



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 6, 2023  
7PM  
17 Highland Avenue**

*ZOOM was not used for this meeting due to technical issues.*

**Call To Order – Roll Call**

Chair Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chair Andy Wess, X (via Zoom)  
Councilor Bruce Burns, X Councilor Linda Caprara, X  
Councilor Shannon McDonnell, X Councilor Elizabeth Peters, X (remotely)  
Councilor James Steele X

**Item 31** Consideration of approving minutes of meetings held [February 6](#) and [February 15, 2023](#) and sign disbursement warrants.

**Motion:** Wess                      **Second:** McDonnell                      **Vote:** 7/0

**Item 32** Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

**Item 33** Consideration of recommendations from the Appointments Committee.

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

The Appointments Committee did not have recommendations.

**Item 34** Presentation of the [Winthrop Athletic Complex](#).

Andrew Johnson (Engineer) and Joel Stoneton gave a brief overview of the proposed complex and answered questions from Council members. Representative Tavis Hasenfus spoke to the Council after the presentation and agreed to would work with the town's attorney on a motion for next meeting.

**Item 35** Consideration of [Council Order 2023-4](#) School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF).

[SRRF Info](#)

Superintendent Hodgkin provided an overview of the SRRF Loan Forgiveness Grant Financing process and answered questions from Council members.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the School Revolving Renovation Fund (SRRF).

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

**Item 36** Consideration of [Superintendent Hodgkin's request](#) to place an additional \$110,000 from undesignated funds to a reserve account to address maintenance issues.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve Superintendent Hodgkin's request to place an additional \$110,000 from undesignated funds to a reserve account to address maintenance issues.

**Motion:** Caprara      **Second:** Steele      **Vote:** 7/0

**Item 37** Consideration of the [PALS Kitten Kerplunk](#) on May 13, 2023, closing the road as needed and allowing PALS No-Kill Shelter to use the beach.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the PALS Kitten Kerplunk on May 13, 2023, closing the road as needed and allowing PALS No-Kill Shelter to use the beach.

PALS will host a fundraiser at Norcross Point from 9 -11 AM on May 13, 2023. Public Safety Department employees will be present.

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

**Item 38** Consideration of [Amending the Town's Marijuana Ordinance](#) per Maine Municipal Association Legal Service Department's suggestion. Article 11, Section 8 there is an incorrect citation to 28-A M.R.S. § 1502, which should instead be 28-B M.R.S. 1502.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve amending the Town's Marijuana Ordinance Article 11, Section 8 citation to 28-B M.R.S. § 1502.

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

**Item 39** Discussion Regarding Moratorium for Mineral Extraction

There was a lengthy discussion regarding environment impacts and traffic issues. The Council directed the Interim Town Manager to draft moratorium documents for the next meeting.

**Other Business:**

After a discussion regarding the mooring ordinance, Councilor Steele made a motion.

To repeal the mooring ordinance.

**Motion:** Steele

**Second:** Caprara

**Vote:** 3/4

Fuller, Peters, Burns and Wess opposed.

Motion Failed.

**Manager's Report:**

**[Town Manager Hiring Process](#)**

Interim Town Manager Eldridge advised that he spoke with David Barrett from Maine Municipal Associate (MMA). MMA is conducting the search for a new Town Manager. Mr. Barrett reported that they have currently received eight applications for the Town Manager position.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to adjourn meeting at 9:10 pm

**Motion:** Burns

**Second:** Wess

**Vote:** 7/0