

**MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND
RECREATION**

**Wednesday September 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Windham Town Hall, Bellingham Auditorium
979 Main Street
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1. Call to Order.

Chairman Charles Krich called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Committee members present: Lorraine McDevitt, Mike Lessard, James Flores

Town Staff Present: Town Engineer Joe Gardner, Code Enforcement Director Matt Vertefeuille, Mary DeMarco Human Services Director

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens and Delegations.

Bill Powers stated that Dispatch was going to make a list of all water bodies in Town, questioned status of study being done by the DOT by the Windham Center School, and that teachers need training for explosive students.

Lorraine McDevitt stated she had sent draft dispatch agreement to members on Friday. A lot of hard work and effort had gone into making agreement.

4. Town Council Committee Member Comments.

Mike Lessard questioned what was outcome of DOT study. He agreed there was no training for teachers regarding explosive students.

Lorraine McDevitt felt this was a school board issue

Charles Krich reported that DOT study was done and they had found speeds appropriate.

5. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on August 27, 2014.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to approve the minutes as submitted.

The motion was seconded by Mike Lessard and passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Sale of Town Property at 9 Bolivia

Matt Vertefeuille explained suggested wording to increase possibility of property being agency such Habitat for Humanity, or a low income person.

Lorraine McDevitt questioned condition of property.

Matt Vertefeuille explained that furnace was missing, carpets removed and thrown away, entire house painted with primer.

James Flores questioned if a rich person could outbid all others.

Charles Krich explained that the Council would make the final decision on whom to sell property to.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt seconded by Mike Lessard to recommend to the Council to proceed with the sale including the wording presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Lessard and passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Homeless

Mary DeMarco presented a plan to expend \$10,000 to assist homeless. She had agreed to develop plan at June meeting as a requirement to obtain the funding.

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to present the plan to the Council. The motion was seconded by James Flores.

Charles Krich noted that the Finance Board would also need to agree to fund plan.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Dispatch.

Dispatch attorney Barbara McGrath presented proposed agreement.

James Flores stated he only remained out of respect to attorney McGrath.

Lorraine McDevitt will provide a copy of agreement to the Town Manager and request that the Town Attorney provide responses by next meeting.

Charles Krich stated he would like to wrap up issue by end of year.

9. Citizens and Delegations

None

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lorraine McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm. The motion was seconded by Mike Lessard and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph Gardner

Town Engineer