

## Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes: September 14, 2015

Attending: Sarah Fuller, Chair; Ken Buck, Linda Caprara, Larry Fitzgerald, Richard Henry, Linda MacDonald, P. Nielsen, Chief Frost, G. Geyer, M. Burnham, D. Bubier, T. Heiss, B. Wing, W. Dennis, S. Thomas, J. Stebbins, P. Jenkins, E. Conrad, R. Fortin, L. Sienko, P. Ames, P. Locashio, P. Cottrell, C. Swanson, others.

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

Item 103. The Council voted to approve the minutes for the meetings held August 3 and August 17, 2015 (Buck/MacDonald, 6-0).

Item 104. Sarah Fuller read a resolution proclaiming the week September 17 through September 23, 2015 as Constitution Week in Winthrop. DAR representative Bonnie Wilder led the room in three Huzzahs in affirmation.

Item 105. Sarah Fuller opened the public hearing at 7:07 PM to consider the creation of 2 handicapped parking spaces on Bowdoin St., on the lake side, on either side of the crosswalk. Ken Buck and Larry Fitzgerald supported the change. The public hearing closed at 7:08 PM.

Item 106. The Council voted to amend Traffic and Parking Control Ordinance #17 to create the two handicapped parking spots, as described above (Fitzgerald/Buck, 6-0). The Council voted to waive the second reading (Fitzgerald/Henry, 6-0).

Item 107. Paul Cottrell explained an anonymous donor offered to fund the Library Foundation's purchase of Lot 13 on Bowdoin St. to create parking space. It was noted that abutting Lot 12 became tax acquired town property in March. The two lots combined could yield 17 parking spots. The indication is that the donor might contribute further to help demolish the existing buildings and create the parking facility. Paul indicated the foundation might offer ownership of the property to the town. The Council thought a public informational meeting would be advisable. The Council voted preliminary support for combining the lots to create parking area, pending notification of abutters (Fitzgerald/Caprara, 6-0). Sarah Fuller indicated demolition and other plans will be discussed subsequently.

Item 108. The Council voted to accept the Appointment Committee's recommendation to appoint Amber Desrosiers and Mike Griswold to the Recreation Committee (MacDonald/Buck, 6-0).

Item 109. The Council voted to accept the Appointment Committee's recommendation to appoint Lou-Anne Parker to the Planning Board (MacDonald/Buck, 6-0).

Item 110. Wendy Dennis explained the recent history of funding for the Winthrop/Readfield study to improve the Maranacook Lake Outlet Dam. The Dam Committee met three times to consider proposals to engineer the needed improvements. After discussion, the Council voted to approve the committee's

recommendation to hire GEI Consultants for the sum of \$15,000, to be divided between the towns per the formula (Buck/Fitzgerald, 6-0).

Item 111. The Council voted to table the offers on tax acquired property, pending further review (Fitzgerald/Caprara, 6-0).

Item 112. The Council voted to approve abatements for two tax years for Kenneth Patten to correct an assessing error in the amount of \$159.73 (Fitzgerald/Buck, 6-0).

Item 113. The Town Manager explained a revised job description for the Code Enforcement Officer, and accepted suggestions to add building construction knowledge and fire inspection credentials to the desired qualifications.

Item 114. The Council signed a quit claim deed for a paid property tax obligation on the former Stanley Painter property (Fitzgerald/Caprara, 6-0).

Item 115. The Council designated Peter Nielsen to be Winthrop's voting delegate to the annual MMA business meeting (Buck/Caprara, 6-0)

Other Business: Councilor Fitzgerald read an email from Superintendent Rosenthal on positive results among the students.

Manager's Report:

1. Cobbossee Watershed District minutes.
2. Maine Public Employee Retirement System letter 7/20/15.
3. MMA Property Insurance dividend \$5002.
4. Police update.
5. Municipal Review Committee letter 8/17/15.
6. MMA Risk Pool Safety Inspection follow up –Rec . bldg. furnace
7. Town Reports available
8. Spirit of America
9. Paving update, Pisgah Rd., Holmes Rd. done
10. MEDOT meeting 9/23/15, 6:00 PM Main St./Rt. 202 intersection
11. EPA Superfund site update
12. Transfer station break in.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.