



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 1, 2022
7PM
17 Highland Avenue
And Via Zoom**

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Call To Order – Roll Call

Chair Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chair Andy Wess, X
Councilor Barbara Alexander, X Councilor Bruce Burns, X
Councilor Linda Caprara, X, Councilor Elizabeth Peters X Councilor James Steele X

Item 122 Consideration of approving minutes of meeting held [July 11, 2022](#) and sign disbursement warrants.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Alexander **Vote:** 7-0

Item 123 Finance Reports from Previous Month

[Revenues](#) [Expenses](#) [GL Balances](#) [Other Funds](#)

Item 124 Consideration of recommendations from Appointments Committee.

Suggested Motion: Move to confirm the recommendations of Appointments Committee.

The Appointments Committee recommends Jackson Pray and Kristin Shumway to the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0

Item 125 Consideration of Marijuana Dispensary/Cultivation License for HG Sacred Gardens, LLC.

[Planning Board Application](#) License

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Marijuana Dispensary/Cultivation License for HG Sacred Gardens, LLC.

Catherine Lewis attended the meeting to answer questions about the application.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 7-0

Item 126 Discussion of Borrowing \$3,100,000 for School Building Upgrades.

[MEMO from Superintendent](#) [EMC Contract](#)

There was a lengthy conversation about the Capital Improve Project proposed by the school department for \$3,100,000. The council was concerned about the impact this may have on taxpayers and why they were not supplied this information sooner. This item will be revisited at a future meeting after the Town Manager and Finance Director research what this will entail financially.

Superintendent Hodgkin also mentioned that the school department applied for a grant with the EPA for four new electric busses. Four older diesel busses were purchased for \$5000 each. One of the stipulations of the grant is to receive a new electric bus you have to salvage an older model diesel bus. The school department also applied for two diesel busses through the MDOE.

Item 127 Consideration of [Updating Ambulance Rates](#).

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the updating of Ambulance Rates.

Chief Dovinsky explained the rate increases to the group.

Motion: Caprara **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0

Item 128 Consideration of [MMA Vice-President and Executive Committee Members](#).

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the proposed slate of candidates.

Motion: Alexander **Second:** Peters **Vote:** 7-0

Item 129 Consideration of [MMA Legislative Policy Committee Candidates](#).

Move to approve Dennis Price for MMA Legislative Policy Committee Candidates.

Motion: Alexander **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 7-0

Move to approve Justin Poirier for MMA Legislative Policy Committee Candidates.

Motion: Caprara **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 7-0

Other Business:

Chairperson Fuller mentioned that there is concern regarding transient seller licensees.

Manager's Report:

ARPA Funds Updates:

The Town Manager explained that so far this year we have completed the following:

Premium pay for employees, installed virus removal technology - \$5184, tightened up security at town office - \$656; including adding a phone system in the outside lobby to contact office in back hallway of Town Office - \$6100, and the All Purpose Room has been made fully remote ready- \$2598.

A memo will be drafted explaining the status of the ARPA funds for this current year and future years.

The Town Manager also mentioned he would be on vacation August 26 – September 19, 2022.

Adjourn.

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 8:55 pm.

Motion by: Caprara

Second: Peters

Vote: 7-0