

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 1, 2005 at 7 p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, William MacDonald, David Rheaume, Jayne Despres, Ken Buck. Town Manager Cornell Knight, Public Works Director David Smith; Ambulance Director John Dovinsky, Wendy Miller Librarian, Liz Sienko, Merrie Hanson, Paul Cottrell from the Library Trustees, Kim Vandermeulen Alternative Manufacturing, Chris Churchill KJ reporter, representatives from Blue Rock Industries and Pike Industries, and 6 residents. Excused: Councilor Putman.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Cookson at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Despres to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2005. Vote 5-0.

Item #109 Hold a public hearing on town's CDBG Phase II on behalf of Alternative Manufacturing.

Chairman Cookson opened the hearing at 7:03 pm

The town manager explained that this hearing is a requirement of the grant process. The public has an opportunity to comment on the \$200,000 Business Assistance Grant to Alternative Manufacturing on Summer Street. Kim Vandermeulen, President of the company explained that the funds will be used for a special machine that produces lead free solder and for operating expenses. European markets will require lead free circuitry next year. The company will create 10 new jobs as a result of the grant funding.

With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Despres to approve the following items as presented:

Item # 110 Consider the Residential Anti Displacement & Relocation Plan for the CDBG Special Projects Matching Fund.

Item #111 Consider the Standards of Conduct for the CDBG Special Projects Matching Fund

Item # 112 Consider the Fair Housing Resolution #86, for the CDBG Special Projects Matching Fund.

Item #113 Consider the Equal Employment Opportunity Statement, for the CDBG Special Projects Matching Fund.

Item #114 Consider the ADA/Section 504 certification, for the CDBG Special Projects Matching Fund.

Item #115 Consider the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Winthrop and Electronics Services Corporation of America.

Vote 5-0.

Item #116 Consider the placement of a monument at the Union Street park area to commemorate "Winthrop Messenger" a famous race horse of the 1820's.

The town manager explained that Clark Thompson a harness racing historian from Bangor, had done research on the early days of harness racing and found that Winthrop Messenger was stabled on Union Street. Winthrop Messenger's offspring dominated the harness racing scene in its early year. Mr. Thompson would be responsible for any damage to the stone.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Buck to allow the placement of a monument on Union Street to commemorate the horse Winthrop Messenger. Vote 5-0.

Item #117 Consider the purchase of a new ambulance.

The ambulance will be paid by using \$25,000 in reserve and a 3 year lease purchase.

Motion by Despres Seconded by MacDonald to purchase an ambulance from AEV for \$71,224

Item #118 Consider the paving bids for various town roads.

Project 1 (Reclaim work, grading)

RC and Sons \$1.29/yd; Commercial Paving .59/yd; Blue Rock 1.04/yd; Pike \$1.42/yd

Project 2 (12.5 superpave)

RC & Sons \$42.90/ton; Pike \$40.55/ton; Blue Rock \$41.90/ton

Project 3 (9.5mm superpave)

RC & Sons \$45.28/ton; Pike \$40.55/ton; Blue Rock \$41.90/ton.

The town manager distributed a spread sheet the road committee had prepared with the bid prices totaled. The costs used were for Commercial Paving to do the reclaim and Pike for paving. The Commercial paving reclaim bid did not include fine grading and compaction, so an extra \$25,196 was added to the cost. Discussion on the use of one contractor doing both the reclaim and paving for better coordination and to reduce the possibility of delays, versus two separate vendors.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Buck to accept the bid from Blue Rock for projects 1,2, and 3 at a total estimated cost of \$1,097,211.16 Vote 5-0.

Item # 119 Consider a bond issue for road reconstruction, paving and drainage work.

To cover all the roads recommended by the committee the bond would need to be \$1,150,000. The manager estimated 50 cents on the tax rate next year. Councilor MacDonald questioned the repair of roads that need more than reclaim and pave. The town manager said there is no amount set aside for that problem, other work would be reduced at that time.

The town manager said a special meeting would have to be called later in the month to hold a public hearing and approve the paperwork.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Despres to bond \$1,150,000 for road work and schedule a public hearing. Vote 4-1, Yea: Cookson, Rheaume, Despres, Buck. Nay: MacDonald.

Councilor Caprara arrived at 8:10 pm.

Item # 120 Consider the purchase of a zero turning lawn mower for the cemetery dept. Motion by Buck Seconded by Despres to approve the purchase of a Walker zero turning mower for \$4,395 from Osgood Equipment, funds to come from Cemetery reserve account. Vote 6-0

Item # 121 Consider bids for a Tax Anticipation Note.

Bids: Key Bank 3.22%, Kennebec Savings 3.21% for a \$1,900,000 Tax Anticipation Note.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by MacDonald to approve order #122 accepting the bid from Kennebec Savings Bank for a Tax Anticipation Note. Vote 6-0.

Item #122 Consider a mapping project of walking and hiking trails in the town by Mainewatch Institute.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to allow Mainewatch Institute to map the trails in the town of Winthrop, at no cost to the town. Vote 6-0.

Item #123 Consider the purchase of 4 insulated garage doors for the highway garage. Motion by Caprara Seconded by Despres to accept the quote from Lee's Garage Door Company for 4 insulated doors at the Highway Garage for \$8,243.32. Vote 6-0.

Manager's Report

FEMA arrives to review the flood disaster areas on Wednesday.

The assessed valuation is a million dollars less than projected in the spring, so the tax rate will be slightly higher than projections during budget review.

A donation of \$17 was made to the library. Motion by Caprara Seconded by Rheaume to accept the donation. Vote 6-0.

There was a discussion on the status of repair of the weight scales at the Transfer Station. The town manager said that will be an agenda item next month. David Dyer and David Bubier questioned the accuracy of the scales.

Item # 124 Consider an Executive Session- as per Title 1 Sec 405 6 (C).

Motion by Despres Seconded by Caprara to go into Executive Session at 8:35 pm. Vote 6-0.

Return to regular session at 8:52 pm.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to add \$120,000 to the bond issue for purchase of the Masons property for Library use. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Vote 6-0.