

# Minutes of the Windham Town Council Regular Meeting

Windham Town Hall Bellingham Auditorium, 2nd Floor  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 7:00 P.M

**1. Call to Order**

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

Town Council members present: Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge, Charles Krich, Tony Fantoli, Nectalis Martinez, Lorraine McDevitt, Tom DeVivo, Michael Lessard, Dennis O'Brien, Lynne Ide and James Flores

Charlotte Patros was absent.

Town Manager Neal Beets was also in attendance.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Eldridge led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Citizens and Delegations: Public Comment**

John French, High Street, Willimantic, spoke in support of a new Senior Center and suggested an Ad-Hoc Committee be created.

**4. Town Council Comment**

James Flores shared his thoughts on what he believes to be the real problems with our Country and gave examples of big corporations and the large budgets of certain Federal departments.

**5. Adoption of Town Council Minutes**

**a. Regular Meeting of January 5, 2016**

DeVivo MOVED, Ide seconded, to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2016. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. Resignations**

None

**7. Appointments, Reappointments**

None

**8. Presentations & Special Reports**

None

**9. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Eldridge reported on the following:

- The Snowball Dance on Saturday
- A meeting with Dr. Garcia and some young folks to discuss the possibility of a Citizens and Youth Center
- The opening of the ECSU Fine Arts building

Mayor Eldridge also answered questions from the Council.

**10. Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Beets reported on the following:

- A request from the NCCDC group for the Town to apply for a Transit-Oriented Grant to assist the group with financial support on the development of the Hurley building. (A copy of the grant information was provided to the Council)
- A review of the budget calendar

Town Manager Beets also answered questions from the Council.

**11. Discussion and Review of Communications to Council**

None

**12. Discussion and Review of Agendas, Minutes, Reports of Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

None

**13. Resolutions and Ordinances**

None

**14. Old Business**

- a. Discuss and possibly reconsider or clarify how the Town Council will review applications for funding from outside, nonprofit agencies. (Instead of review and funding recommendations coming from a 3 person ad hoc committee of the Town Council, review and recommendations would come from the Town Council's Administration, Finance Committee to the full Town Council.)**

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to abolish the three person ad hoc committee of the Town Council to review outside agencies. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Discuss and possibly move to convene an executive session with the Town Attorney to discuss pending/anticipated litigation and the potential acquisition of property. The Town Manager, Human Services Director, and**

**Economic Development Director may attend part or all of this executive session.**

DeVivo MOVED, Lessard seconded, to convene an executive session at 7:39 P.M. with the Town Attorney to discuss pending/anticipated litigation and the potential acquisition of property. The Town Manager, Human Services Director, and Economic Development Director may attend part or all of this executive session. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

DeVivo MOVED, Lessard seconded, to come out of executive session at 8:50 P.M. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**15. New Business.**

- a. Discuss and possibly request that the Town Attorney seek a postponement from the court appointed Sale Committee regarding the property at 109 Valley Street.**

DeVivo MOVED, Lessard seconded, to request that the Town Attorney seek a postponement for a minimum of 30 days from the court appointed Sale Committee regarding the property at 109 Valley Street. All were in favor except Flores who abstained. MOTION PASSED.

- b. Discuss and possibly take action on matters arising from the executive session with the Town Attorney.**

No Action Taken

- c. Discuss and possibly act on a request from the Board of Education that the Town Council appoint one member of the Town Council to join with one member of the BOE and one member of the BOF on an ad hoc committee dealing with consolidation of finance.**

Krich MOVED, O'Brien seconded, that the Town Council appoint one member of the Town Council to join with one member of the BOE and one member of the BOF on an ad hoc committee dealing with consolidation of finance. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**16. Future Agenda Items**

None

**17. Citizens and Delegations: Public Comment**

None

**18. Adjournment**

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to adjourn the Windham Town Council Regular meeting at 8:59 P.M. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Submitted By:**

Barbara J. McKinney  
Clerk of the Town Council