

***Winthrop Town Council***

***Regular Meeting Minutes***

***Monday, October 5, 2009***

***Winthrop Town Office***

***Attendance: Patricia Engdahl, David Rheaume, Linda Caprara, Priscilla Jenkins, Sarah Fuller, Ken Buck. Cornell Knight Town Manager, 5 members of the public.***

*Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Rheaume at 7:00 pm*

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Engdahl to approve minutes of September 14, 2009. Vote 6-0.

Tabled from Sept 14, Item #102 Consider the second reading of the amendments to the Traffic Ordinance #17, which bans skateboards on Main Street sidewalks.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Fuller that this item remain tabled until the November meeting. Vote 6-0.

Tabled from Sept 14, Item #103 Consider a request from the Winthrop Commerce Center to establish a handicap parking space at their front door on Main Street.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Fuller to remove from the table. Vote 6-0.

Lou Carrier explained that the hospital requested a space outside the new entrance on Main Street to be designated a handicapped drop off zone. The sidewalk and granite curb would be cut to allow an accessible ramp to street level. He will put up a sign designating the space. The handicapped space at the end of the building will remain a handicapped space. He will contact DOT for permission also.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Caprara to approve the space request to the Winthrop Commerce Center as per the engineered design. Vote 6-0.

Item #113 Consider a land donation from Robert Gladu.

Mr. Gladu is offering his land that is in a Resource Protection zone to the town. The property between Metcalf Road and Rte 202 is in the Winthrop Utilities District watershed area. They are interested in acquiring the parcel to further protect the town's drinking water supply.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded Jenkins to accept the land donation from Robert Gladu. Vote 6-0.

Item #114 Consider Resolution 93 Opposing the Excise Tax referendum

Councilor Jenkins said wording should be added to say the good roads are needed for cars to run efficiently. Councilor Rheame said the Council should leave it up to the voters to form an opinion.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Engdahl to approve Resolution 93. Vote 4-2, (Buck and Rheame opposed)

Item #115 Consider Resolution 94 Opposing the Tabor II referendum.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Fuller to approve Resolution 94.

Much discussion about the state budget and the effects this legislation would have on towns.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Jenkins to table until the end of the meeting. Vote 6-0.

Item #116 Consider amendments to the Personnel Policy, add a definition for part-time employees for the Ambulance Service.

The town manager said that to assist the Ambulance Director in filling 100 per diem shifts per month in a shorter time and stay within budget the following language change is needed in the personnel policy:

*Category 2 Part-Time Employee: Appointed to a position which may be scheduled regularly or irregularly for periods of less than thirty-four (34) hours per week. This category includes ambulance personnel, other than those who are full-time employees.*

*Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter V, no benefits are available for category 2 part-time employees, except for pay at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate for hours worked on a holiday regardless of the total hours worked during the pay period, and such other benefits as may be required by law.*

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Buck to approve the language change. Vote 6-0.

Item #117 Consider the purchase of a leaf-vac machine at the cemeteries.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Buck to approve the purchase of an 18 hp leaf vac for \$3,410, funds from the trust account. Vote 6-0.

Item #118 Consider requesting nominations for Spirit of America awards.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Caprara to accept nominations. Vote 6-0.

The committee will be chosen at the November meeting.

Item #119 Update on the activities of the Green Committee

Councilor Jenkins reviewed the community forum from last week, the Cool Congress conference and upcoming grant opportunities. Gary Dawbin updated the work he is doing on the hydroelectric project at the dam on Main Street.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Fuller to take item #115 off the table. Vote 6-0.

Vote on the Original motion to approve Resolution #94, 5-1, Rheaume opposed.

#### Manager Report

The Town Manager called the council's attention to the good review S & P bond rating report gave the Town of Winthrop.

There is an old fuel pump that has been in storage and of no use to the town and Monmouth highway could use it. Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Fuller to give the pump to Monmouth. Vote 6-0.

Assessor applications will be received until October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The town was not funded for the Fire Station Stimulus grant, only one town in New England was funded.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Fuller to accept a \$81.78 donation to the Ambulance. Vote 6-0.

The town manager said he would be on vacation next week.

The yard sale raised \$200, a lot of bikes were taken to the transfer station.

Discussion about using future abandoned bikes for a loaner program and for student learning projects.

Motion by Fuller Seconded by Caprara to Adjourn at 8 pm. Vote 6-0.