



TOWN OF WINTHROP

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- The Revere Street TIP project continues as they work on switching over to the new traffic lights and installing solar controls on the streetlights, so they go off during the daytime hours. The curb and concrete work will resume in the Spring of 2026.
- The Fire Station demolition work continues as most of the auditorium has now been demolished. They will continue to remove debris and clean the site for the next few weeks. Also, the design plans for the new fire station are moving forward and we will be planning a public meeting for input during the month of March 2026.
- Senator Edwards, Rep Turco, Council President Jim Letterie, Town Manager Tony Marino, and Town Attorney Jim Cipoletta met with Secretary Augustus and his team, along with Margot Hurley from the Attorney General's Office, to discuss Winthrop's 3A status and next steps now that the lawsuit has been filed. Winthrop asked several questions regarding 3A compliance which are listed below:
 1. 3A's impact on existing condominium documents, as the proposed 3A district from the Planning Board includes Condo developments at Seal Harbor and Governors Park.
 2. We inquired about the language the EOHLIC includes in its district approval letters and how it could be interpreted to mean the EOHLIC can make changes whenever it chooses.
 3. We discussed what a ballot question could look like if Winthrop decided to put a 3A-compliant district forward to the voters, and we also asked whether we could add language to the ballot question that would allow us to retain our right to object to the 3A regulations at a later date. Margot Hurley stated that her office would have to work with Winthrop's Town Attorney and the Elections office to approve any ballot language.
 4. Lastly, we inquired about the lawsuit and whether, if we were to lose in our defense, and we were forced to implement 3A, we could still use the district we originally brought forward to create our 3A overlay district at Seal Harbor & Fort Health, and Governors Park.

We did not receive direct answers to any of these inquiries, but the EOHLIC said they would get back to us after discussing it with their internal stakeholders.

Another topic of discussion was the grant restrictions and potential refusal of upcoming grant applications. Council President Letterie asked about the 21st Century grants for the schools, which he felt should not be included in any withholding of grants, as it would be unfair to punish Winthrop students over a state-mandated zoning provision that Winthrop has not adopted.

Public safety and public health grants and earmarks were discussed, and we insisted that Winthrop should be allowed to apply for and have the same opportunity as 3A-compliant towns, as these departments should not suffer or be denied resources over a state-mandated zoning provision that we have not adopted.

- Work continues on the FY27 Budget as the finance team compiles the budget and capital plan requests from our Department Heads. We look forward to working with the Town Council and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Finance during the upcoming FY27 budget cycle.
- After reading the article and editorial in the Boston Globe, I want to assure everyone that our Harbormaster is the Police Chief in Winthrop and not the employee that the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has assigned to our Harbormaster Office, as the article incorrectly states. We value our relationship with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department at the Harbormasters office as well as other departments in the Winthrop Police Department. This arrangement has been beneficial to Winthrop and Suffolk County as it provides valuable resources that improve the safety and security of our waterways and all the Cities and Towns in Suffolk County.
- The dredging work at Fishermen's Bend is complete and special thanks to Northeast Mosquito Control for permitting and completing this project along with our DPW crew who hauled the material off site.

Please reach out to me should you have any questions about any of the items listed above. Thank you.

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