



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Town Office  
17 Highland Ave.  
Monday May 2, 2022  
And Via Zoom**

<https://networkmaine.zoom.us/j/86703647394>

**Meeting ID: 867 0364 7394  
Executive Session at 6:30 PM**

**Call To Order – Roll Call**

Chair Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chair Andy Wess, X  
Councilor Barbara Alexander, X Councilor Bruce Burns, X  
Councilor Linda Caprara, X, Councilor Elizabeth Peters \_\_\_\_\_

**Item 69** Consideration of entering Executive Session

**Suggested Motion:** Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) Labor Negotiations.

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

**Time Entered:** 6:30 pm

**Item 70** Consideration of leaving Executive Session.

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

**Time Exit:** 7:06 pm

**Action:**

**Item 71** Consideration of approving [minutes](#) of meeting held April 4, 2022 and sign disbursement warrants.

**Motion:** Peters      **Second:** Caprara      **Vote:** 5-0-1 Fuller abstained

**Item 72** Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

**Item 73** Historical Society [Annual Report](#)

Linda Pratt, President of the Winthrop Maine Historical Society, reviewed the annual report with the group. She advised that the Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who has helped create the History and Heritage Center for the Town of Winthrop.

**Item 74** Consideration of [Order 2022-12](#) Capital Improvements Reserve Account

The Town Manager advised that at the last Town Council meeting, school capital reserve funds were combined. After discussion with the Maine Department of Education, it was discovered that these funds need to be moved to the correct capital reserve account. In addition, we need to fund a new reserve account with undesignated school surplus funds for capital improvements.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to accept Order 2022-12 Capital Improvements Reserve Account

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

**Item 75** Consideration of Marijuana Dispensary License for [Earth Keeper Cannabis](#)

Mr. Black, owner of Earth Keeper Cannabis, attended the meeting and gave a brief overview of his business.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to accept Marijuana Dispensary License for Earth Keeper Cannabis

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

**Other Business:**

**Manager's Report:**

The Town Manager advised that last week we closed on the Welches Point property.

An application was tendered to the Land and Water Conservation Fund two months ago. In 2021, we were offered a \$320,000 award and were informally invited to potentially increase our match and compete for a greater award. Unfortunately, we were not successful.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to adjourn to a budget workshop at 7:25 pm.

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

**Budget Workshop**

- Cemetery Committee
- Library
- Town Clerk, Election
- Code Enforcement, Planning Board, Board of Appeals
- General Assistance
- Assessing
- Finance
- Central Services
- Miscellaneous