funding from the US Dept of Transportation but there was more planning that needed to be done before construction funds would be needed. The informal group recommended that the four towns form a committee to begin the work of establishing a trail from Monmouth to Winthrop to Manchester to Hallowell. There will be an agenda item on the next council meeting to discuss further.

The Town Manager informed the council that the new AOS school board had voted to purchase a new financial software system that would impact the town's financial software. There will be an agenda item to discuss the matter at the next council meeting.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Capara to Adjourn at 8:05 pm. Vote 7-0.