

Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2016

Attending: Richard Henry, Sarah Fuller, Linda MacDonald, David Bubier, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda Caprara, P. Nielsen, Lauri Carson, Carl Swanson, Ryan Frost, Dan Cook, Margy and Steve Knight, Richard Fortin, Mary Jane Auns, Elizabeth Sienko, Susan Hanson, Paul Cottrell, Eric Conrad, Laurie Graves, Craig Crosby, several citizens.

Following the Call To Order at 7:00 PM, Chairperson Fuller requested a moment of silence in memory of Councilor Kenneth Buck Sr. The Chair then led the Pledge of Allegiance, determined the quorum, and began the meeting, to wit:

The Council recognized newly appointed Police Lieutenant Daniel Cook. The Chairperson highlighted Lt. Cook's career with the Winthrop Police Department. Following compliments from Chief Frost, Lt. Cook received a round of applause, and the good wishes of all present.

The Council voted unanimously to re-elect Sarah Fuller as Chairperson for 2016 (Jenkins/Caprara, 6-0).

The Council voted unanimously to elect Richard Henry as Vice-Chairperson for 2016 (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 1. Chairperson Fuller appointed Linda Caprara, David Bubier, and Richard Henry to the Council Finance Committee. Chairperson Fuller appointed Priscilla Jenkins and Linda MacDonald to the Council Appointments Committee. The Council voted to confirm the appointments to both committees (Caprara/Henry, 6-0).

Item 2. The Council voted to approve the minutes for the meeting held December 7, 2015 (Henry/MacDonald, 5-0), and signed disbursement warrants.

Item 3. The Council voted to make the following reappointments: Assessor Don Cadwell, Town Attorney Lee Bragg, Town Auditor RHR Smith; Planning Board Edward Vigneault and Tom Heiss; Board of Assessment Review Kenneth E. Johnson and Dan Dwyer; Recreation Committee Andy Wess and Patrice Putman (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0). Additionally, candidates for Boards and Committees who will be first time appointments will be interviewed by the Council Appointments Committee.

Item 4. The Council approved the Town Clerk's list of Election Workers for 2016 (Henry/Jenkins, 5-0-1, Caprara abstained).

Item 5. Library Trustee Paul Cottrell presented a report on the funding for the completed library addition. The Library has a \$200,000 repayment obligation to the Town, \$147,767 is represented in Foundation funds and \$41,018 are donation installments due, leaving \$15,400 left to raise. The Council agreed the project has been a great boon to the community.

Item 6. The Town Manager explained the Council's option to appoint someone to fill the vacant Council seat until the next regular election in June. Councilor MacDonald suggested asking Barbara Buck. Sarah Fuller suggested asking Larry Fitzgerald if Barbara declines. The Council voted to ask Barbara Buck to serve, and to ask Larry Fitzgerald next, if Barbara declines (Henry/Jenkins, 6-0). Councilor MacDonald offered to contact Barbara Buck.

Item 7. The Council voted to approve Order #2016-1, to authorize a tax anticipation loan in the amount of \$1,200,000 from Androscoggin Bank until March 31, 2016 at an interest rate of .86% (Henry/Jenkins, 6-0).

Item 8. The Council voted to sign three quit claim deeds for satisfied property tax obligations on properties described as Map 7 Lot 96, Map 7 Lot 77A, and Map 32 Lot 012A (Caprara/Henry, 6-0).

Other Business:

Councilor Jenkins is interested in forming a Committee on Aging. Sarah Fuller said Spectrum Generation is doing a study in Winthrop on aging, and will put Councilor Jenkins in touch with the organizers.

Manager's Report:

1. Distributed August minutes from Cobbossee Watershed District Board of Trustees.
2. Margy and Steve Knight did a brief demonstration of pickleball, a game that can be played indoors or outdoors, and enjoyed by all age groups. The All-Purpose Room will be used by the public for pickleball on Tuesdays from 5-7 PM until March under Margy's direction.
3. Town Manager has been asked to serve as MMA Past President for 2016.
4. Provided Councilors with replacement copies of the Council Rules and the Town Charter.
5. MMA Elected Officials Workshop 1/28/16. Councilor Bubier attending, others welcome.
6. MRC newsletter, memorandum

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.