

## Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2016

Attending: Sarah Fuller, Chairperson; David Bubier, Barbara Buck, Linda Caprara, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda MacDonald, P. Nielsen, Chief Brooks, Chief Frost, Rod Cumber, George O'Keefe, Hariph and Virginia Smith, Russ Hazard, Carl Swanson, John Palleschi, Ginny Geyer, Wendy Dennis, Bill Monagle, Sherrie and Maurice Doyon, Phil Locashio, Tamara Whitmore, several citizens.

Following the Call To Order at 7:00 PM, Chairperson Fuller led the Pledge of Allegiance, determined the quorum, and began the meeting, to wit:

Item 21. The Council voted to approve the minutes for the meeting held February 1, 2016 (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0), and signed disbursement warrants.

Item 22. Elizabeth McKenney described plans for the summer concert series at Norcross Point. She seeks the sponsors, lines up the talent, and manages the concert related tasks. The town accepts and disburses funds. The concerts are on Sundays from 2-4 pm at the Gazebo. The Council voted to support the program (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-0).

Item 23. The Council heard plans for the Farmers Market on Saturday mornings at the Town Office parking area. Sarah Berry is organizer, and has mailed a Transient Sellers license application. The Council voted to review the paperwork when it arrives (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0).

Chairperson Fuller appointed Councilor Barbara Buck to the Council Appointments Committee.

Item 24. The Appointments Committee recommended Steve Groves for appointment as Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission. The Council voted to approve the recommendation (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 25. The Chairperson opened a public hearing at 7:11 PM on a Restaurant/Lounge license renewal for Maranacook Grill/Sully's Tavern. Chief Brooks said as there is no dancing, so the State does not inspect, but the Winthrop CEO will continue to do so under local ordinance authority. The Chairperson closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM. The Council voted to approve the renewal (Caprara/Bubier, 6-0).

Item 26. Executive Director Tamara Whitmore reported on activities of the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed. She presented a \$3,900 funding request for the 2016-2017 town budget. Councilor Bubier asked if bait seines get checked for invasive plants, and Tamara said no. The Council voted to include the \$3,900 request in the initial budget (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-0).

Item 27. The Council voted to accept an offer of \$2,114.64 from Sherrie and Maurice Doyon on a piece of tax acquired property on Narrows Pond Rd., shown on Map 5 Lot 062-B (Caprara/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 28. The Council voted to approve \$1,000 from 2015-2016 Winthrop Plays Outside budgeted funds to maintain the Winthrop Plays Outside mural on the outside of the All Purpose Room at the Grade School. A brochure will also be created for a Walking Tour of the murals (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0). The Council would like to see a budget for future mural maintenance activities.

Item 29. Executive Director Bill Monagle presented an update and look ahead at Cobbossee Watershed District activities, including a preview of its upcoming financial request. The District is implementing a DEP grant to address a variety of erosion control projects. Wendy Dennis detailed the District's work on monitoring lake levels, invasive plants, and phosphorus control.

Item 30. Wendy Dennis explained the Maranacook Dam reconstruction project. After discussion, the Council voted to use \$14,010 of the \$21,325 in reserve for Winthrop's share of the detailed engineering design and permitting cost (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 31. Chief Brooks presented his work on the Fire Station construction proposal. He had toured Highland Heights informing homeowners of the meeting and of progress on matters of concern to the neighborhood. The Chief presented a preliminary construction estimate of \$2,256,381, with some divisions of the project in need of further refinement. The Chief advised there may be hope for some private funding support for the project, following submission of application materials to the source.

The Chief seeks a commitment from the Council to earmark money saved from debt retirement to produce construction ready design specifications. This will include test borings at the site and related work. The goal is to arrive at a design and cost estimate, and be ready for construction bidding. The Council listened with interest, but took no action at this time.

Item 32. The Council voted to accept a forfeiture of funds of \$15,714, if awarded by Kennebec County Superior Court (Caprara/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 33. The Town Manager reviewed four proposals to accept Winthrop's municipal solid waste, beginning in 2018. After discussion, the Council voted to accept a proposal from Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation in Auburn for 10 years beginning April 1, 2018 at a Year 1 tipping fee of \$72/ton (Caprara/MacDonald, 6-0). The Council felt the shorter haul distance would reduce truck fuel and equipment maintenance costs, and provide the Transfer Station Manager more time at the Transfer Station. The Council felt that energy recovery from incineration was important, and that the 10 year offer with a 5 year extension was advantageous to the town, and that delaying action on the matter could be disadvantageous. The Council thanked the Town Manager for gathering the information.

Item 34. After discussion, the Council voted to amend the policy pertaining to the Reuse of Discarded Materials at the Transfer Station. The Council voted to add language to limit facility users to one visit per day for the purpose of taking items from the free table inside the compactor building (MacDonald/Buck, 6-0).

Item 35. The Council voted to sign 11 quit claim deeds, per a list dated March 7, 2016 for satisfied tax obligations and sales of tax acquired properties (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-0).

Other Business:

1. The School Department will host a tour of its facilities for the Council on April 30, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
2. Councilor Jenkins will have more on the Committee on Ageing as time progresses.

3. Councilor Jenkins thanked the School Department for use of the Middle School cafeteria for the Democratic Party caucus on March 6.

Manager's Report:

1. Community Development Block Grant, Letter of Intent for potential economic development project.
2. Special Olympics at Town Beach on Bowdoin St., April 2.
3. National Guard project application to remove swim platform sent to Washington, DC
4. Expense/Revenue March YTD reports

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.