

**TOWN OF WINTERPORT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Council Chair, Kevin Kelley.

ATTENDANCE: Councilors in attendance: Stephen Cooper, Maggie English, Ann Ronco, Kevin Kelley and Tammy Higgins

Absent: Town Manager, Casey Ashe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made to accept Agenda by Ann Ronco, 2nd Maggie English. Favor: Unanimous. Motion carries

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made to accept Consent Agenda by Tammy Higgins, 2nd by Ann Ronco. Favor: Unanimous. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ellie Jordan wants to know what is going on with the Second Time Around at the Winterport Transfer Station. Discussion followed about volunteers and insurance. The Council suggested it be brought up at the next meeting when the Town Manager, Casey Ashe, is present.

Joe Tyler was concerned about Winterport Dragway being shut down. Also, mentioned going to a flat rate. Councilors assured him Winterport Dragway shutdown wasn't discussed and that it was a rumor. It will be on the next Agenda to be discussed when the Town Manager is available.

Ellie Jordan concern about the new church having services where the food pantry is located. Food pantry is not happy about this. Does the church have a contract? Ann Ronco stated that a contract would have to be approved by the Council. So far, the Council has not seen a contract, so the church has no contract as of now.

Councilors will put this on next Agenda to be discussed when Town Manager is available.

Bob Coon, (not last name is correct), is concerned about speeding traffic on the Meadow Road. Mentioned it is getting dangerous. Wants to see a new speed limit signs added to help slow traffic down.

Committee Reports:

Land Use Ordinance – None

Broadband Committee – They are happy with the way things are going. Still need letters of Support from the community.

Solid Waste Committee & Recycling Committee - Held their first meeting, need members.

Conservation Committee – No meeting in June.

Medal of Honor Recipient Committee – 1st meeting will be September 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes, Winterport Town Council August 22, 2023 (con't)

Unfinished Business:

Policy and Ordinance Review – Tabled to next meeting.

Masons Bottle Container – Tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

Second Time Around Building – Addressed in Public Comments

Tax Acquired Property – Tabled

Health Insurance – Tabled

Managers' Report: – None

Council Comments:

Stephen Cooper spoke about the trees that cover road signs. They need to be trimmed back.

The council agreed this is a problem in some areas of town, and the trees need to be trimmed back.

Executive Session: – None scheduled.

Adjourned: Ann Ronco motioned, Maggie English second. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Higgins