

# WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

## WINDHAM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Tuesday, October 5, 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: Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge, Christel Donahue, Kevin Donohue, Erika Haynes, David Howe Sr., Jerry Iazzetta, Mike Lessard, Lorraine McDevitt, Arnaldo Rivera, Teresa Santucci, N. Joseph Underwood.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eldridge lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Citizens and Delegations

Veronica, ECSU student, invited the Town Council to an event at Windham Regional Community Council. They are holding a community conversation forum on Friday, October 22 at 7 p.m. at 872 Main Street, Willimantic.

Lori Jeffers, Willimantic, spoke regarding the property the Town went to speak to the State about being land locked. She asked the Town Council to remove Mr. Phelps from the Inter District Magnet School Building Committee because his child can attend the school and to remove Mr. Underwood because he has a personal relationship with Pinnacle One.

Henry Crane, Corner of Windham and Valley Street, Willimantic spoke regarding his beautiful neighborhood, the great landscaping and the great mulching on the other neighbors yard. He is looking forward to seeing the Magnet School open.

### 4. Adoption of Minutes

#### a. Discussion and possible action to adopt the September 14, 2010 Town Council special meeting minutes.

Underwood MOVED, Rivera seconded to adopt the September 14, 2010 Town Council special meeting minute with the following amendment: Under Call to order Mr. Underwood was present and he was not listed. MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Iazzetta who abstained.

**MOTION:** Santucci MOVED, Iazzetta seconded to postpone the adoption of minutes listed on item b and c until the next meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Discussion and possible action to adopt the September 21, 2010 Town Council public hearing minutes.** See motion above.
  - c. Discussion and possible action to adopt the September 21, 2010 Town Council meeting minutes.** See motion above.
- 5. Resignations**  
**The following resignation was received:**  
**R. Vaughan Newcombe from Willimantic Library Board of Directors**  
Resignations noted.
- 6. Appointments**  
None.
- 7. Presentations & Special Reports**
  - a. Chamber of Commerce presentation on tourism opportunities and visitor activities in our region.**  
Diane Nadeau and Roger Adams gave a brief presentation regarding the tourism opportunities and visitors activities in the region. They passed out a packet of materials to all the Council members. Mrs. Nadeau spoke regarding the Regional Economic Plan, tourism initiatives, the Chamber of Commerce website and what they do in the eastern region.
- 8. Mayor's Report**  
Mayor Eldridge informed the Council that Mr. Beets and himself attended the press conference for the \$500,000 grant the Willimantic Police Department received for additional police officers. He also mentioned that he does not read and throw in the garbage letters that he receives with no address or a signature. Mr. Eldridge stated that it is not the way he does business.
- 9. Town Manager's Report**  
Town Manager Neal J. Beets passed out a letter and spoke regarding the egg farm in Lebanon and the purpose of the proposed ordinance for Card Street. Mr. Beets informed the Town Council that Town Attorney Richard Cody was contacted by an attorney, regarding the possibility of the Town being sued by the owners of the egg farm. He put the Council on notice in case they are served with any court documents in the next few days.
- 10. Discussion and Review of Communications**  
None.
- 11. Resolutions and Ordinances**  
None.

**12. Reports of Committees, Boards and Commissions**

**a. Administration & Finance, Health and Human Services Sub Committee**

No report since they have not held a meeting.

**b. Public Safety, Recreation and Public Works Sub Committee**

No report since they have not held a meeting.

**13. Old Business**

**a.** Discussion and a possible motion to recess to an executive session with Town Manager Neal Beets to discuss his performance evaluation.

McDevitt MOVED, Iazzetta seconded, to recess to an executive session with Town Manager Neal Beets to discuss his performance evaluation at 7:45 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Donohue MOVED, Rivera seconded, to adjourn the executive session at 8:20 p.m. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**b.** Discussion and possible action relating to the performance evaluation of Town Manager Neal Beets.

No action was taken. Mayor Eldridge reported that it was the consensus of the Town Council that Town Manager Neal J. Beets has done a great job. The evaluations were extremely favorable; therefore the next evaluation will be performed by November 1, 2011.

**14. New Business**

None.

**15. Future Agenda Items**

**a.** No meeting on November 2, 2010 due to Election Day.

**16. Citizens and Delegations**

Henry Crane stated that Mr. Mitlitsky tried to speak to him after the meeting. Mr. Crane mentioned that if Mr. Mitlitsky would get along with his neighbors better than he wouldn't be in the boat he is in now.

Lori Jeffers stated that it's the first time she heard of the anonymous letter, but that it didn't make a difference because the Town Council had 1,000 signatures regarding the Magnet School and it was ignored.

**17. Adjournment**

Iazzetta MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

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