

Minutes
Winthrop Town Council
Special Meeting
Monday April 26, 2004 at 7p.m.
Winthrop Town Office

Attendance: Councilors Kevin Cookson, James Norris, David Rheaume, Patrice Putman, Bill MacDonald, Jayne Despres. Town Manager Cornell Knight.

The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Cookson at 7:00 pm.

Item # 62 Consider goals for the 2004-05 years

The council reviewed the draft goals prepared by the town manager.

The council prioritized the goals in the following order:

Planning

- Work with the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Community Coalition and Planning Board to complete an update of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Work with the public safety study committee to develop a plan of action for meeting all the Public Safety departments building needs.
- Work on ways to bring families and affordable housing into town to reverse the trend of a significant reduced student population in the school system
- Develop an Access Mgt plan for town roads and utilize the road surface mgt system program.
- Improve the town's web page and increase public's usage.

Economic Development

- Work with the owners of Winthrop Commerce Center to secure funding and attract tenants.
- Work with WRDC and KVCOG to attract businesses to the Pine Tree Zone designated areas.
- Work with the conservation groups to protect lakes from invasive plants.
- Work with the USPS to construct a new post office facility on Main Street.

Stabilization of the Property Tax

- Continue work with the school department to find efficiencies to lower the costs of services.
- Work with neighboring towns and the region to explore efficiencies in operations.
- With the help of the school department increase the undesignated fund balance, which was significantly reduced to fund the town office project
- Provide information on the affect of municipal services provided if the Palesky initiative is passed or work to defeat the proposal.

Recreation/Conservation

- Continue sidewalk reconstruction program and the Mill Stream walkway. Apply for DOT Enhancement or Safe to School funds where applicable for sidewalks, walkways, trails and bikepaths, and the Rte 202/Highland Avenue intersection, to lower the taxpayer's share of construction.
- Work with KLT to develop a management plan for the Mt. Pisgah site and work to connect the Mt. Pisgah site with the high school campus.
- Develop athletic fields on Rambler Road and other sports fields through reserve funds, matching grants and outside construction assistance.
- Monitor the Augusta utility district merger and the impact it may have on the Carlton Pond water treatment facility and the Carlton Pond Watershed.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to bring Executive Administration and the Contributions budgets off the table from 4/14/04. Vote 6-0.

Motion by Norris Seconded by Putman as part of the town manager's contract renewal, that \$5000 be added to his retirement fund as a merit increase for achieving goals. Vote 6-0.

The contributions budget will be an agenda item at a future meeting

Chairman Cookson said the school board will present their 2004-05 budget to the council at a special meeting on May 10th. There will be an update on the 2003-04 school budget at the May 3rd meeting.

Motion by Rheaume Seconded by Putman to adjourn at 9:22 pm. Vote 6-0.