



**Winthrop Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 3, 2023**  
**7PM**  
**17 Highland Avenue**  
**And Via Zoom**

**Call To Order – Roll Call**

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

**Item 42** Consideration of entering Executive Session

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

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

**Time Entered:** 6:0 PM

**Item 43** Consideration of leaving Executive Session.

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

**Time Exit:** 6:17 PM

**Action:** None.

**Open Session resumed at 7:00 PM**

**Item 44** Consideration of approving minutes of meetings held [March 6, 2023](#) and sign  
disbursement warrants.

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

**Item 45** Finance Reports from Previous Month

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

**Item 46** 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 47** FY24 Budget Transmittal to the Town Council.

**Item 48** Consideration of [Summer Street Brewing LLC Victualer's License Application](#).

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve Summer Street Brewing LLC Victualer's License Application.

**Motion:** Peters

**Second:** McDonnel

**Vote:** 7/0

**Item 49** Public Hearing: [Barn at Silver Oaks Liquor License Renewal](#)

Open: 7:05 PM

Close: 7:06 PM

**Item 50** Consideration of Barn at Silver Oaks Liquor License Renewal

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve Barn at Silver Oaks Liquor License Renewal.

**Motion:** Wess

**Second:** Caprara

**Vote:** 7/0

**Item 51** Consideration of [Order 2023-05, Order to Authorize \\$454,589 School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing](#).

**Suggested Motion:** Move to accept Order 2023-05- Authorizing \$454,589 School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing.

Chairperson Fuller asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the above order. Superintendent Hodgkin explained why this item was put back on the agenda.

**Motion:** Wess

**Second:** Peters

**Vote:** 7/0

**Item 52** Consideration of authorizing use of municipal parking lot and closure of Union St. for the [Sidewalk Art Festival August 19, 2023](#).

**Suggested Motion:** Move to authorize use of municipal parking lot and closure of Union St. for the Sidewalk Art Festival August 19, 2023.

**Motion:** Wess

**Second:** Peters

**Vote:** 7/0

**Item 53** Consideration of entering into a [contract with Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office for the provision of Public Safety Answering Point \(PSAP\) services](#).

**Suggested Motion:** Move to authorize entering into a contract with Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office for the provision of Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) services.

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

**Item 54** Consideration of the Final Acceptance of the Gifted Athletic Complex.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the Acceptance of the Gifted Athletic Complex.

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

**Item 55** Legal Transference of Athletic Complex from the Town of Winthrop to Winthrop Public Schools.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the Transference of the Athletic Complex from the Town of Winthrop to Winthrop Public Schools.

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

**Item 56** Update on Mooring Ordinance Changes.

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

To repeal the mooring ordinance.

**Motion:** Steele                      **Second:** Caprara                      **Vote:** 2/5  
Fuller, Peters, Burns, Wess and McDonnell  
opposed. Motion Failed.

**Item 57** Public Hearing: [Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Mineral Exploration, Mineral Extraction, Rock Quarry Excavation, and Sand and Gravel Pit Activities](#).

Open: 7:25 PM

Close: 8:21 PM

**Item 58** Consideration of Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Mineral Exploration, Mineral Extraction, Rock Quarry Excavation, and Sand and Gravel Pit Activities.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Mineral Exploration, Mineral Extraction, Rock Quarry Excavation, and Sand and Gravel Pit Activities.

**Motion:** Caprara                      **Second:** McDonnell                      **Vote:** 5/2

**Item 59** Public Hearing: [Solar Energy Generating Systems Ordinance](#).

Open: 8:23 PM

Close: 8:25 PM

**Item 60** Consideration of Solar Energy Generating Systems Ordinance

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve Solar Energy Generating Systems Ordinance

**Motion:** Peters

**Second:** Steele

**Vote:** 7/0

**Item 61** Appointment of Acting Police Chief.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to appoint Paul Ferland as Acting Police Chief effective April 10, 2023.

**Motion:** Caprara

**Second:** Steele

**Vote:** 7/0

**Other Business:**

Consideration of Pond Town Pub's Special Amusement Permit Renewal.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to approve of Pond Town Pub's Special Amusement Permit Renewal.

**Motion:** Caprara

**Second:** Alexander

**Vote:** 6/0

**Manager's Report:**

Update on Town Manager Hiring Process.

Interim Town Manager S. Eldridge mentioned there were 18 applicants. The Town Council will interview six candidates during the week of April 24.

**Suggested Motion:** Move to adjourn meeting at 8:32 PM.

**Motion:** Caprara

**Second:** Wess

**Vote:** 7/0