

Minutes

Winthrop Town Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors David Rheume, Kevin Cookson, Ken Buck, Patricia Engdahl, Sarah Fuller, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda Caprara. Town Manager – Cornell Knight, John Dovinsky Ambulance Director, 35 members of the public.

Meeting is called to order at 7:00 pm.

Swearing in of elected officials:

Sarah Fuller took the oath of office as a new town Councilor. Others already sworn in by the Town Clerk are Town Council: David Rheume ;School Committee: Mark King, John Mitchell; Library Trustees: Paul Cottrell, Jr., George Dekelbaum and Margaret Kenney

Election of Town Council Chair, Vice-Chair

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Caprara to nominate Kevin Cookson as Chairman. Vote 7-0.

Motion by Caprara Seconded by Buck to nominate David Rheume as Vice Chairman.

Motion by Jenkins to nominate Patricia Engdahl as Vice Chairman, no second.

Vote on original motion, 7-0.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Caprara to approve the Minutes of December 1, December 4, 2008, with the noted changes in the December 4 minutes that Councilor Engdahl's brother does occasional work for SJ Wood, and Councilor Buck does contract work with SJ Wood. Vote 6-0, Rheume abstained.

Item # 01 Council Appointments

Appointments- Engdahl Chair, Jenkins, Buck

Finance- Rheume Chair, Caprara, Fuller.

Item #02 Councilor appointment to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Buck to appoint Jenkins to the Board. Vote 7-0.

Item #03 Town Manager Appointments

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Caprara to approve the Manager's appointments as presented. Vote 7-0.

Item #04 Consider the presentation “Rediscovering Forgotten Assets: Trails for the 21st Century” Tom Reeves, Mainewatch Institute.

Mr. Reeves reviewed the project that identifies trails, rights of ways, snowmobile trails, abandoned trolley lines etc through out the town as well as all the towns in the region. It is a good planning tool to link trails from town to town. He presented two maps and a cd rom with the maps and report.

Item #05 Hear a presentation by the town’s RPC members on the upcoming School Consolidation vote.

Dale Glidden and Rae Giampetro, two members of the Regional Planning Committee reviewed the proposed plan for a Regional School Unit that will be voted on January 27th.

Item # 06 Consider bids for a Bond Anticipation Note, up to \$950,000.

Two bids were received, Key Bank bid 2.74%, Kennebec Savings Bank bid 1.49% Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Fuller to accept the Kennebec Savings Bank bid of 1.49%. Vote 7-0.

Item #07 Discussion on the need for a Wind Power ordinance.

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Jenkins that the Town Council request that the Planning Board consider alternatives and propose rules to allow the installation of wind turbine towers with the aim of making wind energy production possible for home and business owners in Winthrop. Vote 7-0.

Item #08 Discussion of local preference for bidding goods and services.

The council agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss this item.

Item #09 Consider purchase of lockers for the Ambulance service.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to purchase lockers for the Ambulance building at at cost of \$4,932, funds to come from line 9900 in the debt service. Vote 7-0.

Item #10 Consider a bottle donation bin at the Transfer Station to fund the Keep Winthrop Warm project.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Buck to set up box at the Transfer Station for residents to deposit returnables to fund the Keep Winthrop Warm project. Vote 7-0.

Item #11 Consider a report from the Appointments Committee

Motion by Engdahl Seconded by Rheaume to appoint Joseph Giampetro to the Planning Board as an Associate member. Vote 7-0.

Manager’s Report

The Comp Plan Visioning session is scheduled for Saturday January 10th at 8 am at the Middle School cafeteria.

The Boy Scouts will repair the swing set at Norcross Point for their spring project.

A reminder that councilors need to certify that they understand the Freedom of Access Law.

Great Falls Construction will start work Tuesday, Pete Richards has sub contracted to do the demo work.

The town manager will be on vacation January 15-26th.

Councilor Engdahl asked if town councilors could have town emails. The town manager said they could be added when we change over to a new email server.

The ambulance that was in an accident last month was repaired, the frame was not bent. The loader is undergoing a repair, the gear assembly part cost \$8,100.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Jenkins to adjourn at 9:22 pm . Vote 7-0.