

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 9, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

1. Roll call attendance was taken with seven (7) members present:

James Byrne, Brad Grant, Paul Manson, Roland Michaud, Catherine Nadeau, Steve Russell and Gerald Saint Amand.

Michael Heavener, Town Manager and Judy Larson, Librarian were present

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion by Mr. Manson and seconded by Mr. Byrne that the minutes of the meetings held on May 12 and May 31 be approved. Motion carried. Unanimous.

3. Communications

- a. Legislative Update

No Comment

- b. Other

1. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Water District May 1 meeting.
2. Copy of Minutes from School Committee meeting held May 5
3. Copy of School Committee agenda for June 3.
4. Copy of Minutes from Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District April 15 meeting.
5. Copy of Minutes from Planning Board meetings held on March 13, March 17 and May 1.

4. Reports of Committees and Commissions

- a. Town Manager Report

**Public Works Director & Wife Receive Nomination**

It is with a great deal of admiration that I announce that our Public Works Director John Giroux and his wife, Faith, have been nominated for **Maine Foster Parents of the Year**: Their children are Amy (14), Will (13), Jordan (3), Alex (2) and Jasmine (1). Over the past several years John and Faith have fostered dozens of children, and their three youngest were adopted from the foster care system.

Please join me in congratulating John and Faith for receiving this very special nomination. We are very proud to have them as members of our extended municipal family.

**Energy Efficiency Project**

I have committed the town to participate in an energy efficiency project with Colby College, which will be conducted at no cost to the town. The following is a description of the project as outlined by Colby College:

*A Colby intern will follow an advanced model to conduct a greenhouse gas inventory for the town upon which future progress assessments can be based. In addition, the intern will help identify areas of inefficiency worthy of further examination. Their work will form the basis for an action plan for the Town of Winslow to ensure cost-effective and rapid progress toward sustainability.*

*The intern's work will be guided by the experience of the City of Waterville and other communities in Maine that have already developed and begun implementing sustainability plans.*

*Additionally, based on their experience and research, the intern will make specific recommendations on the type(s) of committee structure(s) that should be formed and are best suited to ensure effectiveness and longevity issues of energy and climate action within the town.*

*Finally, the intern will help compile all data and corresponding analysis into a single report and PowerPoint presentation to be presented to the Winslow Town Council. The importance of the generated product should not be underestimated. The primary barrier to energy and climate action for municipalities is time constraints on municipalities. In the Waterville experience, removing these barriers by using an intern to establish a baseline and action plan has led to the creation of a committee that has and continues to effect real, meaningful change in City operations and community-at-large emissions, among other positive outcomes.*

I look forward to working with Colby College to minimize our municipality's carbon footprint and overall impact on the environment.

### **KVCAP Transportation Proposal Adjusted**

At the last Town Council meeting a request was made to include the Roderick Road as a drop-off and pick-up point for the new KVCAP Transportation Route. I am pleased to report that the Roderick Road has been added to the route.

### **Lohmann Animal Health International is Planning Another Expansion**

Lohmann Animal Health International (LAHI) is in the planning stages of expanding their facility on the China Road once again. I will be working with LAHI and John Butera of the Central Maine Growth Council to help facilitate the town's involvement in the process. As more details emerge I will keep the Town Council informed. This recent development speaks volumes of our Town's friendly business environment and quality workforce.

### **Dallaire Street**

As you know the bank slope stability on Dallaire Street has been an issue for many years and a number of homes there could be threatened if the bank slope should fail.

I will be meeting with Dan Baumert of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program this month in an effort to obtain their assistance in addressing the slope stability issue. I will also be working with KVCOG to seek CDBG funds to be used towards addressing this issue as well.

### **Memo from CEO**

Attached to this report is a memo from CEO Frank Stankevitz regarding Daniel Bernier who has been the subject of enforcement action initiated by the CEO. The purpose of the memo is to inform the Council of Mr. Bernier's situation.

### **Labor Contract Change**

At your council meeting on June 9th you will be conducting a second reading of Order No. 4-2008,

which authorizes me to sign a labor contract with PW & FD employees.

Since the first reading some minor changes have occurred to the contract and attached to this report is a document highlighting those changes.

**Request for an Increase in Vacation Time**

Attached to this report is a memo from me requesting that the Town Council increase my annual vacation. I would appreciate it if you would give this request serious consideration.

Motion by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Mr. Grant to increase Mr. Heavener’s vacation time to five weeks. Motion Carried. 6-1

b. Department Reports

Reports were received from the Fire Department, Public Works, Assessor, Police Department, Library, Code Enforcement and Parks & Recreation.

c. Treasurer’s warrants approved and signed by the Finance Committee during the Month of May.

No. 21.....	\$ 1,449,749.25
No. 22.....	\$ 255,937.98
No. 23.....	\$ <u>1,407,699.13</u>
Total	\$ 3,113,386.36

d. Financial Report

Motion by Mr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Manson to approve all reports. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Order No. 4-2008: Providing for the acceptance of a Labor Contract between Council #93, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (*Winslow Fire & Public Works Employees*) and the Town of Winslow. (Second Reading). Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand

Motion by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Byrne to accept the first reading of Order No. 4-2008. A roll call vote was taken.

Catherine Nadeau—Y	Roland Michaud—Y
Steve Russell—Y	Brad Grant—Y
James Byrne—Y	Paul Manson—Y
Gerald Saint Amand—Y	

Motion passed, 7-0.

2. Order No. 5-2008: Providing for the Acceptance of an Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Winslow. (Second Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Mr. Byrne to accept the second reading of Order No. 5-2008. A roll call vote was taken.

Paul Manson—Y	Steve Russell—Y
Brad Grant—Y	James Byrne—Y
Roland Michaud—Y	Catherine Nadeau—Y
Gerald Saint Amand—Y	

Motion passed, 7-0.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance No. 2-2008: The amendment of the Municipal Library Code. (First Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Manson and seconded by Mr. Michaud to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 2-2008. The council suggested some changes and instructed the Town Manager to check with the auditors and make the appropriate changes for the next reading. A roll call vote was taken.

Roland Michaud—Y	Brad Grant—Y
James Byrne—Y	Catherine Nadeau—Y
Steve Russell—Y	Paul Manson—Y
Gerald Saint Amand—Y	

Motion passed, 7-0.

2. Order No. 7-2008: Providing for the abatement of taxes on accounts that have been deemed out of business, or the Tax Collector has determined that the collection costs would be greater than the taxes to be collected. (First Reading) Sponsored by Gerald Saint Amand.

Motion by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Mr. Manson to accept the first reading of Order No. 7-2008. After a lengthy discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Steve Russell—N	Paul Manson—Y
Catherine Nadeau—Y	James Byrne—N
Brad Grant—Y	Roland Michaud—N
Gerald Saint Amand—Y	

Motion passed, 4-3.

3. Resolution No. 10-2008: Providing for the transfer of funds from the contingency account.

Motion by Mr. Manson and seconded by Mr. Byrne to approve Resolution No. 10-2008. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Manson to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk of Winslow, Maine