Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 1, 2023
7PM
17 Highland Avenue
And Via Zoom
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Meeting ID: 837 1484 4515

Call To Order – Roll Call

Acting-Chair Andy Wess, X
Councilor Bruce Burns, X Councilor Linda Caprara, X
Councilor Shannon McDonnell, X Councilor Elizabeth Peters, X
Councilor James Steele X

Item 65 Consideration of entering Executive Session

Suggested Motion: Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E) Consultation with legal counsel.

Motion: Peters **Second:** Steele **Vote:** 6/0

Time Entered: 6:05 pm

Item 66 Consideration of leaving Executive Session

Motion: Peters **Second:** Steele **Vote:** 6/0

Time Exit: 6:55 pm

Item 67 Consideration of Council Chairperson for the remainder of 2023.

Councilor McDonnell nominates herself, Councilor Caprara seconds.

Councilor Burns nominates Councilor Wess, Councilor Peters seconds.

Vote 4-2 Wess (Steele, Peters, Wess and Burns for)

Item 68 Consideration of Council Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2023.

Councilor Peters nominates Councilor Burns, Councilor Burns seconds.

Councilor Steele nominates Councilor McDonnell, Councilor Caprara seconds.

Vote 3-3 Burns (Peters, Wess and Burns for)

Vote 3-3 McDonnell (Caprara, Steele, and McDonnell.

Vote failed due to a lack of majority

Councilor Burns yielded to McDonnell.

Vote 6/0 Councilor McDonnell for Vice-Chairperson.

Item 69 Consideration of approving minutes of meetings held April 3 and April 24, 2023 and sign disbursement warrants.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Peters **Vote:** 6/0

Item 70 Finance Reports from Previous Month

Revenues Expenses GL Balances Other Funds

Item 71 Consideration of recommendations from the Appointments Committee.

The Appointments Committee did not have recommendations.

Item 72 Mooring Field Discussion

Councilor Steele advised that there have been discussions to resolve some of the mooring ordinance issues. We have come up with something that could work and hope the community is in favor of this.

Councilor McDonnell read the below proposed agreement that will be voted on at the next Council meeting on May 8, 2023:

The 11 moorings existing in the south cove of Maranacook Lake as of March 7, 2022, be included in the grandfather clause. Such moorings must be annually registered with the mooring officer by May 15 of each year. Any morning that is not registered annually will be discontinued, and will be removed. There is no fee for the annual registration.

Item 73 Consideration of Tavern on the Hill 305 Liquor License Renewal.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Tavern on the Hill 305 Liquor License Renewal.

The owners of the facility were present and thanked the community for their support.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Peters **Vote:** 6/0

Item 74 Consideration of Earth Keeper Cannabis Marijuana Establishment License Renewal.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Earth Keeper Cannabis Marijuana Establishment License Renewal.

The owner of the business asked about who is responsible for setting the fees for permits and renewals. He expressed that the renewal fees are higher than other towns.

Motion: McDonnell **Second:** Steele **Vote:** 6/0

Item 75 Public Hearing: Summer Street Brewing, LLC Liquor License Application.

Open: 7:22 pm

The owner mentioned she happy to be here in the Winthrop community.

Close: 7:24 pm

Item 76 Consideration of Summer Street Brewing, LLC Liquor License Application.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Summer Street Brewing, LLC Liquor License Application.

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

Item 77 Public Hearing: Summer Street Brewing, LLC Amusement Permit

Open: 7:26

Councilor Steele asked the owner their business hours. He was advised 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Close: 7:28 pm

Item 78 Consideration of Summer Street Brewing, LLC Special Amusement Permit.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Summer Street Brewing, LLC Special Amusement Permit.

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

Item 79 Consideration of Rollin' In The Dough Victualer's License Application.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Rollin' In The Dough Victualer's License Application.

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

Item 80 Discussion regarding installation of speedbumps.

Councilor Burns stated that he has received over a half-dozen complaints about speeding vehicles on High Street. Some residents are insistent that the speedbumps are the only thing that are going to deter speeding down the hill. There was further discussion regarding purchasing new speedbumps or refurbishing the speedbumps the Town currently owns and if speedbumps were in fact necessary. Chief Frost advised he did not believe these costs were part of Public Work's FY24 budget. This item will be on the June agenda for discussion.

Item 81 Discussion regarding Charging Stations

There was discussion regarding this Federal Grant program called "Charging and Fueling Infrastructure". There was further discussion that these charging stations could be located at the Town Library and or Hannaford. This item will be revisited at a future meeting.

Item 82 Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association's Request for Funding of $2500.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association's Request for Funding of $2500.

Carol Branning, President of Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association, explained that this is an increase amount in funding from the 2022 request as increased costs are anticipated with the opening of the new boat launch opening allowing more boats on the lake. More Courtesy Boat Inspection hours are anticipated and wage costs continue to increase.

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

Item 83 Winthrop Historical Society's Request for Funding of $1500.

Two representatives of the Historical Society asked the Council for $1500 as a pledge to add the $1700 they have set aside to purchase an 1863 bell that is located at the former church in East Winthrop. That church building has recently been sold and will be turned into a private residence.

Vernice Boyce made it clear that the Historical Society already has $1500 in the town's budget for the archival of town records for FY24. This additional $1500 request is for FY23.

Motion: Move that we approve the Winthrop Historical Society's requests for funding of up to $1500 from the contingency account to go towards the bell and to take the bell out of service.

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

Other Business:

Manager's Report:
The Town Council interviewed eight people for the Town Manager position. They have chosen two people to have a meet and greet with the department heads next week. They will then conduct a second interview with each candidate and then make their choice.

In addition, the library had their insurance request for replacing the boiler approved for $39,000. An amount for work to the concrete floors is still to be determined.

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 8:17pm.

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