

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
& PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes of Meeting
June 9, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 6-2014: Providing for an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Winslow Ordinances, Article 18 Excise Tax.

With no Public Comment Chairman Saint Amand closed the Public Hearing and opened the Regular Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll call attendance was taken with seven (7) members present.

Ray Caron, Ken Fletcher, Catherine Nadeau, Jerry Quirion, Steve Russell, Gerald Saint Amand and Benjamin Twitchell.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager was present.

2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Twitchell that the minutes of the meeting held May 12 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

4. Appointments

Motion by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Quirion to appoint Patricia Ayer to the KRDA Board for a 2-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to reappoint Robert Nadeau to the KSTD Board for a 3-year term. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to appoint the following to the newly formed Agricultural Commission. Steve Russell (1-year term); Elery Keene & Severn Towl (2-year terms); Sally Harwood & Kate Newkirk (3-year terms). Motion carried. Unanimous.

5. Communications

- a. Legislative Update

- b. Other
 - 1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District meeting held May 1.
 - 2. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District meeting held April 10.
 - 3. Copy of Minutes from Safety Committee meeting held April 1.
 - 4. Copy of Winslow School Board Agenda for May 19, 2014.
 - 5. Copy of Minutes from Winslow School Board meeting held March 24.
 - 6. Copy of Minutes from Planning Board meeting held March 19.
 - 7. Letters from Maine Municipal Association regarding the Legislative Policy Committee for 2015-2016. (Development of Agenda and Election)

6. Reports of Committees and Commissions

a. Town Manager's Report

SEBASTICOOK RIVER LAND

As you may recall there are eight parcels of land along the Sebasticook River in which the owners are unknown. These parcels of land emerged after the dam was removed.

At the March Council meeting the Town Attorney was authorized to do a title search on the property abutting the parcel described in Tax Map 7 Lot 30-1. The purpose of the title search was to determine if the known title could offer any insight into the ownership of the abutting newly emerged parcel of land. The title search was done on the property owned by Kenneth and Mary Ellen Fletcher. Attached to this report is a summary of the Town Attorney's findings.

As you will see, based on the results of the title search, the Town Attorney has identified likely owners of 6 of the 8 parcels of land. We will discuss this matter further at our June 9th Council meeting.

OLD BRICK SCHOOLHOUSE

At an earlier Council meeting I reported that ownership of the Old Brick Schoolhouse on the Cushman Road had reverted back to the heirs of Francis Giddings. At the time I indicated I would be soliciting the help of the Taconnet Falls Genealogy Society to identify who the heirs of Ms. Giddings are. To date I have not been able to identify any heirs.

Therefore, I now intend to hire Genealogy Researcher William Moulton to help me identify an heir.

LIBRARY MASONRY WALL BLOCKS

As you know I have contracted with E.S. Coffin Engineers to provide us with an engineering plan to address some of the deteriorated masonry wall blocks at the Library. Attached to this report are some pictures that show the condition of some of the wall blocks. I have not yet received the engineering report and when I do I will share it with the Town Council.

MAINE POWER OPTIONS AGREEMENT

As you may recall our current electricity supply agreement with Maine Power Options will expire on June 30th. Our existing electricity rate is \$0.0577 per kWh. Current long term rates are as high as \$0.09027 per kWh. Due to the volatility in the market I have signed a 5 month rate agreement for \$0.06815. I am hopeful that the rates will stabilize over the next 5 months and we will be able to obtain a reasonable long term rate agreement.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TIF

I am currently working with our TIF Attorney on the NG Pipeline TIF. We are planning to present the TIF proposal at the July 14th Council meeting.

PUBLIC SECTOR ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Over the past few days a Public Sector Enforcement Officer conducted an occupational safety and health inspection of our municipal department. Once I receive the inspection report we will have 60 days to address any deficiencies identified in the report. Attached to this report is an informational pamphlet about the program.

MMA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

Please review the LPC nomination material in the Council packet. Nominations can be made at the June 9th Council meeting.

Department Reports

Reports were received from the Assessor, Code Enforcement, Police Department, Public Works, Fire Department, Parks & Recreation and Library.

- b. Treasurer’s warrant approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of May.

No. 21.....	\$ 892,038.21
No. 22.....	\$ <u>246,388.16</u>
Total	\$ 1,138,426.37

- c. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to approve all reports.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

TABLED BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution No. 13-2014: Providing for Approval for an Assignment of the Franchise and the Cable System to Comcast Corporation. (One Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 6-2014: Providing for an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Winslow Ordinances, Article 18 Excise Tax. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Ray Caron.

Motion by Mr. Caron and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Ken Fletcher—Yes Steve Russell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes Ben Twitchell—Yes
Catherine Nadeau—Yes Jerry Quirion—Yes
 Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

2. Order No. 4-2014: Providing for The Expenditure of Funds From the Capital Improvement Fund. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to adopt Order No. 4-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Jerry Quirion—Yes Catherine Nadeau—Yes
Steve Russell—Yes Ben Twitchell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes Ken Fletcher—Yes
 Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

3. Order No. 5-2014: Providing for Authorization for the Town Manager to enter into a Two-Year PSAP Call Handling Agreement with the Somerset County Communications Center. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Order No. 5-2014. A roll call vote was taken.

Ray Caron—Yes Ken Fletcher—Yes
Catherine Nadeau—Yes Ben Twitchell—Yes
Steve Russell—Yes Jerry Quirion—Yes
 Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 15-2014: Providing for Transfer of Funds from the Contingency Account. (One Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Russell to adopt Resolution No. 15-2014.
Motion carried. Unanimous.

2. Resolution No. 16-2014: Providing for the Sale of 13 Cushman Road. (One Reading)
Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Quirion to insert Greg Vigue/Ron Goodhart's name to Resolution No. 16-2014. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to adopt Resolution No. 16-2014. Motion carried. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk of Winslow Maine