



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting
Minutes Monday December 7, 2020
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 Linda Caprara,
X Councilor Barbara Alexander, X Councilor Scott Eldridge, X Councilor Priscilla Jenkins,
 Councilor Rita Moran, X Councilor Andy Wess

Item 93 Consideration of approving minutes of the meeting held on November 2, and sign disbursement warrants

Suggested Motion: Move to approve council meeting minutes for [November 2](#) as written

Motion: Wess

Second: Eldridge

Vote: 7-0

Item 94 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hodgkin provided an update regarding COVID Relief Fund reimbursements and how the school district is operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Item 95 Public Hearing: American Legion Post 40 [Liquor License Renewal](#)

Open: 7:56 p.m.

Close: 7:58 p.m.

Item 96 Consideration of American Legion Post 40 Liquor License Renewal

Suggested Motion: Move to approve American Legion Post 40 Liquor License Renewal

Motion: Wess

Second: Caprara

Vote: 7-0

Item 97 Public Hearing: Pepper's Garden and Grill New [Liquor License Application](#)

Open: 8:00 p.m.

Close: 8:26 p.m.

Item 96 Consideration of Pepper's Garden and Grill New Liquor License Application

Motion: Move to deny Pepper's Garden and Grill New Liquor License Application

Motion: Alexander

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0

Item 97 Winthrop Response to COVID 19 and discussion of the ongoing Emergency

Item 98 Consideration of Extending Emergency Proclamation

Suggested Motion: Move to extend Emergency Proclamation from its initial declaration March 16, 2020 to until the next Council consideration of this item.

Motion: Wess

Second: Eldridge

Vote: 6-0

Jenkins unavailable at time of vote)

Other Business:

Chairperson Fuller advised that this is Councilor Eldridge's last official meeting. Chairperson Fuller thanked Scott for his expertise in school finance and budgeting, his calm level-headedness and humor. A plaque will be presented to Scott to thank him for his service.

There will be an Executive Session on December 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with the town attorney to discuss roles and responsibilities.

Thank you to Virginia Geyer and Kristin Shumway for their service on the School Committee.

Manager's Report:

Implicit Bias Training – Winthrop Management Team attended 8 hours of this training last month along with Augusta and Hallowell. This was a real commitment of our management team to set aside 2 hours a day for a week to do this training. Extremely valuable training.

Turtle Run Bridge is now open.

Streetlight Conversion – All our streetlights in town have been converted to LED.

Pilot Project – We have engaged in a pilot project with KVCOG to attempt to remove organics from our municipal waste stream.

Recycling Update – We have engaged KVCOG to help us restore recycling during the pandemic. It has been decided that the logistics of recycling paper is beyond us.

Town Manger Kobrock would like to extend a thank you to staff for being so flexible and highly adaptive during this pandemic by closing early on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Adjourn.

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Motion: Eldridge

Second: Wess

Vote: 7-0