

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of Meeting  
& Public Hearing  
May 11, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance No. 2-2015: Providing for An Amendment to the Winslow Code Book, Chapter 4 Section 24, Building and Plumbing and Chapter 14 Section 1, Zoning, by adding the underlined language and Deleting the strikethrough in the attached sections.
2. Order No. 5-2015: Providing for Approval of the Town of Winslow 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget Series in the Amount of **21,269,167.00** and to Establish a Tax Due Date and Interest Rate on Taxes Remaining Unpaid.

With no Public Comment, Chairman Saint Amand closed the Public Hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll call attendance was taken with six (6) members present.

Patricia Ayer, Ray Caron, Ken Fletcher, Jerry Quirion, Gerald Saint Amand and Benjamin Twitchell. Steve Russell was absent.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager was present along with Police Chief Shawn O’Leary, Public Works Director Paul Fongemie, Fire Chief Dave Lafountain, CEO Dabney Lewis, Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bourgoïn, Assessor Judy Mathiau and Librarian Pamela Bonney, Superintendent Eric Haley, Paula Pooler and several school employees.

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

Motion by Mr. Twitchell and seconded by Ms. Ayer that the minutes of the meeting held April 13 be approved. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

4. Appointments

A written vote was taken by the Council rating the four candidates two 5-year terms available for the Planning Board. The votes were tallied and the council unanimously appointed Gary Owen and Andy Vear.

The council unanimously appointed Rodney Cloutier to the Zoning Board of appeals for a 5-year term.

5. Communications

- a. Legislative Report
- b. Other
  - 1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District meeting held April 2,
  - 2. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District meeting held March 12.
  - 3. Copy of Minutes from Winslow School Board Meetings held February 23 and March 23.
  - 4. Copy of Winslow School Board Agenda for April 27.
  - 5. Copy of Minutes from Safety Committee meeting held March 11.

6. Reports of Committees and Commissions

- a. Town Manager's Report

**FY 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**

In the Council Packet is Order No. 5-2015, which is for the adoption of our FY 2016 Budget and reflects the amendments made at the April 13th Council meeting. As you know, our Assessor recently alerted me to the fact that we will be losing 7 million in business personal property tax valuation due to enrollment into the BETE program. As a result, if the Town Council adopts the budget as amended on April 13th, the tax rate will increase from \$15.50 to \$15.69 per \$1,000 in valuation. For the average home owner this equates to an increase of \$27.19 in property taxes.

If, on the other hand, the Town Council wishes to maintain a tax rate of \$15.50 then we will need to cut the proposed budget by \$116,000, increase projected revenues by \$116,000 or a combination of the two.

**PROJECTED PAYROLL SHORTAGE**

This year we will have 27 payroll periods and we only budgeted for 26 periods. Each year there is some overlap with payroll periods from one fiscal year to the next. In each instance the Auditors make adjustments by dividing the overlapping payroll among the two fiscal years. This year, however, the final payroll in June will occur entirely in June but will be paid in July. Therefore, I am assuming the Auditors will apply the first payroll payment in July to our existing fiscal year. If that happens then I anticipate a shortage of approximately \$44,723 in our payroll accounts.

I will discuss this with the Auditors and if necessary I will request to transfer funds from our contingency account to the appropriate payroll accounts at the June Town Council meeting.

**FT. HALIFAX FUNDRAISING EVENT**

As you may recall, the Ft. Halifax Committee is planning a reenactment event for June 12th, 13th, and 14th. This event is being planned in cooperation with Ft. Western in Augusta. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about the history of both Forts and to help us raise money for our Ft. Halifax Improvement Project. To help kick-off the three day event we are planning a ground breaking ceremony at noontime on Wednesday, June 10th.

We are expecting reenactors from the following groups:

**James Howard's Company:** This Company garrisoned Fort Western and guarded the head of navigation on the

Kennebec in the 1750s and 60s.

**Samuel Goodwin’s Company:** This Company is comprised of a group of living historians who live in central Maine and strive to accurately recreate the lives and adventures of the men who secured the Kennebec frontier during the years 1745-1763.

**The Pequawket Alliance:** This is a group of progressive historians, re-enactors, that portray life as it was in early to mid-18th century New France (Canada). The men portray Canadian Milice (militia) of New France. In battle they had no use for European style tactics. They preferred bush fighting and surprising the enemy.

**Settlers:** There will be a small group of settlers who will be portraying what life was like in the 18th century.

**Music:** Castlebay is a musical duo who will be performing on June 13th. They will treat the audience to a musical journey through the 18th century.

We are also planning to reenact a skirmish that occurred around 1753 on the Kennebec River near the site of Fort Halifax. A Colony militia were in a 30’ Batteau and were headed to the future site of Ft. Halifax to cut wood to build the fort. With orders from the King of France, the wood cutting party was attacked just a short distance from the mouth of the Sebasticook River by a group of Canadian Indians (St. Francis Abanaki). The Canadian Indians were accompanied by French Officers who did not participate in the attack. Although no one was killed, the Royal Government of MASS Bay quickly declared war on all Abanaki (excepting the Penobscot) a full year before the official start of the French & Indian War in 1754.

The Reenactors will setup their campsites on June 12th and will arrange their sites as a display. They will conduct their activities as though they were living in the 18th century.

### Department Reports

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

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

No. 19.....	\$	759,974.85
No. 20.....	\$	<u>217,999.52</u>
Total	\$	977,974.37

- c. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Ms. Ayer to approve all reports.

Motion carried. Unanimous.

### TABLED BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 8-2014: Providing for adding a new section to the Winslow Zoning Ordinance Chapter 14, Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance. (First Reading) Sponsored by Ben Twitchell.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 3. Ordinance No. 2-2015: Providing for An Amendment to the Winslow Code Book, Chapter 4 Section 24, Building and Plumbing and Chapter 14 Section 1, Zoning, by adding the underlined language and Deleting the strikethrough in the attached sections. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2015. A roll call vote was taken.

Ben Twitchell—Yes	Jerry Quirion—Yes
Patricia Ayer—Yes	Ken Fletcher—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes	Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

4. Order No. 5-2015: Providing for Approval of the Town of Winslow 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget Series in the Amount of **21,269,167.00** and to Establish a Tax Due Date and Interest Rate on Taxes Remaining Unpaid. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to amend by adding \$116,000 to the fund balance applied to cover the tax value lost by the state BETE program.

Motion by Mr. Caron to reduce the fund balance by \$750,000 and restore the \$97,114 in the School Budget by raising the mil rate by .53. No Second, motion killed.

Chairman Saint Amand allowed public comments. The following residents spoke in favor of restoring the \$97,114 to the School Budget. Kyle Price, Joel Selwood, Kevin Michaud, Chad Bell, Earl Coombs, Susan Walters, Shelly Phillips, Marc Dupuii and Eric Haley, Superintendent. Resident William Sadulsky spoke in favor of not raising taxes.

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to amend his motion to restore the \$97,114 to the school budget. The school will use their fund balance. A roll call vote was taken.

Patricia Ayer—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Jerry Quirion—Yes	Ray Caron—No
Ken Fletcher—Yes	Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 5 – 1.

Motion by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Twitchell to adopt Order No. 5-2015 as amended. A roll call vote was taken.

Patricia Ayer—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Jerry Quirion—Yes	Ray Caron—No
Ken Fletcher—Yes	Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 5 – 1.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 4-2015: Providing for an Amendment to the Winslow Code Book, Chapter 14, Zoning, Section 14-42, High Density Residential District, by adding the underlined language in the attached section. (First Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Ms. Ayer to accept the First Reading of Ordinance No. 4-2015. A roll call vote was taken.

Ken Fletcher—Yes	Ben Twitchell—Yes
Ray Caron—Yes	Jerry Quirion—Yes
Patricia Ayer—Yes	Gerald Saint Amand—Yes

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

- 2. Resolution No. 15-2015: Providing for Application for a Restaurant (Class I, II, III, IV) Liquor License (Renewal) (Beer and Wine Only) by Anima Nikonthet d/b/a/ Asian Café, 53 Bay Street. (One Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Quirion and seconded by Mr. Caron to adopt Resolution No. 15-2015. Motion carried. Unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Ayer and seconded by Mr. Caron to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Quirion to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk of Winslow Maine