



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Monday March 1, 2021**

**VIA Zoom**

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**6:00 PM Executive Session**

**Open Session at the Conclusion of Executive Session– Approximately 7:00 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, \_\_\_ Councilor Rita Moran, X Councilor Elizabeth Peters

**Item 14** Consideration of entering Executive Session

**Suggested Motion:** Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) to discuss Disposition of Real Estate

Time Entered: 6:04 p.m.

Also attending: Larry Fitzgerald and Dan Stevens

**Motion:** Jenkins            **Second:** Peters            **Vote:** 6-0

**Item 15** Consideration of leaving Executive Session

**Motion:** Wess            **Second:** Peters            **Vote:** 6-0

Time Exit: 7:35 p.m.

**Item 16** Consideration of minutes from [February 1, 2021](#)

**Suggested Motion:** Move to minutes from February 1, 2021

**Motion:** Alexander            **Second:** Jenkins            **Vote:** 6-0

**Item 17** Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

**Item 18** Presentation of FY2020 Audit – Jennifer Connors, RKO

**Item 19** Update: Winthrop's Response to Covid/Emergency Management Agency (EMA)  
[Report](#) and consideration of extending the emergency

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

There was discussion regarding the public having to call to schedule appointments with the Clerk's office and the wait times. The Town Manager explained that there is a new plan in place that will result in a 36% increase in available appointments and will cut down on the wait times.

There was also discussion regarding vaccination clinics, rental relief program, and transportation to vaccine sites.

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

**Item 20** Report from the Appointments Committee

Councilor Wess, Chair of the Appointments Committee, presented new documents that the Committee will use.

[Thank you letter](#)

[Welcome letter](#)

[Application](#)

**Item 22** Discussion of Proceeds from Recent Fire Truck Sales

Chief Brooks explained that through the bid process, an engine and a rescue truck were sold to a dealer in New Hampshire for a total of approximately \$13,000.

Chief Brooks would like these funds added to the Fire Department reserve account to pay for large unexpected emergency repairs of Fire Department equipment.

Councilor Alexander mentioned concern about funding a particular part of the town budget without considering the competing interests of other aspects of the town budget.

Move to approve the proceeds of the fire truck sales to go into the Fire Department's Reserve Account.

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

**Other Business:**

Councilor Jenkins explained that on April 26, there will be a virtual poetry event and other events for the 250th celebration.

Councilor Peters asked to add Concerts at Norcross Point as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Manager's Report:

Update: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Bowdoin St Parking Lot

Other

Adjourn.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to adjourn meeting at 8:51 pm

**Motion by:** Wess

**Second:** Jenkins

**Vote:** 6-0