



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday December 6, 2021
Town Office
17 Highland Avenue
And Via Zoom
7:00 PM Business Meeting
Zoom Opens at 6:30 PM**

Call To Order – Roll Call

X Chair Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chair Andy Wess,
X Councilor Barbara Alexander, X Councilor Linda Caprara,
X Councilor Priscilla Jenkins, X Councilor Rita Moran, X Councilor Elizabeth Peters __

Item 141 Consideration of approving minutes of meetings held [November 1, 2021](#) and sign disbursement warrants.

Motion: Alexander **Second:** Wess **Vote: 5/0** (Councilor Caprara not present at the time)

Item 142 Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

Item 143 Public Hearing: Renewal of [Auto Graveyard Permit](#) for Earnest and Sharon Flaherty 67 Soper Rd.

Open: 7:06 pm

Mark Arsenault, Code Enforcement Officer, advised that he is not aware of any issues or complaints regarding this business.

Close: 7:07

Item 144 Consideration of Renewal of Auto Graveyard Permit for Earnest and Sharon Flaherty 67 Soper Rd.

Suggested Motion: Move to authorize Renewal of Auto Graveyard Permit for Earnest and Sharon Flaherty 67 Soper Rd.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 6/0

Item 145 Spirit of America Award Presentations

Winthrop Ambulance Service

Winthrop Fire Department

Winthrop Police Department

The Yarn Bombers

Item 146 Recognizing Councilor Jenkins for her Service to the Community.

Councilor Jenkins was presented a plaque for her service and dedication to the Winthrop Town Council and Community.

Item 147 [Order 2021-011](#) Forgiving Library Debt

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Order 2021-011 Forgiving Library Debt

Motion: Moran **Second:** Jenkins **Vote:** 6/0

Item 148 [Order 2021-012](#) Adopting [COVID Exposure Policy](#)

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Order 2021-012 Adopting COVID Exposure Policy

The Town Manager advised that during the state of emergency, we adopted numerous policies to help us through that period. We need a workplace policy that governs when people stay at work and when they need to leave. This is based on CDC guidance. This may need to be revisited as circumstances and needs change.

Motion: Wess **Second:** Alexander **Vote:** 6/0

Other Business:

Appointments Committee:

There were two candidates for the Planning Board. The committee has met with the candidates and feel both candidates would provide great insight.

To nominate Betty Harris Howard as a member of the Planning Board and Jaime Wolf as first alternate.

Councilor Wess disclosed that Jaime Wolf is a relative of his.

Motion: Jenkins **Second:** Caprara **Vote:** 6/0

Manager's Report:

Update: Mooring Ordinance:

We have met with representatives of Readfield and Manchester. Both communities are interested in discussing lake issues in a regional manner. The communities will discuss their party's interests and if there is a basis to move forward on a regional basis. At this time, Monmouth is not interested in participating.

Update: COVID staffing impacts:

There has recently been a spike in COVID situations amongst town staff. Individual departments have had to quarantine. It has become difficult for us and we are doing the best we can.

Historical Society Request:

To approve the movement of one of the watering troughs to the property immediately in front of the Historical Society.

Councilor Wess mentioned that on the island where the trough is located, there are two steel I-beams sticking out of the ground that need to be removed.

Motion: Alexander **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 6/0

Adjourn to Workshop

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm

Motion: Caprara **Second:** Wess **Vote:** 6/0

Council Workshop – Potential Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds