

Winthrop Town Council Minutes: June 6, 2016

Attending: All seven Town Councilors, and 29 individuals.

Chairperson Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and began the meeting, to wit:

Item 63. The Council voted to approve the minutes for the meetings held May 2, 9, and 16, 2016, and signed disbursement warrants (Henry/MacDonald, 6-0-1, Jenkins abstained).

Item 64. The Chairperson opened a public hearing on the town budget at 7:05 PM. The Town Manager introduced budget highlights and reviewed the Council's deliberations. Russ Hazard asked for an explanation of the \$127,000 designated for the fire station. The public hearing closed at 7:06 PM. Councilor Henry moved approval of Resolution 104, Part I (Municipal Budget), Councilor Jenkins seconded.

Councilor Caprara opposed the budget, due to salary increases that were more than she could support. Chairperson Fuller and Councilor Caprara exchanged views. Councilor Jenkins spoke in support of the budget. Betsy Rowe spoke opposed. The motion to approve the budget passed 4-3, Councilors Bubier, Buck, and Caprara opposed.

Part II School Budget

ARTICLE 1. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

ARTICLE 2. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

ARTICLE 3. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

ARTICLE 4. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

ARTICLE 5. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 5-2, MacDonald, Buck opposed).

ARTICLE 6. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 7. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 8. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 9. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

ARTICLE 10. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 11. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLES 12-15. Approved (Henry/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 16. Approved (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 17. Approved (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 18. Approved (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

ARTICLE 19. Approved, with corrected dates (Caprara/Jenkins, 6-1, MacDonald opposed).

A motion to waive the second readings of Resolution 104, Parts I and II was approved (Caprara/Henry, 7-0).

Item 65. The Chairperson opened a public hearing at 7:31 PM on a Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous license renewal from Pond Town Pub and Grub. Brief discussion ensued. The public hearing closed at 7:32 PM. The Council voted to approve the renewal (Jenkins/Henry, 7-0).

Item 66. The Council reviewed an application for a Special Entertainment Permit for 7/9/16 from Kennebec Cider Co. Chris McEwan described the event. Chairperson Fuller presented information obtained from the owners. Fire Chief Brooks explained the State Fire Marshall's rules for roped off areas and enclosed tents. The Council voted to approve the application (Henry/Jenkins, 7-0).

Item 67. The Council reviewed a fee schedule for town services. Councilor Henry suggested the town charge a deposit when renting facilities to protect against damages. The Council asked the Town Manager to see what deposits other towns require.

Item 68. The Chairperson opened a public hearing at 7:46 PM to review the Consumer Fireworks Ordinance. Police Chief Frost gave a report on the number of fireworks complaints each year since 2009. The Police Department usually gives out warnings. The public hearing closed at 7:50 PM.

Item 69. The Town Manager highlighted information prepared by the Public Works Foreman on Winthrop's paving history since 2008. The town has \$338,798.22 left in 2014 bond proceeds for road repaving. A candidate list of roads to be repaved was discussed. Joe Pietroski reminded the Council of potholes on Nottingham Rd. Russ Hazard asked if a master plan exists. Councilor Caprara replied that funds had been conserved in this area in the past. She asked Chief Brooks if paving funds might be drawn from the \$127,000 in the new budget when the fire station plans are complete. The Council voted to solicit paving bids on a scope of work roughly equal to what remains of the 2014 bond money allotted to the purpose (Jenkins/Henry, 7-0).

Item 70. Chairperson Fuller explained that the Memorandum of Understanding with American Legion Post #40 is to prevent misunderstandings with closures of Bowdoin St. The Council voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign it (Henry/MacDonald, 7-0).

Item 71. The Council approved a second reading of proposed changes to Ordinance 15 Use of Public Property and Parks, pertaining to use of tobacco (Caprara/Henry, 7-0).

Item 72. The Council voted to abate \$95.24 of uncollectable property tax (Caprara/Jenkins, 7-0).

Item 73. The Council voted to sign (4) quit claim deeds per a list (attached), dated June 6, 2016 (Henry/Caprara, 7-0)

Item 74. The Council voted to nominate Peter Nielsen for the MMA Legislative Policy Committee (Caprara/Henry, 7-0).

Item 75. The Council looked at suggestions for sidewalk improvements along Main St. and Rt. 133. The Town made contact with Patrick Adams at MEDOT, who administers grants for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Applications are being taken for work in 2019. Mr. Adams will visit Winthrop Thursday, 6/30/16 at 10:00 AM for a field visit. Councilor Jenkins agreed to participate.

Item 76. Ambulance Chief Dovinsky explained the renewal agreement with Medical Reimbursement Services. MRS provides billing services for ambulance calls. The Council agreed to approve the three year renewal, with credit card payment options (Henry/Jenkins, 6-0).

Item 77. The Council voted to set the dates when property taxes will become due and payable, on Friday September 30, 2016, and Friday, March 31, 2017 (Caprara/Jenkins, 7-0).

Item 78. The Council voted to set the rate of interest that shall apply to delinquent taxes during the 2016-2017 fiscal year at 7% (Henry/MacDonald, 7-0).

Item 79. The Council voted to set the rate of interest that shall apply to overpayment of taxes at 3% (Caprara/Bubier, 7-0).

Item 80. The Council approved a request for a fundraising event for the PALS Animal Shelter at the boat launch from Gagnon's Boats and Motors on June 19, 2016 (Henry/MacDonald, 7-0).

Other Business: None

Manager's Report:

1. Video project with High School class to promote Winthrop
2. Next meeting 7/11/16
3. Public Works Safety Grant
4. Vacation 6/15-6/22

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.