

Winthrop Town Council Special Meeting Minutes: August 17, 2015

Attending: Sarah Fuller, Chair; Ken Buck, Linda Caprara, Kevin Cookson, Richard Henry, Linda MacDonald, Peter Nielsen, Lauri Carson, Police Chief Ryan Frost, Matt Burnham, Larry Cole, Carl Swanson, American Legion Commander Colin Hewett, Don Chase, John Brennan.

Chairperson Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began the Agenda, to wit:

Item 92. American Legion representatives attended to discuss Bowdoin St. parking by the lake and related summer activities. Councilor Buck suggested creating new handicap parking spaces on either side of the crosswalk. Councilor Cookson stated that the Town controls parking along Bowdoin St. John Brennan said going forward, the Legion will ask the Council for permission for other than normal parking arrangements. Chairperson Fuller accepted Councilor Henry's offer to assist the Town Manager and Legion representatives in drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to help coordinate and control summer activities.

The Council voted to have drafted changes to the Ordinance Relating to Traffic and Parking Control to create two handicap parking spaces on the west side of Bowdoin St. one on each side of the crosswalk (Buck/MacDonald, 6-0). Police Chief Frost said there are a number of other needed updates to the ordinance. He offered to bring them forward. John Brennan offered to help if needed.

Item 100. Councilor Cookson felt that an executive session was not in order. He said he understood the background for tonight's discussion, but that pay adjustments should be part of the annual budget process. Councilor Caprara agreed. Three department heads explained why these requests were coming now. Councilors Fuller, Henry and MacDonald discussed taking action sooner than during the next budget cycle. After discussion, the Council voted to direct the Town Manager to include \$25,000 in the next budget to address department head rates of pay (Cookson/Henry, 6-0).

Item 102. The Council signed two quit claim deeds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM