

**TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Attendance was taken with the following Town Councilors present Peter Drapeau, Dale Macklin, Jerry Quirion, Ray Caron, Joseph Gravel, Jeff West, and Lee Trahan.

Also present: Town Manager Erica LaCroix, Town Clerk Audra Fleury, Interim Public Safety Director Leonard Macdaid, Public Works Director Paul Fongemie, Bill Lee, Esq., and several members of the public.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

None

4. Communications:

None

5. Reports of Committees and Commissions:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

TABLED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

1. Order No. 20-2023

Possible reconsideration of vote to award contract to Pike Industries.

Discussion regarding possible conflict between Councilor Drapeau as a subcontractor for Pike. He explained what his contract entails with Pike. He has never delivered products to town jobs sites since he became a council member. Attorney Lee explained procedure regarding questions of conflict of interest and from a legal/statutory there is no conflict of interest. Resident Mike Loubier commented he was in support of the idea that there was no conflict of interest and commended the council for moving the town forward.

Motion by Mr. Caron to end discussion; motion seconded by Mr. Macklin.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

N Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

A Peter Drapeau

Motion to approve passed by a vote 5-1 with Councilor Quirion voting no and Councilor Drapeau abstaining.

Motion that there is no conflict by Mr. West; seconded by Mr. Trahan

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

N Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

A Peter Drapeau

Motion to approve passed by a vote 5-1 with Councilor Quirion voting no and Councilor Drapeau abstaining.

The original vote for the paving contract with Pike Industries stands and will not be reconsidered.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Resolution No. 09-2023

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Clerk/ Registrar of Voters to notify the voters of this municipality of a Budget Validation Referendum Election for the Winslow Public Schools to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Resolution No. 09-2023; motion seconded by Mr. West.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Y Peter Drapeau

Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote 7-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Dickson Sewer Issue
There was a main line sewer back up in April, affecting one homeowner. The cleanup bill of \$6,000 has been paid but there is a remaining bill for repairs/renovations to the basement in the amount of \$17,000, which will put total cost of the Town Mangers limit. According to our insurance provider, because we have a regular maintenance schedule the claim was denied.

Motion by Mr. Macklin to add a Resolution to the agenda to allow the Town Manager to pay the entire bill of 23,000. for this one project; seconded by Mr. Drapeau.

Roll Call Vote:

- Y Dale Macklin
- Y Jerry Quirion
- Y Ray Caron
- Y Joseph Gravel
- Y Jeff West
- Y Lee Trahan
- Y Peter Drapeau

Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote 7-0

- June 12th Council meeting location
The June 13th School Budget Election is being held in the same room as the council meeting, Public Works will be able to set up space on the 13th so that the council meeting can still be held at the library location.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Macklin to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Lee

Motion to approve passed by unanimous vote 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Audra Fleury, Town Clerk