

Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting

Tuesday May 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm

Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, David Rheaume, Ken Buck, Patricia Engdahl, Sarah Fuller, Priscilla Jenkins, Linda Caprara. Town Manager – Cornell Knight, Jan Tewksbury, Finance Director.

Meeting is called to order at 6:00 pm.

Item #60 Consider a Transient Seller's license for Winthrop Farmer's Market Annex
Monika Riney corrected the name to Farmers on the Green, it will be located on the Congregational Church lawn on Saturdays only.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Fuller to approve the sellers license. Vote 7-0.

Item # 61 Consider a donation of a TTY (hearing impaired device) to the Winthrop Dispatch Center

Motion Buck Seconded by Jenkins to accept the donation. Vote 7-0.

Item #62 Consider bids for the Highland Avenue paving and sidewalk project
The low bid was from Wayne Excavators for \$114,400. This project will be coordinated by the Winthrop Utilities District who is installing a water line. They will contribute up to \$30,000 in paving costs. The work will start June 24th. By accepting this bid the town will not accept the DOT grant of \$31,000 because the total project would have been more expensive.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to approve the bid from Wayne Excavators. Vote 7-0.

Item #63 Municipal Budget Review

The town manager said the governor's proposed revenue sharing reduction will cost the town another \$25,000 in revenue. Revenues for the DOT URIP were increased by \$6000 because the changes will not be as bad as predicted. The Homestead exemption reduction proposal by the Governor would reduce the homeowners exemption by \$1,300. The Town Council reviewed the budget by each page.

Motion by Jenkins Seconded by Fuller to increase the WKEDA membership fee to \$7,933 from the proposed \$2,500. Vote 4-3.

Line 0100-9900 Council Misc reduce by \$200 to \$500.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Buck to eliminate the \$465 funding for KV Chamber, line 0210-9726. Vote 4-2-1 (Caprara abstained).

Line 0235-5100 E-911 supplies was reduced \$200 to no funding.

Line 0250-1112 CEO Alt plumbing inspector was reduced by \$500 to \$3,500.

Line 0270-9000 Debt reserve was reduced by \$822 to \$127,798.

Line 0500-5320 Animal Control was reduced by \$100 to \$400.

Line 0800-4201 Street Lights Decorative was reduced by \$250 to \$500.

Line 1000-6250 Highway signs was reduced by \$200 to \$1000

Line 1000-8100 Highway steam cleaner was reduced by \$100 to \$400

Line 1525-9804 Mural project was reduced by \$500 to zero.

Discussion on Cobbossee Watershed District Assessment. The town manager was asked to find out how Mt Vernon and West Gardiner dropped their membership.

Motion by Buck Seconded by Fuller to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Vote 6-0.