



**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 08, 2026-7:00PM**

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TOWN OF WINCHESTER, CT

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Turn your cell phones off)
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **AGENDA REVIEW**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) Minutes of the Special Town Meeting on August 11, 2026
 - B) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2026
 - C) Minutes of the Special Town Meeting on August 20, 2026
5. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

The Board of Selectmen welcomes public comments, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes or less and may speak only once. Please give your name and address.
6. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
8. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Discussion regarding Agenda Format (Mayor Arcelaschi)
 - B) 26-45 Refunds as Recommended by The Collector of Revenue (Town Manager Harrington)
 - C) 26-06 Resolution for Brownfield Round 24 Grant Application with Letter of Support & Maps (Town Manager Harrington)
11. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

The Board of Selectmen welcomes public comments, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes or less and may speak only once. Please give your name and address.
12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A) Discussion regarding sale of Town Owned Properties, 32 Hubbard Street
13. **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

TOWN OF WINCHESTER
Special Town Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026-5:30PM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (Turn your cell phones off)

Call to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 5:30PM.

2. READING OF THE WARNING/NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

Read aloud by Assistant Town Clerk Lauren Jones Dombrowski.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A) Discussion & Information on Lead Service Line-Referendum for Phase II

Department of Public Works Director Jim Rollins presents scheduled lead service line inventory for Winsted Water Works phase, II. Details and all slides pertaining to said presentation are available online on the town website. Goal is to rid the town of all lead piping, and this presentation describes how the town will pay for said eradication of lead lines. Voting members of the town are encouraged to vote, at Referendum, to approve the proposed funding of this project.

Motion to waive the reading of proposed resolution put forth by Todd Arcelaschi, seconded by Bill Hester and unanimously approved.

*Public Commentor: Bill Hudack (232 Grantville Road) speaks enthusiastically of proposal and encourages the people to vote in support.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:27PM by Bill Hester, seconded by Kevin Bishop and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Jones Dombrowski

Town of Winchester
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2026 – 7:00PM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 7PM by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi. Attendees include Troy Lamere, Kevin Bishop, Paul Marino, Town Manager Paul Harrington, Assistant Town Clerk Lauren Dombrowski, Bill Hester, Cheryl Heffernan-McGlynn and Bill Pozzo.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited by all.

3. Agenda Review

None

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Bill Hester, seconded by Troy Lamere and approved. Bill Pozzo abstained.

5. Citizen Comments

Deb Kessler (272 Gilbert Avenue)

Virginia Schultz-Charette (78 Wetmore Avenue)

Janice Roy (13 Colony Drive)

Stephen Molinelli (450 East Wakefield Blvd)

Brian Sundie (152 Spencer Hill Road)

6. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Paul Harrington Reports on recent town happenings. Speed camera program, elevator fixed, children back to school so reminders to drive slowly and be mindful of the buses back on the roads and carrying children.

7. Finance Director's Report

Town Manager Paul Harrington presents. Monies reported on have been confirmed as currently in the town's bank account. All accounted for. We spent a little less than what we originally budgeted for (98.9%)

8. Correspondence

Shirley Allshouse, Janice Roy

9. Boards & Commissions

Resignation Joy Hubbard, Recreation Commission

Kevin Bishop made a motion to appoint Tess Herman to the Inland Wetland Watercourse Commission. Cheryl Heffernan-McGlynn seconded the motion. Bill Hester opposes; Troy Lamere and Paul Marino abstain.

Kevin Bishop made a motion to appoint Stacey Whitman (Business owner in town, lives in Torrington) to the Cultural Commission. Bill Hester seconded the motion. Troy Lamere abstains and the vote passes.

Kevin Bishop makes a motion to appoint Tracy Cannavo (also a business owner at Whiting Mills, does not live in Winsted) to the Cultural Commission. Bill Hester seconded the motion. Troy Lamere abstains from the vote and the vote carries.

10. New Business

A) 26-43 Proposed 2025–2026-year end line-item transfers by the Director of Finance

Motion to approve line-item transfers as proposed by the Director of Finance, Bill Hester, seconded by Troy Lamere and unanimously approved.

B) 26-24 Refunds as Recommended by the Collector of Revenue

Bill Hester makes a motion to approve refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenue, seconded by Kevin Bishop and unanimously approved.

C) Dock Ordinance Chapter 380 Proposed Changes – Update

Paul Harrington speaks on this matter. Docks can *not* be longer than 40 feet.

D) Gov Lamont's announcement regarding Speed Camera

We are very far along in this process. Gov asking towns to “pause” on the project. Nothing that the Gov has said, to date, has told us to “Stop”. So, we will continue to move forward on setting up cameras; waiting on an Encroachment Permit, applied for 6 weeks ago. Upon permit, cameras will be up. Will only capture car's license if traveling over 10mph and the data will only be stored for 10 days. Very different than “flock” cameras, fyi for residents' fearful of mass data collection. *100% no flock cameras in Winchester.*

E) Veterans Naming of Town Owned Properties

Efforts made on changing the name of East End Park in 2015, efforts failed at that time. Here we are again.

What is the historical value of this land? Are we on stable grounds to begin with?

Bill Hester suggests “section 4” of Sue Grossman Trail be named “Veterans Memorial Walkway”.

F) Conservation Commission request for use of Nip Funds

Bill Hester made a motion to approve the Conservation Commission's request for \$1,000 from the Nip Bottle Funds, seconded by Kevin Bishop and unanimously approved.

11. Executive Session

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:26 by Cheryl Heffernan-McGlynn, seconded by Troy Lamere and unanimously approved. (Runs until 9:41PM).

12. New Business

A) Possible action regarding sale of Town Owned Property

Bill Hester made a motion to approve the sale of 19 Hill Street at the Town Meeting to be set for Thursday September 17th, 2026, at 5PM. Paul Marino seconded the motion and the motion carried.

13. Citizen's Comments

None

14. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Tomorrow night, Board of Education Special Meeting. Encouraging residents to be there.
Fireman's Carnival this weekend.

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:49PM by Troy Lamere, seconded by Cheryl Heffernan-McGlynn and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Jones Dombrowski

**Town of Winchester
Special Town Meeting
Thursday, August 20th, 2026 at 5PM
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

Meeting is called to order by Bill Hester (Selectman and Moderator) at 5PM.

2. Reading of the Warning/Notice of Town Meeting

Warning read by Assistant Town Clerk Lauren Jones Dombowski.

3. New Business

- a. Consider and possibly act on the purposed sale of 17 Birdsall Street and 82-84 Rockwell Street

17 Birdsall Street 13 YES Votes 0 No Votes

82-84 Birdsall Street 13 YES Votes 0 No Votes

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:11PM Bill Hester, seconded by Kevin Bishop and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Jones Dombowski

TOWN OF WINCHESTER - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Action Report to Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

APPOINTMENT BY "OTHER" APPOINTING AUTHORITIES

(The Board of Selectmen to vote on the appointment of the following volunteer)

Date	Name	Board / Commission / Other	Party	Seat Type - Member / Alternate	Term End Date

RE-APPOINTMENT

(The Board of Selectmen to vote tonight on continued service by the following volunteers)

Date	Applicant Name	Board or Commission	Party	Seat Type - Member / Alternate	Term End Date

RESIGNATIONS

(The Board of Selectmen accept the resignations of the following Volunteers)

Date	Name	Board or Commission	Party	Seat Type - Member / Alternate
8/31/2026	Brad Burcoff	Recreation Board	R	Member

Nominations / Appointments - Step 2 (Final)

(The Board of Selectmen will cast a separate vote on each of the following Nominated volunteers)

Date of App.	Applicant Name	Board or Commission	Party	Seat Type - Member / Alternate	Term End Date
8/14/2026	Reagan Horvay	Laurel Commission	U	Member	9/8/2031
8/15/2026	Chris Sandford	Planning & Zoning	U	Alternate	10/2030
(Chris will complete Janet Perry's term)					
8/19/2026	Mimi Madden	Cultural Commission	N/A	Member	9/2029

Current Vacancies - As of this date

(Announce at each Meeting)

Board or Commission	Position	Openings	Meets On	Appointing Authority
Ad Hoc Water Level Committee	Member	1 Member	As Needed	Board of Selectmen
Architectural Review Committee	Mem / Alt	2 Members / 2 Alternates	As Needed	Planning & Zoning Commission
Conservation Commission	Mem / Alt	1 Member / 2 Alternates	Monthly - 2nd Thur	Board of Selectmen
Cultural District Commission	Member	4 Members	To Be Determined	Board of Selectmen
Economic Development Commission	Alternate	2 Alternates	First / Third Tue	Town Manager
Ethics Commission	Member	2 Members	As Needed	
Historic Commission	Member	2 Members	Monthly - 1st Thur	Board of Selectmen
Housing Authority	Member	1 Resident Member	Monthly - 4th Mon.	Board of Selectmen
Laurel City Commission	Member	Multiple Openings	TBD January - June	Board of Selectmen
Planning & Zoning	Alternate	1 Alternate	Second / 4th Mon	Board of Selectmen
Recreation Board	Member	3 Members	Monthly - 1st Wed	Board of Selectmen
Zoning Board of Appeals	Member	2 Members / 1 Alternate	Monthly - 1st Wed	Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACTION REQUEST

No.: 26-45

Date: September 08, 2026

Topic: New Business (A)- Refunds as Recommended by the Collector of Revenue (with attachments)

From: Paul Harrington, Town Manager

Background: The Town Collector of Revenue has recommended that the refunds described in the attached correspondence be authorized in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-129.

Requested Action: The Board of Selectmen should authorize the Town Manager to approve the described refunds.

Fiscal Implications: The described refunds total \$2,389.01.

Manager's Recommendation: I recommend that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

Recommended Motion: *I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$2,389.01.*

Attachment:

Grand List 2025 Refunds



The attached list represents taxes that have been corrected by authority of the provision of Section 12-129 of the General Statutes, and by the Assessor or Public Works Director of the Town of Winchester. The taxes/water and/or sewer amounts shown below have been paid and requests received for refunds of the same.

LIST #/GL YR	TAX TYPE	TAXPAYER	AMOUNT OF REFUND/REASON
14058	2025 MV	JAMES	\$8.37
	CORSO	277 WEST LAKE ST WINSTED, CT 06098	COC
15817	2025 MV	PETER	\$142.80
	GAUTHIER	872 W WAKEFIELD BLVD WINSTED, CT 06098	COC
16589	2025 MV		\$520.20
	HYUNDAI LEASE	4100 WILDWOOD PARKWAY SUITE 200 ATLANTA, GA 30339-8400	COC
16597	2024 MV		\$535.56
	HYUNDAI LEASE	4100 WILDWOOD PARKWAY SUITE 200 ATLANTA, GA 30339-8400	COC
11997	2025 MV	BEN	\$10.17
	LUDWIG	114 TORRINGTON RD WINSTED, CT 06098	COC
12546	2025 MV	KATHERINE	\$187.31
	RICCI	51 HUBBARD ST WINSTED, CT 06098	OVERPAYMENT
14457	2025 MV	JEAN	\$68.40
	SCHIBI	322 NORCROSS RD WINSTED, CT 06098	COC
MV		TOTAL REFUNDS BY TYPE	\$1,472.81
14	2025 RE		\$226.50
	HERITAGE LAND	P.O. BOX 596 TORRINGTON, CT 06790	COC

It is recommended that refunds in the amount as stated above be made to the taxpayers listed, in accordance with the provisions of said General Statutes, Section 12-129.

9/1/2026

Date of Report

Ashley Kelsey, Collector of Revenue

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

DATED:

Town Manager

I have received from Town Accountant the above checks to cover the refunds as stated above.

Date:

Collector of Revenue



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LIST #/GL YR	TAX TYPE	TAXPAYER	AMOUNT OF REFUND/REASON
50	2025 RE		\$378.90
	HERITAGE LAND	P.O. BOX 596 TORRINGTON, CT 06790	COC
4755	2025 RE		\$310.80
	HERITAGE LAND	P.O. BOX 596 TORRINGTON, CT 06790	COC
RE TOTAL REFUNDS BY TYPE			\$916.20
NUMBER OF REFUNDS	10	TOTAL REFUNDS	\$2,389.01

It is recommended that refunds in the amount as stated above be made to the taxpayers listed, in accordance with the provisions of said General Statutes, Section 12-129.

9/1/2026

Date of Report

Ashley Kelsey, Collector of Revenue

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

DATED:

Town Manager

I have received from Town Accountant the above checks to cover the refunds as stated above.

Date:

Collector of Revenue

Town of Winchester – City of Winsted

Winchester Town Hall
338 Main Street
Winchester, CT 06098



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Board of Selectmen

Resolution 26-06 – Meadow Street Brownfield Remediation Grant Authorization

WHEREAS, NHCOC, through a DECD Brownfield Round 20 grant, is assessing 3 Meadow Street, its adjoining Town-owned parcel, and 41 Meadow Street in partnership with the Town and a private property owner, and that work has identified multiple areas of concern and confirmed contaminated soil at the Town-owned site, triggering State reporting and requiring remediation to support its continued safe public use; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. § 32-763, DECD is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects, and the Town is seeking \$750,000.00 in DECD Brownfield Round 24 funding to remediate and cap the property for continued municipal parking use; and

WHEREAS, while no local match is required, the Town has identified \$42,000.00 in available local funds, consisting of \$21,000.00 from the Blight Fund and \$21,000.00 from the Capital Grant Matching Fund, to leverage the requested State funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen recognizes that, if awarded, the Town-owned property subject to the grant shall not be sold or transferred and shall remain in use as a public municipal parking lot for a period of not less than ten (10) years from the execution of an award agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Manager Paul Harrington be, and hereby is, authorized to apply for and accept up to \$750,000.00 in DECD Brownfield Round 24 funding for the 3 Meadow Street Remediation & Downtown Revitalization project and to execute all agreements and documents necessary to administer and implement the grant-funded project;

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended, or revoked and is in full force and effect.

YES:

NO:

ABSENT:

Glenn Albanesius
Town Clerk, Town of Winchester

Date



Town of Winchester – City of Winsted

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Winchester Board of Selectmen

Letter of Support for Winchester's Brownfield Remediation Round 24 Grant Application

Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106

September 8, 2026

Dear Brownfield Remediation and Development Review Team,

Following the Winchester Board of Selectmen's vote to support the project, I am pleased to offer our support for the Town's application for \$750,000 in Brownfield Round 24 funding for the 3 Meadow Street Remediation & Downtown Revitalization project.

The project will address lead contamination identified through prior State-funded assessment work and turn a Town-owned environmental liability into useful public infrastructure. Remediation will allow the existing dirt and gravel lot to be improved as a paved municipal parking facility serving the Meadow Street, Lake Street, and Main Street area.

For Downtown Winsted, parking is part of the development equation. The site is within walking distance of many businesses, several commercial vacancies, housing, and properties where private investment is already taking place. A clean and improved municipal lot will give existing businesses more room to grow, make vacant storefronts and commercial spaces easier to fill, and provide parking for customers, employees, residents, and visitors. It will also support future redevelopment of the neighboring 41 Meadow Street brownfield and complement planned improvements to Lake Street.

The Town has identified \$42,000 in local funds for project design, separate from the requested \$750,000 grant. For Connecticut's #4 DECD-designated Distressed Municipality, this is a meaningful local investment in moving the project forward.

The Board of Selectmen sees this as an opportunity to clean up a known environmental problem, remove a barrier to private investment, and give this part of Downtown Winsted the infrastructure it needs to grow. Thank you for your consideration of the Town of Winchester's request.

Sincerely,

Todd Arcelaschi
Mayor

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Year	Age	Gender	Marital Status	Education	Occupation	Income (USD)	Assets (USD)	Liabilities (USD)	Net Worth (USD)
2018	35	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	25,000	10,000	15,000	10,000
2019	36	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	28,000	12,000	16,000	12,000
2020	37	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	30,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
2021	38	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	32,000	18,000	14,000	18,000
2022	39	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	35,000	20,000	15,000	20,000
2023	40	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	38,000	22,000	16,000	22,000
2024	41	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	40,000	25,000	15,000	25,000
2025	42	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	42,000	28,000	14,000	28,000
2026	43	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	45,000	30,000	15,000	30,000
2027	44	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	48,000	32,000	16,000	32,000
2028	45	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	50,000	35,000	15,000	35,000
2029	46	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	52,000	38,000	14,000	38,000
2030	47	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	55,000	40,000	15,000	40,000
2031	48	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	58,000	42,000	16,000	42,000
2032	49	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	60,000	45,000	15,000	45,000
2033	50	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	62,000	48,000	14,000	48,000
2034	51	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	65,000	50,000	15,000	50,000
2035	52	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	68,000	52,000	16,000	52,000
2036	53	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	70,000	55,000	15,000	55,000
2037	54	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	72,000	58,000	14,000	58,000
2038	55	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	75,000	60,000	15,000	60,000
2039	56	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	78,000	62,000	16,000	62,000
2040	57	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	80,000	65,000	15,000	65,000
2041	58	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	82,000	68,000	14,000	68,000
2042	59	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	85,000	70,000	15,000	70,000
2043	60	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	88,000	72,000	16,000	72,000
2044	61	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	90,000	75,000	15,000	75,000
2045	62	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	92,000	78,000	14,000	78,000
2046	63	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	95,000	80,000	15,000	80,000
2047	64	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	98,000	82,000	16,000	82,000
2048	65	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	100,000	85,000	15,000	85,000
2049	66	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	102,000	88,000	14,000	88,000
2050	67	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	105,000	90,000	15,000	90,000
2051	68	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	108,000	92,000	16,000	92,000
2052	69	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	110,000	95,000	15,000	95,000
2053	70	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	112,000	98,000	14,000	98,000
2054	71	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	115,000	100,000	15,000	100,000
2055	72	Male	Married	High School	Construction Worker	118,000	102,000	16,000	102,000
2056	73	Male							

Sl. No.	Topic	Reference	Remarks
1	What is the difference between a simple and a complex sentence?	1. A simple sentence contains only one clause. 2. A complex sentence contains more than one clause. 3. A simple sentence has only one subject and one predicate. 4. A complex sentence has more than one subject and more than one predicate.	Simple sentence: One subject, one predicate. Complex sentence: More than one subject, more than one predicate.
2	What is the difference between a subject and a predicate?	1. The subject is the person or thing that is doing the action. 2. The predicate is the action or state of being. 3. The subject is the part of the sentence that tells us who or what is doing the action. 4. The predicate is the part of the sentence that tells us what the subject is doing or what state it is in.	Subject: Who or what is doing the action. Predicate: What the subject is doing or what state it is in.
3	What is the difference between a noun and a verb?	1. A noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or idea. 2. A verb is a word that shows an action or a state of being. 3. A noun is the subject or object of a sentence. 4. A verb is the main part of a sentence.	Noun: Names a person, place, thing, or idea. Verb: Shows an action or a state of being.
4	What is the difference between a preposition and a conjunction?	1. A preposition is a word that shows the relationship between a noun and another word in a sentence. 2. A conjunction is a word that joins two words or sentences together. 3. A preposition is used to show location, time, or direction. 4. A conjunction is used to show a relationship between two words or sentences.	Preposition: Shows the relationship between a noun and another word. Conjunction: Joins two words or sentences together.
5	What is the difference between a pronoun and a demonstrative?	1. A pronoun is a word that replaces a noun. 2. A demonstrative is a word that points to a noun. 3. A pronoun is used to avoid repetition. 4. A demonstrative is used to point to a specific noun.	Pronoun: Replaces a noun. Demonstrative: Points to a noun.
6	What is the difference between an adjective and an adverb?	1. An adjective is a word that describes a noun. 2. An adverb is a word that describes a verb. 3. An adjective is used to show the quality or quantity of a noun. 4. An adverb is used to show the time, place, or manner of an action.	Adjective: Describes a noun. Adverb: Describes a verb.
7	What is the difference between a clause and a sentence?	1. A clause is a group of words that has a subject and a predicate. 2. A sentence is a group of words that has a subject and a predicate and expresses a complete thought. 3. A clause can be a part of a sentence. 4. A sentence can be a clause.	Clause: Group of words with a subject and a predicate. Sentence: Group of words with a subject and a predicate that expresses a complete thought.
8	What is the difference between a phrase and a clause?	1. A phrase is a group of words that does not have a subject and a predicate. 2. A clause is a group of words that has a subject and a predicate. 3. A phrase can be a part of a clause. 4. A clause can be a sentence.	Phrase: Group of words without a subject and a predicate. Clause: Group of words with a subject and a predicate.
9	What is the difference between a subject and a complement?	1. The subject is the person or thing that is doing the action. 2. The complement is the word or words that complete the meaning of the subject. 3. The subject is the part of the sentence that tells us who or what is doing the action. 4. The complement is the part of the sentence that tells us what the subject is or what it is doing.	Subject: Who or what is doing the action. Complement: Word or words that complete the meaning of the subject.
10	What is the difference between a predicate and a complement?	1. The predicate is the action or state of being. 2. The complement is the word or words that complete the meaning of the predicate. 3. The predicate is the main part of a sentence. 4. The complement is the part of the sentence that tells us what the subject is or what it is doing.	Predicate: Action or state of being. Complement: Word or words that complete the meaning of the predicate.

CP-1





Note: This is an AI-generated concept image based on the BL Companies Site Plan #2. Exact details may be wrong or misplaced.



Winsted Active Aging Senior Center

80 Holabird Avenue Winsted, CT 06098 860-379-4252
www.townofwinchester.org/entities/senior-center

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Jennifer Kelley, Director & Municipal Agent
Subject: Director's Report

July 2026

Listed below you will find a list of finances, programs and services that were provided during July. If you have any questions, please email me at jkelley@townofwinchester.org.

FINANCES

Budget:	\$221,806
YTD Expended:	\$11,707
Percentage Spent:	17.9%

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Farmer's Market Cards: 89 cards have been distributed to residents of Winchester and neighboring towns.

Fitness Classes: 375 members participated in 47 fitness classes.

Friday BINGO: 66 members attended our weekly games 4 afternoons.

Friendly Hands Food Bags: 63 bags were distributed to the 6 elderly housing, the Y shelter and senior center.

Lunches: 532 lunches were served on 22 days.

Meditation in Motion: 8 members attended this guided wellbeing class.

Renters Rebate: a total of 165 applications have been submitted to the State of CT program.

Senior Center Van: 277 rides were provided on 22 days.

Senior Enrichment Program: 68 tie dye t-shirts were sold to cool kids.

Sundae on a Monday: 50 members had lunch together then celebrated 4th of July with sundaes on a Monday.

Trips: 14 members traveled to Lenny & Joe's and enjoyed a delicious lunch then stopped at Durham Dari Bar on the way home for ice cream.

MORE...

Director: Attended zoom Fit Together steering committee meeting, zoom Rural Health Transformation Program, Neighboring Senior Center Directors meeting, Town Safety Committee meeting, Helping Hands board meeting, zoom FallsFree CT meeting, zoom NCOA Programs of Excellence.

Building: New planter and patio project funded by State of CT DDS, our Senior Enrichment Program was completed.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Kelley

WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police · Christopher C. Ciuci

Date: August 21, 2026
To: Town Manager Paul Harrington
From: Chief Christopher C. Ciuci
Subject: Town Manager's Report – July 2026

Staffing:

- The FY26 budget was approved with twenty-one sworn police officer positions. As of today, we are fully staffed, but it feels like we are down three. Officer Corrigan is attending the police academy and has a tentative graduation date the week of September 21st. One officer remains out on workers compensation since January 24th. Officer Peter Tiemann has been assigned to field training and is about half-way through completing the 400 minimum hours requirement.

A draft job description/announcement was submitted on April 30th for the position of citation hearing officer. Waiting for direction on the position funding and authorization to begin a hiring process.

Employee Recognition:

- In July Officer Branden Garcia was selected and recognized as our employee of the quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2026. The press release is attached.
- Officer Macklin Roman was assigned to investigate a report of a stolen car seat. His investigation determined that the landlord of the property threw out the car seat by accident because he thought it was garbage. Officer Roman made arrangements to acquire a new car seat at no cost to the complaint and personally delivered it.
- Kudos to Sergeant Joy Hubbard, Sergeant Mark Blanchette, Officer Austin Stoeke, Officer Chris Tieman, & Officer Tom Smith, who on July 3rd during the evening shift managed a prolonged and highly volatile prisoner incident that involved a subject who had been taken into custody on an active arrest warrant. Throughout the incident, officers demonstrated professionalism, restraint, and sound judgment while attempting to safely manage an increasingly unpredictable and violent subject.

The prisoner initially became verbally aggressive during the booking process and their behavior escalated significantly while housed in the holding cell. They tied the prisoner-issued blanket around the door to prevent officers from opening it, made death threats toward officers, threatened to break an officer's hand, and intentionally spit in a sergeant's face. As officers attempted to remove the blanket from the cell door, the prisoner actively interfered by attempting to seize cutting tools, pulling material back into the cell, and refusing all lawful commands. The prisoner removed portions of their clothing and intentionally clogged the sink, toilet, and floor drain using clothing, blanket material, and other debris. After obstructing the plumbing,

they continuously ran the sink, intentionally flooding the holding cell with water contaminated by urine and toilet waste.

Public Works personnel and the Winsted Fire Department were called and responded to assist in shutting off the water supply. While these personnel attempted to access the plumbing system, the prisoner intentionally threw contaminated toilet water at them in an effort to interfere with their work. Officers positioned themselves between the prisoner and civilian personnel while they worked to provide a shield and protection. During the incident, the prisoner damaged a secured utility access panel after grabbing it through the cell door, creating an additional safety hazard. Officers prevented the prisoner from gaining control of the panel and potentially using it as a weapon. The initial attempt to shut off the water was unsuccessful, requiring responders to locate and secure the shutoff valve elsewhere within the building.

Huge thank you to Winsted Fire Department, Winsted Ambulance, Winchester DPW and a Hartford Healthcare medic who were present and assisted. The prisoner was appropriately charged criminally and was sent to the hospital on a emergency psychiatric committal. Due to the extensive contamination of the holding facility, a specialized biohazard cleaning contractor was required to decontaminate the holding cells, booking area, and affected departmental equipment before normal operations could resume.

This is a glaring example of our immediate need for a modern police facility. The current facility exposes our staff to the aforementioned hazards, conditions, and challenges.

Community Engagement:

- On July 9th Officer Branden Garcia participated in a meet and greet event at the Beardsley Library.
- On July 25th Marine Patrol Officer Chris Tieman led the annual HLWA boat parade.

Officer Safety, health, & wellness:

- Our firing range policy was updated to reflect that it is to be used exclusively by law enforcement personnel after feedback was sought and received from legal counsel and CIRMA.

Updates:

- New Police Facility – Our staff continues to endure a harsh working environment at our current location that includes unsanitary conditions, inadequate HVAC temperature control and building humidity, and issues with getting hot water to sinks and showers. It is an outdated facility that presents high risks and liabilities to the town like the incident previously described in our holding facility. With a viable solution available to us and a known 5% cost escalation looming, I'd like to discuss the new facility plan and what else can be done now to move the project forward while we await the results of our congressionally directed spending application.

**** No progress, no change.**** In March of 2026, Jacunski Humes Architects completed their work for us on a space needs assessment, schematic design, and cost estimate for the renovation and addition to the Bank of America building, #44 Elm Street. The construction cost came in at just under 10 million. The 15% recommended contingency added 1.4 million, and the soft costs (equipment, furniture, IT & phone, moving expenses, etc..) was 1.6 million. The total project cost was \$12,789,229 with an assumed construction schedule to begin in the Spring of 2027. If the start of construction is delayed beyond the Spring of 2027, costs should be increased 4-5% / year to accommodate for cost escalation due to inflation.

- **Fleet** – We are currently down three vehicles in our fleet: 1 Patrol, 1 Reserve, & 1 Administrative. To operate effectively we need seventeen vehicles in our fleet. The breakdown is as follows:

Fleet	Need	Actual	Notes
Patrol	8	7	Fully outfitted marked main line patrol vehicles. One of these vehicles has over 100,000 miles on it and should be replaced.
Reserve	5	4	Five semi-outfitted marked reserve patrol vehicles. These are typically older patrol vehicles with high mileage that have been stripped of most equipment and are used for outside detail work, special events, & in emergencies. All four of these vehicles have between 65,000 and 130,000 miles on them.
Administrative	4	3	Unmarked vehicles used by command staff, detectives, officers on light duty, & officers attending training. Two have 97,000+ miles and should be replaced.
Total:	17	14	

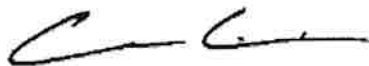
- **Marine Patrol** – 13 four-hour shifts were scheduled in July. This represents 63% increase from June. It also represents 26% of the available shifts that were posted on the schedule. No four-hour details were filled by reassigning personnel from a shift. Seven vessel stops were made in July. Sergeant Hanson is preparing to schedule an Inland Boat Operator & Marine Patrol Fundamentals course for our officers who haven't had it.
- **Impound Area** – Additional grading by Public Works is needed to shore up the security issue at the entrance gate. This still has not been completed.
- **Accreditation** – **** No progress, no change.**** Due to our current staffing levels and organizational structure, we will not be in compliance with the law § 7-294ee. CALEA advanced must be achieved by the end of 2026.

- Crime / CFS – Comparison below depicts the current YTD thru July with the same period last year. Notable increase / decreases. 28 arrests were made in July.

July 2026	2026	2025	% Change
Forcible Rape	3	7	-57%
Simple Assault	17	13	+30.7%
Disorderly Conduct	22	16	+37.5%
Driving Under the Influence	15	9	+66.6%
Drug Narcotic Violations	10	2	+400%
Shoplifting	13	2	+550%

- Traffic – Installation of the equipment remains pending as we await encroachment permit approvals with Connecticut DOT. Sitestream is targeting the first two weeks of September to start the 30-day warning period.

July 2026	#
Motor Vehicle Stops	78
Motor Vehicle Crashes	33
Driving Under Influence	2
Traffic Complaints	19
Parking Complaints	20



Christopher C. Ciuci
Chief of Police

Attachments: (1)

WINCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police · Christopher C. Ciuci

Date:

July 23, 2026

Official Press Release:

Employee of the Quarter - 2Q 2026

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The BOLO program (Be On the Look Out) began in January of 2026. It is an employee recognition program based on a peer submission process. The goals of the program are to increase the recognition our employees receive for their outstanding work and accomplishments, to reward employees who demonstrate leadership, and to highlight all the great work being done by our employees.



We are proud to announce that Officer Branden Garcia has been selected as the BOLO program's "Employee of the Quarter" for the second quarter of 2026.

Officer Garcia has been a member of the Winchester Police Department for 1 ½ years and is assigned to our Operations Division. He is a member of the department's CLEAR team, (Connecticut Community and Law Enforcement for Addiction Recovery), which is a multidisciplinary, community-based opioid overdose and all substance use disorder-related response effort across Connecticut. In June Officer

Garcia was nominated for the MADD (Mother Against Drunk Drivers) award for his efforts related to the enforcement of alcohol and drugged driving laws.

Officer Garcia was nominated numerous times by his peers during the second quarter of 2026. As a young officer, he is viewed by his peers as someone that is taking a leadership role, an excellent team player, and a person you can rely on. This quarter he was recognized for his professionalism, teamwork, and ability to stay calm under pressure while providing critical, lifesaving care during a medical emergency. He also received a commendation for his exemplary actions and the compassion he demonstrated during a homicide investigation. In June Officer Garcia participated in the CT Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run and back in April he helped raise funds through our Tip-A-Cop event at Little Red Barn Brewers.

Congratulations and thank you Officer Branden Garcia!

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Fire Marshal Report July 2026

August 13, 2026

Fire Marshal Fire Code Inspections:

34 Fire code inspections

1 Fire drill

Apartment building 75-95 Hurlbut Street 22 Units

Apartment building 117 Spencer Street 20 Units

Apartment building 19 Gay Street 32 Units

Apartment building 79 Gay Street 44 Units

1 Install smoke detectors

12 Follow up inspections

2 Fire code complaint

Housing Inspections:

6 Housing inspections

Complaints:

1 Housing code complaint

After Hours Call In

2- Burn/ alarm problem

Sincerely

James Lagassie
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Fire Marshal

Social Services for Older Adults

From: Jennifer Kelley, Winsted Senior Center Director & Municipal Agent

Listed below you will find Social Services provided for Older Adults living in our community during July & August. If you have any questions, please email me at jkelley@townofwinchester.org.

July 2026

- Talked with a lady who is currently “couch surfing” and shared our list of the elderly housing that is available in Winsted/Winchester and if she needs to, I explained that she needed to call 211 or Heather Mathews to get into the shelter system.
- Talked with a wife about what help, and services are available to help her care for her husband with dementia. I shared Melissa Garthwaite’s, HHC Center for Healthy Aging, contact information, information about applying for WCAAA’s Respite Care Program and the Alzheimer’s Association 800 number.
- After one of the regulars for the lunch on Tuesdays had not come in for a few weeks, I called one of his neighbors in elderly housing and he hadn’t seen him either. I called the site manager for the housing who told me his health was declining and his son was helping him. I left a voicemail for the son to help set up services but have not heard from him.
- I received a phone call from a mom who lives in Oklahoma about her son who has a brain injury who is being evicted. The son age 43, has no job, no income, does not own a vehicle. I suggested she call 211 to get him in the system and contact DSS to inquire about getting her son on the ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) waiver for services and housing help.
- Applied to the Town Resident Assistance Fund for a member, who was bumped from the WCAAA National Family Caregiver Program because it ran out of Federal funding. The RAF application was denied because she had a lot of money in her bank account. But, from her RAF application, on her Social Security statement, I noticed she was paying \$202.90 for her Part B premium. So, together we completed the Medicare Saving Program (QMB) application which is a program that the State pays Part B premium for income eligible residents. It has no asset test (does not consider if she has money in the bank). Received notification from DSS that she has been enrolled in MSP so her next social security deposit should be \$202.90 more.

August 2026

- After experiencing first hand her poor personal hygiene, our concern that she is still living in her car after almost 2 years, and hearing her stories blaming businesses, like T-mobile and the Town for everything that is “wrong” in her life, I spoke to Heather Matthews, HHC, who is familiar with her. Heather shared the contact info for her DSS PSE (Protective Services for Elderly) social worker, so I made a referral. The social worker responded that because there have been multiple referrals, her case was escalating to a supervisor.
- Hooray, member was offered an apartment at Chestnut Grove so we completed the Residence Assistance Fund application to pay off her outstanding Eversource bill and pay for moving expenses.

She is very happy to be near friends and the senior center.

- Helped a member complete the Medicare Saving Program (QMB) application.
- While helping a lady complete HUD housing application, and her mentioning that she was evicted from Torrington Towers for having an unsheltered person stay in her apartment. We stopped and I sent an email to Betsy at Winchester Housing Authority because I believe an eviction disqualifies her for other HUD housing.

Betsy got back to me and let me know the rule is disqualified after 7 years so I let her know.

- A gentleman dropped off an oil bill and asked if the “program” would pay for it. I explained the State Energy Assistance Program runs from November 1 to April 1 so no, the program will not pay for it, he is responsible. I called the oil company and asked that they make sure his deliveries moving forward are with this period and she offered to take that off their automatic refill list. So now, the gentleman will call when they need oil moving forward. (Actually, they should not need oil during the warmer months because the RAF paid to install a new electric hot water heater this year in their home)

I made an appointment for the gentleman and his wife to complete their Energy Assistance Program application with New Opportunities in September for this year.

Respectfully,



Jennifer Kelley

Greenwoods Counseling Referrals, Inc.

August 2026, Winsted Cares report

- This month I assisted 22 individuals with a total of 39 interactions.
- The most requested services were housing support and financial assistance.
- We currently have a growing number of unhoused individuals in town.
- In one week, 3 individuals contacted social services for a tent because they became unhoused.
- There are two more individuals being evicted this week.
- One is a young man 18 years old who aged out of foster care and has been trying to live on his own.
- I was able to assist two individuals with financial assistance from a fund the Council of governments has.
- One person was assisted with paying rent and the other with fixing a car.
- A positive case, there is a women age 66 years old. She was struggling with substance use, was unhoused and medically not well. I was able to assist her with getting in to detox. She has remained in treatment and has plans to continue on to sober living. She reports being grateful for the assistance with getting into treatment.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sarah Toomey

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