

**TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Monday, August 15, 2022, 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 Lisa Gilliam, Police Chief Leonard Macdaid, Fire Chief Ronald Rodriguez, Public Works Director Paul Fongemie, Code Enforcement Officer Amos Michaud, Executive Assistant Kaity Philbrick, Planning Board Chairman Gary Owen, and several other members of the audience in attendance.

Before starting the meeting, Mr. Macklin acknowledged that Town Manager Erica Lacroix had been selected as Maine Town, City, and County Management Association's (MTCMA) 2022 Rising Star recipient and congratulated her on this award.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- July 11, 2022

Motion by Mr. West to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022, Town Council Meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to approve the minutes passed by unanimous vote 7-0.

4. Communications:

- Wheeler Farm's - Farm Support Program:
Notification from Town Assessor Judy Mathiau that the Wheeler Farm and Farm Buildings as of June 1, 2022.

5. Reports of Committees and Commissions:

- A. Town Manager's Report
- B. Department Reports
- C. Finance Committee Report (Treasurer's Warrants)
- D. Financial Report

Manager Lacroix reviewed her report with the Council.

Mr. Macklin noted the grand opening of Aroma Joe's and an email he received from the manager which thanked Code Enforcement Officer Amos Michaud for all his assistance while preparing to open the business; the manager also remarked on how welcoming the Town of Winslow had been for their new store.

Motion by Mr. West to approve the Reports of Committees and Commissions as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Macklin.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to approve the Reports of Committees and Commissions passed by unanimous vote 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Letter – Jean Saunders: A letter from Ms. Saunders regarding fireworks in Winslow was read before the Town Council on her behalf. Ms. Saunders would like the Council to create an ordinance to limit fireworks displays in the Town of Winslow.
- Steve Marson who owns several fireworks businesses throughout the State of Maine was present and asked the Council to notify him in the future if there were any scheduled discussions regarding this subject. Mr. Marson said he is on several committees that helps draft ordinances and policies for municipalities throughout the region.
- Steve Joseph spoke next regarding the nuisance of stray cats in his neighborhood. He was also concerned about the abandoned homes in his neighborhood and the number of rats that are coming from those locations onto his property and that of his neighbors. He also complained about garbage along the roadway and people not mowing their lawns which makes the properties look unkept.

TABLED BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Order No. 30-2021 AMENDED:**

Providing for: Authorization for the Public Works Director to complete an emergency replacement of 600 ft. of sewer main and services on Lee Street. Requested amount not to exceed \$165,000 with fund coming from Sewer Capital account. This order was previously approved for \$150,000.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Order No. 30-2021 as amended; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

Motion by Mr. West to waive the second reading; motion seconded by Mr. Macklin.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to waive the second reading approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

2. **Order No. 09-2022 AMENDED:**

An amendment to Order No. 09-2022 which was approved on May 12, 2022. The amended Order will correct an error which refers to the maximum interest rate for the year at 6% and should be changed to 4%.

Motion Mr. Quirion to approve Order No. 09-2022 as amended; 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

Motion to approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

3. **Order No. 22-2022:**

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to sell the property located on South Reynolds Road in Winslow (Tax Map 002 Lot 040-B) for \$2,400 to Nancy and Timothy Reynolds.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Order No. 22-2022; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

Y Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

4. **Resolution No. 02-2022 AMENDED:**

Providing for: Setting the Place and Time of the Regular Town Council Meetings for the Current Year and for Establishing a Method for Calling Special Meetings. This amendment will change the location of the Town Council Meetings from the Winslow Town Office to the Winslow Public Library.

Motion by Mr. Macklin to approve Resolution No. 02-2022 as amended; motion 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

Motion to approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

5. **Resolution No. 18-2022:**

Providing for: Application for an On-Premises Liquor License by the Asian Café, Inc., 53 Bay Street, Winslow, Maine 04901.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Resolution No. 18-2022; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion to approved by unanimous vote 7-0.

6. **Resolution No. 19-2022:**

Providing for: Recognition of National Clean Energy Week for September 26-30, 2022.

Motion by Mr. West to approve Resolution No. 19-2022; motion seconded by Mr. Gravel.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin
N Jerry Quirion
Y Ray Caron
Y Joseph Gravel
Y Jeff West
Y Lee Trahan

Motion to approved by a vote of 6-1.

7. **Resolution No. 20-2022:**

Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to sign the Overlash and Conduit Agreement, by and between CRC Communications LLC d/b/a GoNetSpeed, its successors and assigns, a Delaware corporation with its principal offices at 56 Campus Drive, New Gloucester, ME 04260 and the Town of Waterville and the Town of Winslow.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to approve Resolution No. 20-2022; motion seconded by Mr. Macklin. Discussion followed.

Mr. Drapeau and Mr. West were not in agreement with the language in the contract and both felt there were concerns moving forward with the contract. Mr. Drapeau asked for the Winslow Town Attorney to review the contract before having the Town Council sign it. Mr. Caron said if this is a time sensitive issue, the Council could schedule a special meeting after the Town Attorney reviews the contract. Mr. Quirion suggested a representative be a part of the meeting for any questions the Council may have.

Motion by Mr. Caron to table due to concerns brought up during the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Quirion.

Roll Call Vote:

Y Dale Macklin

Y Jerry Quirion

Y Ray Caron

Y Joseph Gravel

A Jeff West

Y Lee Trahan

Motion to table Resolution No. 20-2022 passes by a vote of 6-0-1.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

➤ **Proposed Ordinance discussion for property maintenance.**

Code Enforcement Officer Amos Michaud presented a review of items that could be written into a maintenance ordinance. Discussion followed. Mr. Michaud said he reviewed ordinances from the City of Augusta, City of Waterville, and the Town of Madison. It was noted that a new ordinance would apply to both residential and commercial properties. Mr. Caron stated this problem had been an issue in town for a long time. Discussion continued. Mr. Michaud said he would create an ordinance that would be brought back before the Council soon.

➤ **Kringleville Budget.**

Town Manager Lacroix said the Children's Discovery Museum had reached out to Kringleville about having their annual Christmas event in Winslow. If Winslow were to take over the event it would bring a lot of people to area businesses. Mr. Caron said he would like to have a presentation made to the Council; Mr. Gravel said he would like to know the payroll cost for the town employees who help with the event. Discussion continued. Manager Lacroix said have a resolution brought forward to an upcoming meeting for the Council to consider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Drapeau to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. West.

Motion carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa J. Gilliam, Town Clerk