

Winthrop Town Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2005
Winthrop Town Office

- **The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Kevin Cookson.**

- **Roll Call**

Council Members Present: Kevin Cookson, Patrice Putman, David Rheaume, Bill MacDonald, Ken Buck.

Others present: Cornell Knight (Town Manager), Michelle Begin from KVCOG, Kim Vandermeulen from Alternative Manufacturing, Carl Swanson, Michael Madore, Randy McDevitt Sr, Mavis Wilson.

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

Item # 63 Hold a public hearing on the town's Community Development Block Grant Application for a Business Assistance grant on behalf of Alternative Manufacturing.

Chairman Cookson opened the hearing at 7:01 pm. Manager Knight explained that the town will be applying for a grant on behalf of Alternative Manufacturing Inc located on Summer Street.

Michelle Begin, from KVCOG, is putting the application together explained that the grant is to the town and the town passes it through to the company to be used for equipment and working capital. There will be 15 jobs created with the \$200,000 grant. The company will match an equal amount of the grant. If funded there will be a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the company that the company will be responsible for repaying the federal government if the job creation targets are not met.

Kim Vandermeulen from Alternative Manufacturing said the company makes circuit boards and has 133 employees. The starting wage is \$9.21/hr, annual payroll is \$2.7 million. The funds will be used to purchase an unleaded solder machine and an x-ray machine. Starting next year products sold in Europe must be lead free, so their process must change.

Mr. Swanson asked how long does the company have to create the jobs? Ms Begin said the company has 2 years from the last draw down to meet the job targets.

Mr. Swanson asked if the business was in a Pine Tree Zone? Mr. Knight said it was not in a PTZ area.

Mr. Swanson asked about the jobs to low income persons. Ms Begin said a portion of the jobs must be filled by those meeting low moderate income guidelines.

The hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Item #64 Consider Resolution #84, supporting a CDBG application on behalf of Alternative Manufacturing Inc. located on Summer Street.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by MacDonald to approve Resolution #84. Vote 5-0.

Item # 65 Hold a public hearing on the Victualer's License application for Ike & Andy's Ice Cream Shoppe, Rte 202.

Chairman Cookson opened the hearing at 7:13 pm.

The business is on the Monmouth/Winthrop line on Rte 202. They plan to open next spring.

Item #66 Consider the Victualer's License for Ike & Andy's Ice Cream Shoppe.

Motion by MacDonald Seconded by Putman to approve the victualer's license for Ike & Andy's Ice Cream Shoppe. Vote 5-0.

Item #67 Consider the transient seller's license for M & M Stonewall Canteen, Mt Pisgah road.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to approve the transient seller's license for M & M Stonewall Canteen. Vote 5-0.

Item #68 Consider the Transient Seller's license application for the Winthrop Farmer's Market, Main Street parking lot.

Motion by MacDonald Seconded by Buck to approve the Transient Seller's license for the Winthrop Farmer's Market. Vote 5-0

Mr. Knight asked the council for approval to reclaim Green Street in early June to coordinate with the Winthrop Utilities District project to install sewer and water lines. Catch basins and the sidewalk will also be replaced. The funds will come from the 2005-06 budget.

Mr. Knight was reminded to notify residents of the project.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Buck to approve the work on Green Street. Vote 5-0.

The council asked for a special meeting to discuss the Codes contract, salary adjustments and Contributions. Mr. Knight distributed a section of the personnel policy on salary adjustments. He will work on coordinating a special meeting with everyone.

Councilor Buck said there is a problem with the accuracy of the Transfer Station scales and that he got a bill for demo debris for \$0. Mr. Knight said he would look into the matter.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to adjourn at 7:28 pm.