

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting

Monday September 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, Ken Buck, Patricia Engdahl, James Norris, Priscilla Jenkins. Town Attorney Lee Bragg, Town Manager – Cornell Knight, Police Captain Ryan Frost, Supt of Schools Steve Cottrell, School Board chairman John Mitchell, KJ reporter Betty Adams, 5 residents.

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Norris Seconded by Jenkins to approve the minutes of August 4, 2008.
Vote 5-0.

Item #96 Consider counseling contract renewals with Kennebec Behavioral Health, Crisis and Counseling, and MaineGeneral's HealthReach Network.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Norris to approve the counseling contract renewals with Kennebec Behavioral Health, Crisis and Counseling, and MaineGeneral's HealthReach Network for one year. Vote 5-0.

Item #97 Consider an agreement with the school department to share services.

The new superintendent of Schools Steve Cottrell was introduced.

The agreement lays out the shared duties, school to do custodial work, parking lot and walkway snow removal at all town buildings and the town will do grounds maintenance at school buildings and snow removal on school access roads.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Buck to approve the shared services agreement with the school department. Vote 5-0.

Item # 98 Consider the recommendation of the Social Service Funding Committee.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Jenkins to approve the funding recommendations.
Vote 5-0.

Item # 99 Consider a recommendation from the Appointments Committee on a process for appointments to the town committees and boards.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Norris to approve the Appointment Committee policy as presented. Vote 5-0.

Item #100 Update on the Energy Conservation and Resources meeting/workshop- Councilors Jenkins and Engdahl.

There will be a forum on September 22 6-8 pm at the Town Office for residents to learn from a panel of experts about energy conservation and resources available to them. The council was very supportive of the program.

Item #101 Consider scheduling a special meeting to review the Police Station building plans.

The council agreed to schedule a special meeting on Monday September 15th at 7pm to review the plans.

Item #102 Consider Election worker appointments.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Jenkins to approve the election worker list as presented. Vote 5-0.

Manager's Report

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Engdahl to sell the 2003 police cruiser to Barrows Chevrolet for \$1000 as part of the lease purchase of a new car. Vote 5-0.

Paving of town roads will start on Thursday.

The start of the Comprehensive Plan update will be delayed one month.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed during election day, but all other offices will be open.

Construction has started to renovate the former Health Center into the Ambulance Service station.

Other business

Councilor Buck requested a special meeting to discuss the town manager's decision on a recent personnel matter. The town attorney said a special meeting can be called by the chair or by 4 councilors. He said the conduct of the town manager can be reviewed by the council but not the decision. Councilor Buck proposed changing the personnel policy to allow the council decision making authority in the personnel process.

No action taken.

Councilor Cookson reviewed the regional school consolidation committee's progress.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Norris to adjourn at 826 pm . Vote 5-0.