

Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 6, 2018 - Town Office  
17 Highland Avenue  
7:00 PM

7:00 PM Business Meeting: Call To Order – Pledge of Allegiance – Roll Call

Chairperson Sarah Fuller, Vice-Chairperson Linda Caprara-out at 7:30 PM, Councilor Priscilla Jenkins,  
Councilor Rita Moran, Councilor Andy Wess, Councilor Scott Eldridge  
Excused: Councilor Barbara Buck

**Item 83** The Council signed disbursement warrants.

**Item 84** The Council was ready to hear from the Recreation & Conservation Committees, but they were unable to make the meeting. The council did accept a donation relating this from the Winthrop Veterinary Hospital who donated a Dog Waste Station for the Roger Guerette Trailhead.

**Motion:** Move to accept the donation of a Dog Waste Station from the Winthrop Veterinary Hospital for use at the Roger Guerette Community Trail

**Motion:** Jenkins      **Second:** Moran      **Vote:** 5-0 passes

**Item 85** The Council voted to close Union Street on August 18, 2018 for the Annual Winthrop Summer Art Festival

**Motion:** Move to close Union Street on August 18, 2018 for the Winthrop Summer Art Festival

**Motion:** Jenkins      **Second:** Eldridge      **Vote:** 6-0 passes

**Item 86** The Council signed a quit claim deed for the sale of tax acquired property, per a list dated 8/6/18

Map 008, Lot 055 to Susan Guerette

**Motion:** Move to authorize the quit claim deed from list dated August 6, 2018

**Motion:** Eldridge      **Second:** Wess      **Vote:** 6-0 passes

**Item 87** The Council consider a bid for the old Fire Station on Main Street from Gerard Fleury.

Discussion topics included not selling the fire station and using it for Town Office Space or general the Town should keep it for unknown future uses. Chief Dan Brooks said the sprinklers were disconnected because it was out of code and that the generator onsite was given to the Utilities District for pump station uses. The bidder daughter spoke and stated that possible uses were for apartments, storage or business use.

**Motion:** Move to accept the bid from Gerard Fleury in the amount of \$160,100 for the old Winthrop Fire Station

**Motion:** Caprara      **Second:** Eldridge      **Vote:** 5-1 passes Jenkins

**Item 88** The Council approved and signed Order 2018-0806, to authorize borrowing \$260,000 from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the Maranacook Outlet Dam Project

**Motion:** Move to approve Order 2018-0806, providing Capital Improvement Funding for the Maranacook Outlet Dam in the amount of \$260,000 from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank

**Motion:** Jenkins      **Second:** Eldridge      **Vote:** 5-0 passes / Councilor Wess stepped out

**Item 89** The Council approved authorizing the manager to cast votes for the Maine Municipal Associations Election of Vice President and Executive Committee Members

**Motion:** Move to authorize the manager to cast votes for the Maine Municipal Associations Vice President and Executive Board Members

**Motion:** Moran      **Second:** Caprara      **Vote:** 5-0

**Item 90** To discuss the foot path right of way near the East Winthrop Beach/Welch's Point

The council opted to table this item.

**Motion:** Move to table Item 90.

**Motion:** Caprara      **Second:** Jenkins      **Vote:** 5-0 passes

**Item 91** To discuss expiration of the Marijuana Moratorium and provide guidance to Town Staff and Planning Board on next actions to take concerning local regulations/zoning

Councilor Moran suggested extending the moratorium. Councilor Jenkins feels that nothing can be done as far as recreational marijuana because the State has no rules in place. Councilor Jenkins also feels that we will need information from the codes office and the planning board on where the Town may allow these types of businesses. The Council will revisit this topic at the September meeting. No further action.

**Item 92** To discuss the process of hiring an interim and permanent town manager

Discussion was whether or not to consider hiring an interim manager and whether or not to hire Maine Municipal to manage the process of hiring a new Town Manager. Councilor Jenkins asked if any interim would be full-time or part-time. Councilor Fuller explained that the job of manager is very big in Winthrop and it should be full-time. Councilor Jenkins wanted to know what type of citizen involvement would there be in hiring a new manager. Councilor Fuller said we could discuss the process with David Barrett of Maine Municipal.

Councilor Caprara was excused from the meeting.

Patrice Putnam asked if the selection of an interim manager was going to be limited to a select few. Councilor Fuller explained that resume we have are a part of the Maine Municipal Pool of people that have expressed interest in serving as interim managers and that have municipal experience. No further action.

**Item 93** To consider entering executive session pursuant to 1MRSA 405(A) (1) to discuss a personnel matter, and take appropriate action.

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

**Motion:** Jenkins      **Second:** Eldridge      **Vote:** 5-0 passes

In at 7:35 PM  
Out at: 7:50 PM

**Other Business:**

Speed Limit Study for Narrows Pond Road – The council requested a speed study for MDOT.

Councilor Wess asked that when we meet with H.E. Callahan to have them look at the Bowdoin Street Dock.

**Manager's Report:**

Update on Dam Project – Signed Award to H.E. Callahan for Dam Project and will meet with them on August 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss change order for rip-rap this fall.

New Plow Truck has been delivered and is being setup with a radio.

Library Parking Lot Project going to Planning Board for review on August 15, 2018.

Adjourn.

**Motion:** Wess      **Second:** Eldridge