

**Minutes**  
Winthrop Town Council  
Regular Meeting

**Monday February 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors William MacDonald, Kevin Cookson, Ken Buck, Patricia Engdahl, James Norris, Priscilla Jenkins. Town Manager – Cornell Knight, Finance Director Jan Tewksbury, Auditor Greg Chabot, Eric Robbins Planning Board Chairman and 10 residents.

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Norris Seconded by Cookson to approve the minutes of January 7, January 14, January 28, 2008. Vote 6-0.

Item # 13 Audit Presentation- Greg Chabot- Runyon Kersteen and Oullette. Mr. Chabot reviewed the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Item #14 Consider the Second Reading of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.  
Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Norris to approve the second reading of the zoning ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board. Vote 5-1, Cookson opposed.

Item #15 Review the USPS new office plan- Main Street.  
Plans for the office were reviewed. The plan shows 29 parking places on the lot and new entrances on Main Street and Bowdoin Street with one way traffic flow. The Planning Board will be reviewing the plans.

Item #16 Update on Regional services/grants participation.  
The town manager explained that Winthrop is part of a regional assessing grant application with Gardiner, Augusta, and Monmouth. KVCOG is submitting a grant application to establish a Regional Capital Investment Information Exchange Program. Neighboring towns are working with Renaissance Planning Associates to identify areas of solid waste management that are conducive for regional cooperation.

Item #17 Update on the school consolidation planning process- Councilor Cookson.  
Councilor Cookson, chairman of the school consolidation planning committee updated the council on the committee's work to date. The legislature is considering LD 1932 which would give the committee some flexibility from the law's mandated funding formula amongst the towns.

Item #18 Consider projects for the DOT Competitive Transportation Programs.  
The council considered projects such as sidewalks, bikepaths, industrial rail program and tree planting. Notice must be filed with KVCOG by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Item #19 Consider a windmill installation at the Transfer Station.  
The council asked the manager to get more information on the installation.

Item #20 Update on the landfill buildings transfer from UTC.  
The transfer of buildings at the landfill on Annabessacook Road, from United Technologies to the town is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2008. Most of the tanks and piping have been removed from the buildings.

#### Manager's Report

Motion by Buck Seconded by Norris to approve a Casino night for the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce on April 11 at the St. Francis Parish Hall. Vote 6-0.

The Regional Development Corporation is accepting applications for a part time executive director. The town has forwarded the \$30,000 contribution to the group.

The town of Readfield is still interested in housing an ambulance at their fire station. The council agreed to continue discussions but the additional staffing cost will be borne by the other towns.

Colleen Crowley is the new director at the Bailey Public Library.

The town's attorney will be filing a motion for reimbursement of the town's legal costs from Richard Calcagni (Vista Heights sub division).

The real estate agent for MaineGeneral said the hospital would prefer to entertain offers from the town for the purchase of the Health Center. The council can consider that during their special meeting to consider the architect contract.

Motion by Cookson Seconded by Jenkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Vote 6-0.