

Minutes

Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2005 at 7 p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, William MacDonald, David Rheaume, Patrice Putman, Jayne Despres, Ken Buck. Town Manager Cornell Knight, Public Works Director David Smith; Carol Rizzo and Larry Fitzgerald from URS Engineers, Bob Moore of Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, 7 residents.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Cookson at 7:05 pm.

Item #86 Consider a request from the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed District to build a boat wash station at Norcross Point.

Bob Moore requested permission to prepare the design of a boat wash station at Norcross Point. He would come back to the council for final approval when the design was complete. The station will consist of a concrete pad and drainage with a hose to clean off boats and trailers. The cost of design and construction is from a grant from LL Bean and donations from an engineering firm, there would be no cost to the Town of Winthrop. Mr. Moore said the boat wash is one tool in the fight against mil foil and will increase the awareness to boaters.

Motion by Putman Seconded by MacDonald to allow the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed to move forward to design a boat wash station at Norcross Point and bring it back to the council for final approval. Vote 6-0.

Item #87 Consider a pavement management study report from URS Corp engineers. Larry Fitzgerald and Carol Rizzo, from URS Engineers, reviewed their pavement management study of all town roads. The options included, defer maintenance; drainage and crack sealing; overlay and reclaim; full reconstruction. Total cost of \$4,000,000 to repair all roads. They prepared a plan that combines crack seal, reclaim, reconstruction and overlay over 2 years for \$900,000, based on the road's importance and increasing the lifespan of the roads. Residents of Maranacook Road spoke in favor of reconstructing their road.

Motion by Despres Seconded by Rheaume to put out for bid the list on Table 2 of the Pavement Evaluation report, roads that need crack seal. Vote 6-0.

Councilors Rheaume, Buck and Cookson will serve on a road committee to review the pavement study and report back to the council on paving recommendations.

Item # 88 Consider the bids for a town wide property revaluation in 2006-07.

The low bid was Vision Appraisal at \$302,800, if Monmouth approves the joint project will lower Winthrop's bid by \$15,000. The work will be done in 2006-07. A portion of the cost will be paid for from a bond issue.

Item #89 Consider a bond issue for road improvements and property revaluation.
Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to table item #89 until the July 11 meeting.
Vote 6-0.

Item #90 Update on the weight scales at the Transfer Station.
David Smith explained that All Tech Scales inspected the scales and adjusted the plates so they all registered the correct weight, however they did not calibrate them. The state did not certify the scales because they registered 140 lbs less than the actual weight at 50,000 lbs, the limit of certification is a 100 lb variance. The scales were accurate at 10,000 lbs. Northeast Scales will calibrate them and the state will be back to certify. Dave Dyer complained about the scales accuracy under 100 lbs.

Item # 91 Consider a donation of a Dump Truck from Roger Guerette.
Mr. Guerette plans to donate a truck for hauling gravel on the Apple Farm Trail project.
Motion by MacDonald Seconded by Rheume to accept the dump truck donation from Roger Guerette. Vote 6-0.

Item #92 Appointments Committee Report.
Motion by Rheume Seconded by MacDonald to approve Elizabeth Bailey Roberts to the Conservation Commission and Heinz Walbaum to the Cobbossee Watershed District Board of Trustees. Vote 6-0.

Councilor Despres volunteered to write the article for the newspapers explaining that donations can be made to the social service fund at the time of their tax payment.
Councilor Buck made a donation to the Meals on Wheels program.
Councilor Putman asked the town manager to find out if the contribution was a tax deduction or a charitable contribution deduction.

Councilor Cookson accepted a petition signed by residents of Soper Road for road repair work on the Soper Road.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to waive the second reading of the 2005-06 municipal budget. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Rheume Seonded by Putman to waive the second reading of the 2005-06 School Budget. Vote 5-0, Despres abstained.

The Town Manager was asked about the codes/CWD information, he said it would be on the July 11 agenda.

The Town Manager was asked if there was any news on the oil spill, he said he had not heard any news recently, but would check it out.

Motion by Rheume Seconded by Despres to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Vote 6-0.