

MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, RECREATION, CULTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS
Wednesday August 28, 2013 at 7:00 PM
Windham Town Hall, Court Room
979 Main Street
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1. Call to Order.

Chair Charles Krich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Lorraine McDevitt, Dawn Niles,

Tom DeVivo arrived at 7:07pm

Town Staff Present: Town Engineer Joe Gardner, Lt. Jack Reed of the police department

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations.

Bernard D’Auteuil stated Fire Chief has no Deputy. In his opinion one is needed. He suggested using pilot money to fund. He complained that Councilman Doyle dressed down police department for holding a fund raiser for a vehicle. He stated there was a serious morale issue at police department. He requested public comment at end of meetings be brought back.

4. Town Council Committee Member Comments.

Lorraine McDevitt asked, when an officer was dressed down.

Charlie Krich stated at last Service District meeting.

Lorraine McDevitt suggested agenda item for next meeting regarding area in cemetery for the cremated.

Dawn Niles requested the issue of opening the EOC during storms be on the next agenda and the Town Manager be requested to attend.

Dawn Niles questioned why Housing Code issues were going to Administration and Finance and not this sub-committee.

Tom DeVivo felt it was prerogative of Chair.

Dawn Niles expressed concern about a “working group.”

Lorraine McDevitt agreed and suggested the Chair discuss issue with Town Manager.

Tom DeVivo raised issue of which Council of Government Windham should join. He felt Council should make recommendation on which to join. Chair was asked to discuss with Town Manager.

5. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on July 24, 2013.

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo to approve the minutes as submitted.

Dawn Niles seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously with Krich and McDevitt abstaining.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a RFP for Animal Control Services

Dawn Niles was concerned there was only one submittal.

Lt. Jack Reed stated it did not follow RFP.

Dawn Niles suggested reissuing with a one year timetable followed by extension. Dawn Niles made a motion to readvertise with an initial one year time with option to renew for two additional years and to advertise in Chronicle and Norwich Bulletin. Motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Section 8-23 of the Code of Ordinances And Truck Parking on Prospect Street

Christel Donahue complained about a truck parking in front of her house. Lorraine McDevitt complained about school buses parked on streets.

Dawn Niles made a motion that Town Manager contact CCM about obtaining parking ordinances from other Towns. He is to distribute to committee one week prior to next meeting. Motion was seconded by Lorraine McDevitt and passed unanimously.

Lt. Jack Reed requested the police department be involved in making an ordinance.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Paving Bids

A motion was made by Tom DeVivo seconded by Lorraine McDevitt to recommend to the Council to award project to B+W Paving and Landscaping. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Permanent Building Committee

Tom DeVivo suggested one was needed for large building projects. Would like to see maintenance taken away from Board of Education.

Dawn Niles was in agreement.

Tom DeVivo will come back next month with a draft ordinance

10. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Dawn Niles and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Joseph Gardner
Town Engineer