

Winthrop Town Council Minutes: August 1, 2016

Attending: Sarah Fuller, Chairperson; Barbara Buck, Linda Caprara, Richard Henry, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda MacDonald, P. Nielsen, James King, Mike Adams, Colin Hewett, John Brennan, Don Chase, Lonney Steeves, Samantha Dix, Larry Cole, Lauri Carson, Bill Stone, Charles Eichacher, Carl Swanson, several citizens.

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

Item 95. The Council voted to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 11, 2016, with corrections to Robert Laster's name (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0), and signed disbursement warrants.

Item 96. Following a recommendation from the Appointments Committee, the Council voted to appoint Kevin Cookson as a full member of the Planning Board (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0). Following a recommendation from the Appointments Committee, the Council voted to appoint James King to the Recreation Committee, the Green Committee, and as Alternate to the Planning Board (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0).

Item 97. The Town Manager presented a memorandum from Police Chief Frost, detailing \$2,312.40 in costs for a bicycle officer from 11 AM – 7 PM to patrol Norcross Point, the beach area and downtown from August 14 through August 28. The Chief had prepared call out data for July for each area, which indicated the downtown as the source for many more calls for service. Councilor Henry described recent vandalism to park benches, a picnic table, and the Veterans food trailer. The Council voted to approve \$2,312.40 for extra patrol costs (Henry/Jenkins, 5-1, Buck opposed). Councilor Henry detailed other areas his volunteer committee will discuss, including beach staffing, checking ID's, required beach passes and fees, cameras, a lifeguard stand, lighting, and speed enforcement on Bowdoin St. The committee will develop recommendations for the Council to consider.

Item 98. The Council voted to close Union St. on August 20 for the Winthrop Summer Festival. (Jenkins/Buck, 6-0).

Item 99. The Council voted to accept a bid for \$11,000 from Mike Adams for a tax acquired property shown on Map 30 Lot 43 (Henry/MacDonald, 6-0). The Council voted to accept a bid for \$1,800 from Mike Adams for a tax acquired property shown on Map 35A Lot 008-018 (Henry/Jenkins, 6-0).

Item 100. The Chairperson opened a public hearing at 7:39 PM on a rule change to the Regulations Governing the Use of Certain Public Property. The change makes clear that public access to Norcross Point will be maintained during periods it is rented and/or in use. The public hearing closed at 7:40 PM. The Council voted to approve the proposed change (Henry/Buck, 6-0).

Item 101. The Council voted to sign six quit claim deeds for the sale of tax acquired properties, per a list dated 8/1/16 (attached) (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0). The Council also voted to sign a corrective quit claim deed for Maurice P. Moore for real estate shown on Map 054 Lot 028 C (Jenkins/Henry, 6-0).

Item 102. The Town Manager explained the need for preliminary engineering services to assist in developing a competitive grant application for sidewalk extensions at either end of Main St. Snowden Consulting Engineers offered to do the preliminary engineering in time to submit an application before the August 30 deadline for \$880. This money could come from the Sidewalk repair budget line. If the application competes successfully, the grant would pay 80% of approved project costs, beginning in 2019. The Council voted to expend \$880 to prepare the application with Snowden Consulting (Jenkins/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 103. The Council reviewed and approved names for the Town Report dedication and the 2016 Spirit of America Award.

Other Business:

1. The Council expressed condolences for the passing of Assessor Don Cadwell.
2. YMCA Director Jeff Gleason introduced himself and announced the Y Camp's 101<sup>st</sup> Alumni Weekend event on August 6 in East Winthrop.
3. Chairperson Fuller announced highlights of the 2016 Summer Festival scheduled for August 20.

Manager's Report:

1. Explained arrangements with Assessors Dave Sawyer and Maureen Aucoin to assist with tax bill preparation by month's end. Longer term assessing arrangements will be presented to the Council for consideration at a later time.
2. Police report on beach patrol (reported at Item 97).
3. MEDOT paving Main St. at night 8/1 or 8/2, weather permitting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.