

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Winthrop Town Office

Attending: Councilors Cookson, Putman, Rheaume, Despres, Buck. Excused Councilor MacDonald; absent Councilor Caprara. Town Manager Cornell Knight, John Dovinsky, Ambulance Director. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Item #125 Consider Order #123 to borrow \$1,270,000 for capital projects including road construction and paving and for a property purchase for the library.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Despres to approve Order #123.

Discussion: Funds to be used for roadwork and purchasing the property next to the Library. Chairman Cookson conveyed Councilor MacDonald's views; he is concerned about the cost of roadwork with the cost of upcoming projects such as the public safety building; that costs for additional gravel for roads in need of a better base is not in the budget and councilors should not look at future budget cuts to fund the road work.

Councilor Rheaume said the FEMA reimbursement funds on roads that the town is working on will go towards the paving budget.

Vote on the motion, 5-0.

Item #126 Consider a 3 year contract renewal with AFSCME for police and communications department employees.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Despres to approve the 3 year contract as presented.

The contract calls for a 3% raise this year, a 3% bonus next year and a 3% raise the final year.

Vote on Motion, 5-0.

Other business:

Councilor Rheaume asked about the fire chief appointment. The Town Manager said it would be on regular meeting agenda in September.

Councilor Rheaume asked if Beth Young will work for the town when the codes office moves to the Town Office. The Town Manager said he assumed so but would verify.

Mr. Knight said he would check on the progress of the TIF paperwork for the mill. He said he spoke to Lou Carrier about the oil spill clean up article in the paper. He said the mill's owners liability is between \$2,000 to \$3,000, and that the project construction was continuing.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to adjourn at 7:22 pm.