

Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Linda Caprara and Kevin Cookson were absent. All other councilors plus Lee Bragg, and the town manager were in attendance.

Ordered that the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

Item # 8 – Meet with Maine Municipal Association (MMA) - Town Manager Replacement

Mr Dave Barrett was introduced and explained the process that would be used to find the next Winthrop Town Manager. He also gave an overview of the MMA contract. He answered a few questions from the council. The current town manager was asked to forward a copy of the current job description to the council members. Mr Barrett said advertising might be about \$1,500 based on the type of advertising MMA did in 2011. The cost of the contract with MMA would be \$4,900.

Motion: Fitzgerald, to pay MMA \$4,900 for their services

Second: Henry

Vote: (5, 0)

Item # 9 – (21:35) Discuss Foreclosures

Town manager gave an overview of the documents to be discussed. During the discussion various questions were raised to clarify the nature of the properties. Additionally, there is draft legislation in process that will allow municipalities to return funds in excess of town requirements to former owners of foreclosed property. Mr Bragg raised the point that a town returning funds it had collected from the sale of town property might be unconstitutional. He then followed that comment with the fact that some towns have asked the new owner to write two checks; one to the town, one to the former owner. That might accomplish the same objective through the town only actually collecting what it needed to pay the overdue taxes, fees, etc. The council requested a list of the properties in question be placed in the Advertiser. After the next Monday council meeting, the council also requested something be put out to explain the process to the general public. Additionally, according to Mr Bragg, the town should have insurance coverage for town owned properties 60 days after foreclosure. The town manager will get it done as soon as possible.

At the end of the discussion, the town manager request three Quit Claim Deeds be approved.

Motion: Fitzgerald, that Quit Claim Deeds for Map 1, Lot 12-1, Map 1, Lot 12, and Map 2 Lot 36 be approved

Second: Henry

Vote: (5, 0)

Item # 10 – Review PD Contract – There were no areas of the contract the council wished to discuss. The council requested a copy of the current personnel policy be sent to them.

Other Business - None

Manager's Report - None

Adjourn – Motion by Buck to adjourn at 8:30 pm.