

Winthrop Town Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7 p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Call to Order 7:01 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chair Sarah Fuller, Vice Chair Kevin Cookson (Absent), Linda Caprara (left at 7:30), Lawrence Fitzgerald, Kenneth Buck, Richard Henry, Linda MacDonald, Jeff Woolston – Town Manager, Joyce Tillson – Recording Secretary, Carl Swanson - Sound

Ordered that the Winthrop Town Council meet to consider the following items:

Approve meeting minutes

Motion: Fitzgerald

Second: Caprara

Discussion: Changes needed: May 6, Library 1918 should read 1916

Vote: 6-0

Item # 60 – Consider event at the town boat launch

Gagnon's Boats & Motors rent 3 slips at Norcross Point and do demo rides for donation to PALS animal shelter in Winthrop. Sunday June 14 for 2-4 hours.

Motion: Fitzgerald

Second: Caprara

Discussion: Fitzgerald asked Captain Frost if any concerns; None, Chair Councilor asked if any permits;

Vote: 6-0

Item # 61 – Consider the disposition of foreclosed property

2 Bids on 2 properties.

Motion: Fitzgerald to accept bid of \$6,000, Map 12 Lot 10

Second: Caprara

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Fitzgerald to accept bid of \$5,000, Map 31 Lot 57

Second: Caprara

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item # 62 – Public Hearing to Consider Pepper’s Catering Permit

7:07 Open hearing.

John from Pepper's explained the event June 6, 2015 from 1-4 for Travis Mills due to theft this past weekend with a fundraiser in another town. Councilor Buck asked how the last function Pepper's put on went; there were no issues.

Closed 7:08

Item # 63 – Consider Pepper’s Catering Permit

Motion: Fitzgerald

Seconded: Caprara

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Item # 64 - Hold Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Municipal and School Budgets

Open 7:09 P.M.

Patrice asked if Council would go over some of the changes. Chair Fuller stated that there is no increase and there was going to be. Councilor Caprara asked about monies coming in. Jeff - new Finance Director Melanie Main, working with Assessor and Auditor and did a comparison. Some revenue came into the school and caused the difference. Depending on how the fall audit comes out there could be monies going into the undesignated fund; this money can't be spent down to lower the 15/16 budget because the auditors have not certified that amount. Currently if we do nothing there will not be a tax increase, will end up with a surplus just do not know how much at this time.

Closed 7:15 P.M.

Item # 65 – Consider budgets

Resolution No. 103 - Part I

Motion: Fitzgerald

Seconded: Henry

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Fitzgerald - To waive 2nd reading

Second: Caprara

Discussion: None

Vote: 6-0

Resolution No. 103A

School budget - see notes.....

7:30 P.M. Recess

7:40 Call meeting back to order.

Item # 66 - Determine the dates when property taxes committed during the 2015-2016 fiscal year shall become due and payable

Motion: Fitzgerald October 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016

Second: Henry

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Item # 67 - Determine the rate of interest that shall apply to delinquent taxes committed during the 2015-2016 fiscal year until those taxes are paid in full.

Motion: Buck to keep interest at 7%

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Item # 68 - Consider the rate of interest that shall be applied for overpayment of taxes.

Motion: Buck to keep interest at 3 %

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Item # 69 – Petition to Nominate Candidate for the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee

Laurie Smith

Michael Crooker

Maryanne Moore Mayor of Calais

New town manager explained that this may be to nominate additional candidates. All candidates mentioned are excellent candidates. No suggestions by Councilors

Motion: None taken

Second:

Discussion: None

Vote: None

Item # 70 – Consider Quitclaim Deeds

Motion: Fitzgerald Map 8 Lot 058-A

Second: Henry

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Item # 71 – Public Hearing to Consider Pond Town Pub and Grub Liquor License

Open at 7:44 P.M.

Betsy doesn't see any representative from Pond Town and thinks they should be here to answer questions. Captain Frost has met with all bar owners and if someone leave inebriated other bars in town are called and alerted. Have had no complaints and they have been to State mandated trainings. Chair Fuller stated that current license does not expire until end of July so plenty of time to make another meeting.

Closed 7:47

Item # 72 – Consider Pond Town Pub and Grub Liquor License

Motion: Henry to table

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: Chair Fuller asked that the owner be notified.

Vote: 5-0

Item # 73 – Public Hearing to Consider Special Entertainment Licenses for:

Café @ 130 Main

Pond Town Pub and Grub

Open at 7:47

Clark Phinney explained that they would like to do family game night, and Friday and Saturday open a little later for acoustic music. Would like on going, not a special occasion. All set with fire code.

Closed at 7:52

Item #74 - Consider Special Entertainment Licenses for:

Café @ 130 Main

Pond Town Pub and Grub

Motion: Fitzgerald to approve Cafe' @ 130

Second: MacDonald

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Henry to table entertainment for Pond Town Pub and Grub until representative can appear to answer questions.

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Other Business

Jeff - The Council voted awile back, to use existing Finance Director Melody Main, Peter Nielson – New Town Manager would like to continue with Melanie.

Manager's Report

RH Smith contract offering - 1 year contract, now working for price paying this year would be extended to next year.

Motion: Fitzgerald to accept RH Smith for ongoing audit services for \$19,000

Second: Buck

Discussion: None

Vote: 5-0

Infrared proposal from Kasi, Jeff feels the bid is reasonable, he recommends approval, (\$68,294)

Motion: Henry

Second: Fitzgerald

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgerald asked about 2nd firm that was going to submit a bid; and did not. Fitzgerald asked if we could or should give additional time. Additional time isn't given in most bid cases. This item was approved last year to use bond monies, just now asking for bids. Councilor Henry - rarely do we have the opportunity have such a piece of equipment that can save the town this kind of dollars, is very supportive of such equipment. Jeff explained what the training consist of. Chair Fuller asked how long bid was good for; there is no time limit on bid submitted that has an expiration date. New manager – Peter Nielson asked to have a look at this and other things town is doing and come back to the Council in July. Chair Fuller feels a little more information on this and tabling until July would be her preference. Henry - Council already voted and not sure would be comfortable putting money elsewhere.

Motion: Henry to amend motion; table until July meeting.

Second: Fitzgerald

Vote: 5-0

Appointment Committee – Hold off until July meeting.

Henry - Work on Main Street has been worked on and maybe to ask Mr. Carrier to clear up some of the roped off area. Chair Fuller suggested that maybe the town manager could touch base with Mr. Carrier.

Chair Fuller announced that the ribbon cutting was today for the Bailey Public Library

Chamber breakfast this Thursday morning will be, 7:15 at Commerce Center

Adjourn; 8:12 P.M.

Motion: Buck

Second: Henry