

## TOWN OF WINDERMERE

### Special Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2011

#### A. CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Gary Bruhn, Council Members Cecil Robinson, Burns Hovey, Norma Sutton, Richard Irwin, and Molly Rose. Manager Cecilia Bernier, Assistant to the Town Manager Amy Buchanan, Town Clerk Dorothy Burkhalter, Attorney Tom Wilkes, Attorney Heather Ramos, Police Chief Mike McCoy were also present.

Mayor Bruhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

#### C. INVOCATION:

Mayor Bruhn gave the invocation.

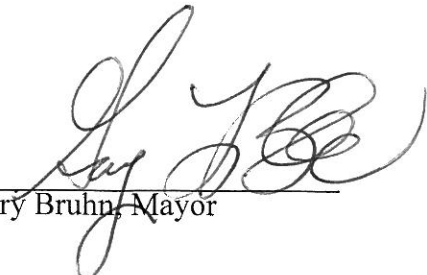
#### D. PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL:

Mayor Bruhn briefly summarized past discussions that have led up to this appeal hearing. Attorney Wilkes concurred with Mayor Bruhn's explanation. He then asked that Ms. Buchanan be given a few minutes to review what is currently on the record, as that is what the appellants would need to address for the appeal. Mayor Bruhn then asked Assistant to the Town Manager Amy Buchanan to give the review. Assistant to the Town Manager Buchanan briefly reviewed the past discussions and events that have lead up to this meeting and summarized the record created at the Historic Preservation Board. Mayor Bruhn then opened the floor to the public. The following spoke in opposition of the move; Angela Withers of 712 Main Street, Don Green of 218 Valencia Road, Orlando, John Armstrong of 11201 Windermere Road, Joan Foglia of 215 Butler Street, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers of 2713 Tryon Place, Hannah Ammar of 315 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Frank Krens of 727 Forest Street, John Thurman of 636 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Diane Krens of 727 Forest Street and Ken Ward of 1004 Main Street. Stephen Withers of 712 Main Street requested a change to the fencing around the maintenance compound. He also stated that the Town needed to hire a professional Planner before anything is moved. Roger Seidner of 271 Carisbrooke Street, Ocoee, stated he was present to answer any questions regarding the 1890 School House. John Fisher of 1100 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue stated as a member of the Historical Board for many years, he would like for the Council to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Historical Board. Mayor Bruhn opened the floor to the Council for discussion. Member Rose stated that she would vote to leave the building where it currently sits. Member Irwin stated that, if the Historic Preservation Board's decision was not going to be upheld by the Town Council, the Town should abandon the grant and let the 165 people who signed the petition donate their monies and handle the project. Member Robinson stated that in a past survey, the percentages were high indicating that residents were highly satisfied with the current parks and green space that the town has, so turning the area into another park is not what residents would like to see. Member Sutton stated that as elected officials, they need to do what's best for the Town now and in its future. Member Hovey made no comments. Patricia Coleman of 606 Forest Street rebutted a comment made by Member Irwin. She stated that she and Tom Stroup put a roof on the building a few years back to help preserve it. Ernie Myers of 2713 Tryon Place advised the Mayor that a "point of order" is needed regarding whether a vote by Town Council is required to uphold the issuance of the certificate of appropriateness. After some discussion was made, Member Rose made a motion to leave the building where it currently sits and modify the grant to repair the building in its current location. Motion died for lack of a

second. Member Sutton made a motion to affirm the actions of the Historical Board and the Certificate of Appropriateness. Member Irwin seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Robinson – yes, Hovey – yes, Sutton – yes, Irwin – yes, and Rose – no. Motion carried 4-1.

Mayor Bruhn adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Dorothy Burkhalter, Town Clerk

  
Gary Bruhn, Mayor