

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Winthrop Town Office

Attending: Councilors Cookson, Putman, Rheaume, Despres, MacDonald, Caprara, Buck
Councilor elect James Norris, Town Manager Cornell Knight. Shelly Foster, Sandy Flynn.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Item #162 Consider an appointment to the Board/Council Joint Advisory Committee
Motion by Caprara Seconded by Despres that the Appointments Committee appoints
Lynn Roberts Reed to the Joint Advisory Committee for Suicide Prevention.

Discussion: Councilor Putman said she was surprised at the nomination since she thought
it was agreed in the sub committee and the larger Healthy Futures group that Toni
Marston, a family survivor of suicide would be appointed. Without a survivor on the
committee would be a disservice to the community and the committee. The sub-
committee needs the knowledge and education that a survivor can bring to the discussion.
Councilor Despres said that Ms Marston can still play a role in the committee's work and
that Ms. Reed has a lot of experience in these issues.

Councilor Putman said that Ms Reed does have a lot of experience but she is not a
survivor. If a survivor is not appointed she will not serve on the committee.

Councilor MacDonald said the council needs to be aware of the hurt and anger among the
surviving families, over the release of the report.

Vote on the motion: 5-1-1. Yea: Cookson, Rheaume, Despres, Caprara, Buck.

Nay: Putman. Abstain: MacDonald.

Councilor Putman resigned from the Joint Committee.

Item # 163 Consider a town match to the school's grant funding for a committee
coordinator.

Discussion on the grant, a \$16,718 grant from the Dept of Education to be used for a
coordinator to the committee. The town match would have to come from surplus since
there is no budget line for that amount of money. The grant information must be
submitted by mid January. Councilor MacDonald asked if the town match was required
to receive the state grant.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to table item #163 until next week. Vote 6-1,
Putman opposed.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Caprara to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Vote 7-0.