

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, Ken Buck, Patricia Engdahl, James Norris, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda Caprara, Town Manager – Cornell Knight, Police Captain Ryan Frost, Police Chief Joe Young, Fire Chief Dan Brooks, KJ reporter Betty Adams, 20 members of the public.

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Norris Seconded by Jenkins to accept the Minutes of September 8, September 15, 2008 as printed. Vote 6-0.

Item #105 Presentation of a plaque designating the Mt Pisgah Fire Tower on the National Historic Lookout Registry- Bob Marvinney, Jim Connors.

Jim Connors from the Kennebec Land Trust introduced Bill Cobb from the National Historic Lookout Registry. He reviewed the history of the tower and the work his organization does. He presented a certificate and plaque to be placed at the tower to the Town Manager.

Jim Connors said work continues on trail with new cedar bog bridges installed by the Conservation Corps this summer.

Item #106 Hear an update from Amy Lawson, Executive Director on the activities of the Western Kennebec Economic Development Alliance.

Amy Lawson reviewed the 7 items the Alliance is working on: Buy local campaign, connections with entrepreneurs from U Maine, general consulting, grant writing, micro loan funding, targeted business attraction, and fund raising to reach the 50/50% public private funding.

Item #107 Hear an update from Doug Whittier, Chairman of the Winthrop Utilities District Board of Trustees, on their wastewater treatment plant study.

Mr. Whittier said the Trustees have tentatively decided to renew the trunkline agreement and continue pumping to Augusta following a treatment plant study done this fall. The agreement has been improved in the billing, voting and withdrawal option. A treatment plant would raise rates 30% in the first year but could be less expensive than pumping after 8 years. The Trustees were concerned about the unknowns of permitting and the public's acceptance of a treatment plant.

Item # 108 Consider a proposal from Jay Lindsey to build a track near the high school.

Mr. Lindsey showed a powerpoint presentation to the council reviewing the best location for a 6 or 8 lane track to be at the field hockey field next to the high school. This location

would require some cut and filling and block the Charles Street access to the schools. The Police Chief said there should be a provision for continued road access with a new track. Mr. Lindsey said he hopes the track and concession stand projects will be all funded privately.

Motion by Norris Seconded by Engdahl for concept approval from Town Council to: Identify the Town Manager as Council representative and liaison, Conduct cost estimates for Track, Concession Stand and land acquisition, Conduct fund raising activities for said projects, Initiate discussion of Permitting requirements with Town and State Agencies, Pursue and apply for grant applications, Prepare Final plans for approval by the Town Council (project may be divided into sections). Vote 5-1, Buck opposed.

Item #109 Update from Dan Brooks, Fire Chief on status of the fire truck replacement. Chief Brooks said the committee is in discussions with a manufacturer of a 4 wheel drive truck with a pumper. He needs to compare the costs of the town purchasing a chassis locally and have the truck fitted up or purchase one of the chassis the manufacturer has in stock. He will report back in 30 days before the chassis price increase.

Item #110 Consider the bill of sale for 3 buildings located at the former landfill site on the Annabessacook Road from United Technologies Corporation.
Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Buck to accept the 3 buildings at the former landfill and agreements with United Technologies Corporation. Vote 6-0.

Item #111 Consider final review of the Police Station renovation plans and specifications. Phil Locashio said he would check the cost difference of using vinyl siding on the sally port versus using brick. The Town Manager said it would cost \$13,000 for a trailer rental and moving radio and phone lines to the trailer and ambulance garage during the construction project. Mr. Locashio said the bids would go out in about 2 weeks.

Item #112 Consider carrying fund balances from the last fiscal year June 30, 2008.
Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Caprara to approve the balances carry over. Vote 6-0.
Manager's Report
Motion by Norris Seconded by Engdahl to approve the proclamation recognizing the 125 the anniversary of Community Health and Counseling Services. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Jenkins to accept a \$100 donation to the Police department from the VFW. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Buck to accept drug forfeiture funds from the state of Maine \$1,593.90 Vote 6-0.

The Town Manager reported that the Dept of Transportation is working on a fix to the Rte 202 x Rte 135 intersection to make it safer. DOT will review the proposal with the town sometime this winter.

Other business

Al Godfrey requested the town consider donating the 1973 fire truck to the Town of Rockwood's fire department.

Councilor Cookson updated the council on the regional school consolidation effort. He has been appointed to the Maine Communications Policy Board by the Governor and was re-elected chairman of the County Budget committee.

Patrice Putman reviewed the plans to start the Comprehensive Plan update. A visioning session will start the process on January 10th. Committee members will be recruited at the meeting. Information will be distributed at the polls.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Jenkins to adjourn at 9:156 pm . Vote 6-0.