

WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

WINDHAM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.



1. Call to Order

Mayor Eldridge called the Town of Windham Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Town Council members present: Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge, Charles Krich, Tony Fantoli, Tom DeVivo, Lorraine McDevitt, N. Joseph Underwood, Kevin Donohue, Arnaldo Rivera, Mark Doyle, Dawn Niles and Christel Donahue

Town Manager Neal Beets was also in attendance.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Councilman Jerry Iazzetta.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eldridge led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations: Public Comment

None

4. Town Council Comment

Tom DeVivo commented on a program he saw on Public Access TV regarding the water needs at UCONN and the possibility of them asking Windham for water. He believes the residents of Windham should have a say in this and he would like Windham to show their support as he feels it could possibly be a benefit to our Town. He also noted he would like to be kept informed on this matter.

Town Manager Beets shared his knowledge on the status of the study regarding the water needs at UCONN.

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. Discussion and possible action to adopt the minutes for the January 29, 2013, February 5, 2013, and February 12, 2013 Town Council Meetings.

Rivera MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to adopt the minutes for the January 29, 2013, February 5, 2013, and February 12, 2013 Town Council Meetings. All were in favor except Underwood who abstained from adopting the January 29, 2013 Town Council Meeting minutes and Krich who abstained from adopting the January 29, 2013, February 5, 2013, and February 12, 2013 Town Council Meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED.

6. **Resignations.** Receive the resignation of:
- a. John McCommas, as an alternate member of the Economic Development Commission. NOTED
 - b. Dawn Niles as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and as a regular member of the HeartSafe Commission. NOTED

7. **Appointments.** Discussion and possible action to appoint or reappoint, as appropriate:
- a. **Dawn Niles, as a Town Councilmember to complete the term of Jerry Iazzetta, ending November 19, 2013, as nominated by the Democratic Town Committee, contingent upon her resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Heartsafe Committee.**
DeVivo MOVED, Rivera seconded, to appoint Dawn Niles as a Town Councilmember to complete the term of Jerry Iazzetta ending November 19, 2013, as nominated by the Democratic Town Committee. All were in favor except Fantoli who opposed. MOTION PASSED.
 - b. **Janet Grenon Ragno, as a regular member of the Windham Senior Center Advisory Board, with a term ending October 1, 2017.**
Doyle MOVED, Underwood seconded, to appoint Janet Grenon Ragno as a regular member of the Windham Senior Center Advisory Board, with a term ending October 1, 2017. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: DeVivo MOVED, Krich seconded, to add to the agenda Item 7c, to swear in and seat Dawn Niles as a Town Council member. All were in favor except Fantoli. MOTION PASSED.

- c. **Discussion and possible action to swear in and seat Dawn Niles as a Town Council member.**
DeVivo MOVED, Underwood seconded, to swear in and seat Dawn Niles as a Town Council member. All were in favor except Fantoli. MOTION PASSED.

8. **Presentations & Special Reports**
- a. **Presentation by Town Manager Neal Beets about his recommended budgets, operating and capital, for Town General Government and for the Willimantic Service District.**
Town Manager Neal Beets gave a power point presentation on his recommended budgets, operating and capital, for the Town General Government and for the Willimantic Service District for fiscal year 2013/2014. He also briefly reviewed a portion of the Governor's proposed budget and its possible impact on Windham. Town Manager Beets answered questions from the Council.

9. Mayor's Report

Mayor Eldridge reported on the services held for Councilman Iazzetta. He also reported on the Chocolate Festival and the Cupid ceremony which were both very enjoyable and successful events.

10. Town Manager's Report

No Report

11. Discussion and Review of Communications

None

12. Resolutions and Ordinances

a. None

13. Reports of Committees, Boards and Commissions

a. Administration, Finance, Health, and Human Services Subcommittee

No Report

b. Public Safety, Public Works, Culture, and Recreation Subcommittee

Rivera reported on the Special Meeting which was held for the selection of Cupid. The Committee named Karen Gilbransen as Cupid.

c. Magnet School and Natchaug Roof Building Committee

DeVivo reported that applications for the Charles H. Barrows STEM Academy were now available to residents and non residents. He also noted Principal Wihbey was currently hiring staff for the Academy.

DeVivo also reported the Committee will be meeting Monday, February 25, 2013. He stated the budget looks good and the site is coming along very well. He encouraged people to visit and noted tours were available to those wanting them.

In addition, DeVivo reported the Committee is in negotiations with Friar and Gale for the Natchaug Roof project. He noted an agreement is being worked on with our Town Attorney and the Committee was currently looking for contractors for the project. He also explained how payment for the project was being allocated.

DeVivo answered questions from the Council.

14. Old Business

a. None

15. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action setting a Special Meeting for the Town Council for Tuesday, February 26, and Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM in the Town Meeting Room, to discuss, give staff direction, and finalize Town Council's budget decisions.

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to set a Special Meeting for the Town Council for Tuesday, February 26, and Tuesday, March 12, at 7 PM in the Town

Meeting Room, to discuss, give staff direction, and finalize Town Council's budget decisions. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. Future Agenda Items

NONE

17. Adjournment

McDevitt MOVED, K. Donohue seconded, to adjourn the Town of Windham Town Council Meeting at 8:21 P.M. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted By:

Barbara J. McKinney

Clerk of the Town Council