

# WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

WINDHAM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Special Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.



## 1. Call to Order

Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council members present: Jerry Iazzetta, Christel Donahue, Teresa Santucci, Kevin Donohue, Arnaldo Rivera, N. Joseph Underwood, Ernest S. Eldridge, Lorraine M. McDevitt, David Howe Sr., Erika Haynes and Mike Lessard

Staff present: Town Manager Neal J. Beets, Public Works Superintendent Brad Wojick, Humans Services Director Mary DeMarco, Personnel Director Don Muirhead, Code Enforcement Matt Vertefeulle, Engineer Joe Gardner, Fire Chief Ron Palmer, Police Chief Lisa Maruzo-Bolduc, Town Clerk Patricia Spruance, Assessor Joan Paskewich, Collector of Revenue Gay St. Louis and Controller Tom Pesce.

## 2. Citizens and Delegations

Harry Carboni, Willimantic, stated that he read on the paper that the Town Council is still considering cutting leave collection and does not feel is the right decision for the Willimantic Service District. Mr. Carboni mentioned that the Town as a whole and not just the Willimantic Service District taxpayers should pay the school resource officer. He raised concerns with the lighting on Main Street and would like to see some money in the budget to perform a traffic study on Main Street.

Lori Jeffers, Willimantic, stated that difficult times called for difficult measures and read a list of prices that people pay for produce at a local grocery store. Ms. Jeffers informed the Town Council that other towns are making serious cuts. She also spoke regarding the proposed town road for the Magnet School that no one seems to know about.

## 3. Old Business

### a. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Town of Windham General Government Budget for FY 10-11

Neal J. Beets, Town Manager gave a short overview of where we stand with the proposed budget for FY 2010-2011.

Haynes MOVED, Howe seconded, to move the budget for FY 2010-2011 to the Board of Finance as recommended by the Town Manager.

Iazzetta MOVED, Haynes seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50110-280 by \$5,000.00. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Iazzetta MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50403-207 back to \$44,600.00. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Santucci, Haynes, Lessard and Howe who opposed.

Iazzetta MOVED, Underwood seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50404-239 back to \$50,000.00. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Rivera and McDevitt who opposed.

Iazzetta MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 52911-403 back to \$20,000.00. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Rivera and Haynes who opposed.

Iazzetta MOVED, Underwood seconded, to amend the proposed budget and add back leaf collection. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Rivera, Haynes and Eldridge who opposed.

Iazzetta MOVED, Underwood seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50706-283 by \$20,000.00. MOTION FAILED with all opposed except Iazzetta, Lessard and Rivera who were in favor.

Santucci MOVED, Iazzetta seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50307-413 by \$3,500.00. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Santucci MOVED, Underwood seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 103 across the board by 10% from the 2008-2009 FY. MOTION FAILED with all opposed except Santucci, Donohue and Underwood who were in favor.

Donohue MOVED, Santucci seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce the personnel line item to reflect 3 furlough days if there is parity across all departments including Board of Education. MOTION FAILED with all opposed except Donohue and Donahue who were in favor.

Iazzetta MOVED, Underwood seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50408 to last years budget. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Donohue, Rivera, McDevitt, Haynes and Lessard who opposed.

Santucci MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50507-275 back to \$1,000.00. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Howe and Haynes who opposed.

Iazzetta MOVED, Rivera seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce line item 50707 by \$20,000 to reflect the reduction on the ambulance. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Haynes, Howe and McDevitt who opposed.

Donohue MOVED, Santucci seconded, to amend the proposed budget and reduce overtime by 5% from current budget amount. MOTION FAILED with all opposed except Donohue, Santucci and Rivera who were in favor.

Underwood MOVED, Donohue seconded, to forward the Town of Windham General Government budget for FY 10-11 as amended to the Board of Finance. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. Citizens and Delegations**

Lori Jeffers, Willimantic, stated that some Council members made some motions that didn't pass, but she was glad they brought them up.

**5. Adjournment**

Iazzetta MOVED, Howe seconded, to adjourn the Town Council regular meeting at 8:51 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Submitted By:**

**Neida I. Rosado**  
**Clerk of the Town Council**