

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF WINDHAM BOARD OF COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
Wednesday January 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Windham Town Hall, Court Room
979 Main Street
Willimantic

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Jerry Iazzetta called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Committee members present: Jerry Iazzetta, Tom DeVivo, Lorraine McDevitt, Arnaldo Rivera

Town Staff Present: Town Manager Neal Beets, Town Engineer Joe Gardner, Attorney Rich Cody, Water Superintendent Jim Hooper.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations.

Lloyd Niles complained about condition of Tuckie Road and other streets during last snow storm. Roads were virtually impassable. Jerry Iazzetta asked Joe Gardner to draft letter for him to sign.

4. Town Council Subcommittee Member Comments.

Tom DeVivo asked if an item regarding Main Street could be added to the agenda later.

5. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on November 14, 2012 and December 19, 2012.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to approve the minutes from November 14, 2012. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and passed with Tom DeVivo and Lorraine McDevitt abstaining.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to approve the minutes from December 19, 2012. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and passed with Tom DeVivo abstaining.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Contract Negotiations Between the Town of Windham and the Willimantic Fire Chiefs Association.

The Chair Jerry Iazzetta invited the Water Superintendent Jim Hooper and John Wylie of the Fire Chiefs Association to sit at the meeting table.

Jim Hooper explained how the water commission operated as an enterprise fund. The Water Commission sets policy, goals and objectives. Personnel issues are handled by the Town Manager, Personnel Director. Payroll, billing, collections are handled by Town.

Lorraine McDevitt asked how members are appointed. Mr. Hooper said terms are staggered for seven years, the mayor recommends to the Council for appointment. They must be on the water system to be considered.

Tom DeVivo asked if anyone from Mansfield was on Commission. Jim explained a Windham resident who was on commission, moved to Mansfield and had to resign.

Mr. Hooper was thanked for attending, at which point he left.

Jerry Iazzetta asked the Town Attorney to sit at the table.

A series of questions and proposed changes to the Ordinance by the Fire Chiefs Association was then discussed.

Tom DeVivo felt appointments should be through the Mayor's office to Council.

Jerry Iazzetta suggested a revised Ordinance could have an A or B regarding self appointing or through Mayor's office for the full Council to discuss.

The Town Attorney is to draft a revised ordinance.

The Town Attorney requested the Fire Chiefs Association provide to him copies of all leases.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Bond Issue for Roads and Sidewalks

Town Engineer Joe Gardner reported there are 21 miles of roads in need of paving and 13 miles of sidewalks in need of replacement. New bond issue would see 8.6 miles of roads resurfaced and 3.4 miles of sidewalks replaced at a cost of 3.9 million dollars.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to recommend to the council that the bond issue be scheduled for a town meeting. The motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed unanimously.

Tom DeVivo made a motion to add an item 8 to the agenda regarding Main Street. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and passed with Jerry Iazzetta voting against.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Main Street.

Mr. DeVivo suggested the installation of traffic warning devices in the centers of crosswalks. No action was taken.

10 Adjournment.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. The motion was seconded by Arnaldo Rivera and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Gardner
Town Engineer

