

Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2010
Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Kevin Cookson, Chair: David Rheaume, Linda Caprara, James Lattin, Ken Buck, Sarah Fuller, Cornell Knight (Town Manager). Absent: Priscilla Jenkins.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The 2010 Spirit of America Awards were given to Victoria Christopher and Carl Swanson prior to the meeting.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to approve the minutes of November 1, 2010 as presented. Vote 6-0.

Item #94 Hold a public hearing on:

1. Alfred Maxwell American Legion Post #40- Liquor license renewal
2. Kong Island-410 Main street- Victualer's License
3. The Roost Bed & Breakfast- 195 Annabessacook Rd- Victualer's License

The hearing was opened at 7:09. No comments were received and the hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

Item #95 Consider the American Legion's liquor license renewal and Victualer's licenses for Kong Island and the Roost B & B.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Fuller to approve the items. Vote 6-0.

Item #96 Hear an update on Winthrop Unites Activities- Nancy Schenck

Nancy Schenck and other members of the Winthrop Unites Committee presented a framed picture to Chief of Police Joe Young for his efforts in coordinating the Take Back Prescription Drug day at the Transfer Station.

Item # 97 Consider a presentation from the Superintendent of Schools Briane Coulthard on the following items:

1. a \$1.3 million bond issue for energy improvements and roof repairs to school buildings.
2. Designate annual debt cost savings plus \$50,000 to summer teacher wage liability.
3. Review the 2011-12 budget projections,- state aid for education reduced by \$735,049.

Mr. Coulthard said the school is seeking a bond to do energy improvements, as recommended by the Siemen's energy audit and other roof repairs. The state is offering 0% financing and the school would like to get a place hold or notice to the state before December 31st. It will begin the discussions with the state but does not commit the town to the work.

The summer teacher wage continues to be a liability towards the town's fund balance.

Mr. Coulthard suggested that \$50,000 in addition to the annual debt reduction be put towards the balance. However it will be a challenging budget year because the state aid

for education is dropping by \$735,049, and it may be difficult to add to the tax rate to fund the summer wage liability. No decisions were made.

Tom Seekins from Siemen's did a powerpoint presentation and reviewed his energy audit work and inspection of the buildings. All of the 2 dozen improvements listed would show a payback in under 10years. The most needed item is replacement of the MS boiler. The estimated cost of the energy improvements at all 3 schools was \$987,435. The other work to the buildings and roofs is estimated to cost \$351,593.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Buck to approve of the school to a make application for the \$1.3 million in energy and building improvements. Vote 6-0.

Item #98 Consider a request from Raymond Lord, 219 Rte 133, to amend the zoning ordinance to limit the use of ATV's and motorcycles on small lots.

Mr. Lord did not attend. Mr. Tarbox the neighbor who says his 8 yr old son does ride his bike and atv's around the house but has not spoken to Mr. Lord about the issue. He said he would work with Mr. Lord if there is a problem.

Item #99 Consider the purchase of a foam system and installation on Fire Engine 2.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Fuller to approve the purchase and installation of the foam system by Northeast up to \$9855. Vote 6-0.

Item #100 Hear an update on the Assessor's contract position for 2011.

Mr. Cadwell is retiring from the City of Augusta and plans to do contract work with communities. He will do 20 hrs per week for 47 weeks per year at \$34,000. He will pay for employment taxes, insurance and training. There was discussion about putting it out for bid, but Mr. Cadwell has done the assessing work for the past year and has done a good job.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Fuller to appoint Don Cadwell as assessor. Vote 6-0.

Manager Report

The flashing school zone sign project on Main Street is complete.

The CMP smart meters will be installed throughout the town this winter.

WKEDA distributed a letter on the solar farm project, the feasibility study will not be done by December 31.

The town received notice from the Dept of Transportation that they will be paving Rte 202 from Old Lewiston Road to Manchester next summer.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday Christmas Eve and will take a vacation day on Saturday.

The Turtle Run Road Timber Bridge project is almost complete, just guard rail end caps need to be installed and paving of the approach will be done in the spring.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Caprara to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Vote 6-0.