



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday November 7, 2022**

7PM

17 Highland Avenue

And Via Zoom

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

Executive Session at 6:00 PM

Open Session resumes at the conclusion of Executive Session – Approximately 7:00 PM

Call To Order – Roll Call

Chair Sarah Fuller, X Vice-Chair Andy Wess, X

Councilor Bruce Burns, X Councilor Linda Caprara X (via Zoom),

Councilor Elizabeth Peters X Councilor James Steele X (arrived at 6:04 pm)

Item 150 Consideration of entering Executive Session

Suggested Motion: Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E) Legal Advice.

Motion: Burns

Second: Wess

Vote: 5/0

Time Entered: 6:00 pm

Item 151 Consideration of leaving Executive Session.

Motion: Burns

Second: Peters

Vote: 6/0

Time Exit: 6:53 pm

Action:

Item 152 Consideration of entering Executive Session

Suggested Motion: Move to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (E) Legal Advice.

Motion: Peters

Second: Burns

Vote: 5/0

Time Entered: 6:54 pm

Item 153 Consideration of leaving Executive Session.

Motion: Peters **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 5/0

Time Exit:

Action:

Item 154 Consideration of approving minutes of meetings held [October 3, 2022](#), and sign disbursement warrants. Minutes were approved with two corrections.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Peters **Vote:** 5/1 – Wess opposed.

Item 155 Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

Councilor Steel asked if the tennis court project has been completed and paid out. Vernice Boyce advised there are still a couple of projects that will be completed in the spring. He also about the paving line having a surplus. The Town Manager advised some paving delayed until next year in hopes of prices dropping in the spring.

Item 156 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 157 Public Hearing: [Flaherty's Garage Auto Graveyard Permit Renewal](#).

Open: 7:32 pm

Close: 7:33 pm

Item 158 Consideration of Flaherty's Garage Auto Graveyard Permit Renewal.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Flaherty's Garage Auto Graveyard Permit Renewal.

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

Item 159 Public Hearing: [Update of General Assistance Ordinance](#).

Open: 7:33 pm

The Town Manager advised that this is an annual routine agenda item. The state annually updates the allowable costs for General Assistance. In order to receive reimbursements from the state, the updates need to be adopted by the Council.

Close: 7:37 pm

Item 160 Consideration of the Update of the General Assistance Ordinance utilizing the new scale.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the updating of the General Assistance Ordinance utilizing the new scale.

Motion: Burns **Second:** Peters **Vote:** 5/0 –Wess not present at time of vote

Item 161 Public Hearing: [Utility Scale Solar Moratorium Ordinance](#).

Open: 7:37 pm

David Lee, Chair of the Planning Board, gave an update on the current solar ordinance. There was a lengthy discussion where audience members spoke about their concerns with items such as application submittals, state laws and if council members had a stake or financial gain in the solar moratorium ordinance.

Close: 8:38 pm

Item 162 Consideration of Utility Scale Solar Moratorium Ordinance.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve the Utility Scale Solar Moratorium Ordinance.

Motion: Peters **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 5/0 Wess recused from vote

Councilor Wess advised that he does have disagreements with several things that that town is representing and he clearly is in a position of conflict. Therefore, he is asking permission to recuse himself from the voting.

By consensus, the Council agreed to allow Councilor Wess to recuse himself from voting on the above issue.

Item 163 Consideration of Authorizing Annual Holiday Parade.

Suggested Motion: Move to authorize the Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual holiday parade on December 3, 2022 including the closing of Main Street and to support the participation of the town's public safety departments.

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

Item 164 Consideration of authorizing the \$3,100,000 School Buildings Upgrade Project.

Both the Town's Attorney and Superintendent Hodgkin presented information about the project.

Suggested Motion: Move to authorize the \$3,100,000 School Buildings Upgrade Project and direct the Town Manager to pursue appropriate steps to finance the project.

Motion: Peters **Second:** Burns **Vote:** 2/4 – Peters, Fuller, Burns
and Caprara opposed

Item 165 Consideration of [Order 2022-19 Appointing Registrar/Election Staff](#).

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Order 2022-19 Appointing Registrar/Election Staff.

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

Item 166 Consideration of Scheduling a Review of the Mooring Ordinance.

Members of the public spoke about their concerns with mooring ordinance.

Suggested Motion: Move to Schedule a Review of the Mooring Ordinance at the December 5, 2022 regular Council Meeting.

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

Other Business:

Motion: To extend the meeting past 10:00 pm by 10 minutes.

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

Motion: To Repeal the Mooring Ordinance.

Motion: Steele **Second:** None **Vote:** Motion Failed

Manager's Report:

Adjourn.

Suggested Motion: Move to adjourn meeting at 10:15 pm

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