

**Minutes**  
Winthrop Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
**Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7 p.m.**  
Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Councilors William MacDonald, David Rheume, Patrice Putman, Jayne Despres, Ken Buck. Town Manager Cornell Knight, Public Works Director David Smith; Police Chief Joe Young, Capt Ryan Frost, Sgt Dan Cook, Ambulance Director John Dovinsky, Code Enforcement Officer Beth Young, Chris Churchill and Andy Molloy of the KJ and 16 residents.

The meeting was called to Order by Vice Chairman Putman at 7:05 pm.  
Motion by Despres Seconded by MacDonald to approve the Minutes of June 6 and June 13, 2005. Vote 5-0.

Item #93 Consider a request from Dianne Maxwell to re-erect a sign designating the baseball field as the Alfred Maxwell Jr. Memorial Field.  
Ms Maxwell reviewed the history of the ballfield and that a sign designating it the Alfred W. Maxwell Jr, Memorial Field, as the first Winthrop resident to die in World War II, should be put back as part of Winthrop history. She suggested a rock with a plaque on it.  
Motion by Buck Seconded by MacDonald to look into the sign that was there and erect a new one. Vote 5-0.  
Motion by Rheume Seconded by MacDonald that a sign be erected at the softball field, designating it as the Elmo "Bud" Clough field. Vote 5-0.

Item # 94 Consider a Transient seller's license for Northeast Ice Cream, Nancy Foster.  
Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to approve the application. Vote 5-0.

Item #95 Consider a Transient seller's license for Jimmy's Snack Shack  
Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to approve the application. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Despres Seconded by Buck to approve a transient seller's license for Novelty Ice Cream truck. Vote 5-0.

Item # 96 Demonstration of a Taser Stun Gun, Police Chief Joe Young.  
Chairman Cookson arrived at 7:17 pm Chief Young briefed the council on the use of a Taser Stun Gun. Before its use by the department there will be a policy developed and officers will receive training. It is another tool to assist police in difficult and potentially violent situations.  
Councilor Caprara arrived at 7:25 pm.  
Sgt Dan Cook demonstrated the use of the gun from 15 feet away on a cardboard poster. The gun has a data port that can be plugged into a computer to view when it was used, the number of times the gun has been used and for how long,

Item #97 Progress report from the Public Safety Building Committee.

Chief Young updated the council on the status of the Public Safety Building. A traffic study is needed to submit an application to the Dept of Transportation for them to consider granting a waiver for a driveway access to Rte 202.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Caprara to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to hire Casey and Godfrey Engineers to conduct a traffic study. Vote 6-0, Putman abstained.

Item #98 Consider a new Ambulance to replace the 1995 model, John Dovinsky, Ambulance Director.

John Dovinsky explained that the 1995 Ambulance is not operational, and has been used for parts to repair the 1998 ambulance. A new box ambulance is needed for a front line vehicle because the 1998 has over 100,000 miles on it. Another ambulance is needed for doing non emergency transfers. Councilor Buck questioned the town mechanic's cost estimates for repairs to the 1995 ambulance. Councilor Putman asked about a van ambulance to be used for transfers. Mr. Dovinsky said the next time an ambulance is needed a van will be purchased, but the front line vehicle should be replaced with a box type ambulance.

Motion by Putman Seconded by Despres to authorize the Town Manager and the Ambulance Director to purchase a van ambulance through a lease purchase, to replace the 1995 ambulance. Vote 6-1, Buck opposed.

Item #99 Update from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding violations of the Winthrop Zoning Ordinance at Donald Beaulieu's property 83 Briggs Shore Lane, Annabessacook Lake, Map 17 Lot 3.

Code Enforcement Officer, Beth Young updated the council on the clean up of junk from Mr. Beaulieu's yard. He has made significant progress but should be given another 30days to complete. If it is not done Beth will return to the Council for enforcement action.

Item #100 Consider the contract with the Cobbossee Watershed district for Code enforcement officer work.

Mr. Knight said it takes 6-12 months of course work and study to become a certified codes officer through the state. A code officer in a neighboring town is interested in filling in during vacations and sick time, but he is not yet certified. Councilor Rheume asked about other employees in the office. Mr. Knight said there is not enough staff in the Assessor's or Clerk's office to cover that amount of time. Councilor Putman said that this is area that is not broken and don't need to fix. Wendy Dennis said it is a good relationship between the town, the code enforcement and the Cobbossee Watershed District.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Caprara to move the Code Enforcement Office to the Town Office on January 1, and to offer the position to the current code officer. Vote 5-2, Yea: Cookson, Rheume, Caprara, Despres, Buck. Nay: Putman, MacDonald.

Item #101 Consider recommendations from the paving committee.

The Town Manager reviewed the list of 22 roads for reclaim and paving. It is estimated to cost \$1.14 million dollars. Additional drainage work will be done by hiring local contractors to assist with the town crew. Culverts estimated to cost \$30,000 will be ordered. Drainage work will begin soon. Paving bids will be received back for the next meeting.

Motion by Cookson Seconded by Despres to approve the recommendations of the committee.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Putman to table item 101. Vote 7-0.

Item #102 Consider bids on the Charles Street, Rte 133 and Main Street sidewalk project. Pratt & Sons was the only bidder for the project. The bid of \$234,000 is over budget by \$34,000. The extra cost will come from the bond issue.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to accept the bid of \$234,000 from Pratt & Sons and approve the \$34,000 additional funds from a bond issue. Vote 7-0.

Item #103 Consider bids on the Crack Sealing Project on various town roads.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Despres to accept the bid of \$70,800 from Sealex, Portland Me for crack sealing work. Vote 7-0.

Tabled from 6/13/05 Item #89 Consider a bond issue for road improvements and property revaluation.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to remove item #89 from the table. Vote 7-0.

Mr. Knight explained that until the bids on the paving and reclaim work are returned it will be difficult to determine an accurate amount to borrow.

Motion by Despres Seconded by MacDonald to table. Vote 7-0.

Item #104 Consider joining a coalition of towns and cities to jointly negotiate the transfer agreement with Time Warner/Adelphia Communications.

Motion by Putman Seconded by Despres to authorize the town manager to join the coalition at a cost not to exceed \$500 and a share of the out of pocket expenses. Vote 7-0.

Item # 105 Discuss the plan for social service agency funding check off on tax bills. Councilor Despres will write an article for the advertiser explaining the program and there will be one line on the tax bill.

Item #106 Consider a consent agreement with Gary and Michelle Urso., 22 Old Route 133.

The Urso's mobile home and garage are within the right of way, the consent agreement allows it to remain until they are replaced, with a \$250 fine.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to approve the consent agreement. Vote 7-0.

Tabled from 6/1/05 Item #70 Discussion of the frequency of salary/wage adjustments during budget review.

No motion to remove from the table.

Item #107 Consider raising the docking fees for larger boats at the Norcross Point floats.

Motion by MacDonald Seconded by Rheume to double the fees for large boats that take up two spaces at the floats. Vote 7-0.

Item # 108 Executive Session- as per Title 1 Sec 405 6 (D) Consider the police union contract proposal

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Despres to go into executive session at 9:55 pm. Vote 7-0.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Caprara to return to regular session at 10:10 pm. Vote 7-0.

#### Manager's Report

Kennebec Savings Bank donated \$2,500 for the trail committee work.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Caprara to accept the donation. Vote 7-0.

Councilor Buck asked if a person could make a donation to the town to replace the barbeque grills at Norcross Point. The person can do that and a nameplate can be attached acknowledging the gift.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Vote 7-0.