

Councilors

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**WINTERPORT TOWN COUNCIL - AGENDA**

**DATE:** April 1, 2025, **TIME:** 7:30 P.M.

**ADDRESS:** 44 Main Street, Winterport, Maine, 04496

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the Agenda
  1. Councilor Ronco made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Ginn. Vote 4-1
  2. Executive Session: 1 M.R.S.A. §405.6. A – Personnel
  3. Motion to enter executive session at 7:50PM made by Councilor Higgins, seconded by Councilor Ginn.  
Vote 4-1. Motion to exit executive session at 8:14 PM made by Councilor Higgins, seconded by Councilor Ginn. Vote 5-0.
5. Reports:
  1. Town Manager Report
    1. Councilor Ginn made a motion to decline the bids as presented, seconded by Councilor Ronco – Vote 5-0
  2. Committee Reports
    1. None
  3. Chair Report
    1. Councilor English provided the Chair Report.
6. Reading of the Record (if requested)
7. Consent Agenda

Councilor Higgins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Ginn. Vote 5-0

  1. Appointment / Resignation of Boards, Commissions & Committees
  2. Approval of Warrants
    1. Accounts Payable Warrants (March)
    2. Payroll Warrants (March)
  3. Approval of Minutes (March)
8. Approval of Quit Claims, Discharges, and Deeds (If required)
9. Ordinances to Consider (First Reading / Final Reading)
  1. Solar – Emergency Moratorium –
    1. Dean Jordan
    2. Mary Anne Royal
    3. Ellie Jordan

2. First reading- Motion to accept the Solar Moratorium Ordinance made by Councilor Higgins, seconded by Councilor Ginn. Vote 5-0.
10. Agenda Items: (order/resolve)
1. RFP Town Office (Old Business) tabled
  2. Remote Participation Policy – Tabled to May meeting
  3. Agenda for April’s Workshop: (ongoing ordinance review: Solar, Noise, Land Use Fee Schedule)
    1. Councilor Ronco – Cannabis Ordinance – would like to develop one.
    2. Additional Workshop April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM.
  4. Annual Report
    1. Councilor English
      - 10.4.1.1. Matt Williams – please make the availability to request one via mail
      - 10.4.1.2. Mary Anne Royal – Committee reports
      - 10.4.1.3. Joe Tyler – Wants reports at his store
      - 10.4.1.4. Tim Moran – please continue sending town reports
    2. Motion to end mailing town reports and to have town manager decide the amount to order made by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Councilor English. Vote 2-3. Motion Failed.
11. Public Forum – Each person will receive 5 minutes to present to the council. Please provide your name and spelling if needed for the record.
1. Phil Higgins – Asking for Paving Assistance for front gate – ask for council to add to pave schedule
  2. Rich Wilcox – Dragway discussion
  3. Matt Williams – Recommendation to schedule additional meeting to get leases resolved
  4. David Hicks – Winterport Dragway lease
  5. Shawn Thyng – Winterport Dragway lease
  6. Joe Tyler – Winterport Dragway lease – asking for council to decide on the lease
  7. Gauge Reynolds – Winterport Dragway lease – asking if terminated to allow 30 days to remove property
  8. Mary Anne Royal – Winterport Dragway – special consideration to existing Dragway and accountability to the council to create a lease that has the town’s interest at hand.
  9. Mike Shaw – Abbott Park Renovations & Lack of Maintenance for sports complex and ask for communication and compassion
  10. Ellie Jordan – Leases – Neighbor’s Cupboard – Needs new lease
  11. Jodie Herrick – Winterport Dragway Association – donation to Neighbor’s Cupboard.
  12. William Shibles – Winterport Fire and Rescue Association
  13. Tim Moran – Ordinances / Dragway for profit chapter s / Consideration of bidding Fernald Field
  14. Mike Shaw – Hold RSU # 22 accountable for use of Abbot Parks
  15. Gauge Reynolds – Gate was open and closed and helped the State Police
  16. Bob Reynolds – Winterport Dragway Lease – permitting takes time
  17. Rich Wilcox – Winterport Dragway Maintenance

18. Shawn Thyng – What is the holdup on the lease?
19. Joe Tyler – Please make sure that the sub lease is in the lease agreement
20. Motion to provide the association with 1 year lease made by Councilor Ginn, seconded by Councilor Cooper. Vote 2-3. Motion failed.

Schedule meeting – Additional Town Council Meeting to award leases Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00PM

12. Council / Town Manager Response to Public Comment
13. Set Public Hearings / Hold Public Hearings and approve any Licenses or Permits
  1. Winter Parking Ban Ordinance (May 6<sup>th</sup>) – First Reading 7PM
14. Adjournment.
  1. Motion to adjourn Ginn / Ronco 5-0