



TOWN OF WINCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Regular Meeting Agenda
November 02, 2026-7:00PM
P. Francis Hicks Room
Streamed live on YouTube and Channel 194

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **AGENDA REVIEW**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 19, 2026

B) Minutes of the Special Town Meeting on October 22, 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. **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

7. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

A) Discussion on Anticoagulant Rodenticide Ordinance 2nd of 3 meetings (Town Manager Harrington)

B) Discussion Winchester Public Schools/Gilbert School upcoming meeting questions reviewed (Town Manager Harrington)

C) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Board of Selectmen Executive Session Confidentiality and Disclosure of Confidential Information (Mayor Todd Arcelaschi)

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12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A) Discussion of 508 Main Street and Wallens Hill Negotiations update

13. **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday October 19, 2026

Winchester Town Hall - Hicks Room

Noticed in Town Clerks Office and on Towns Website

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7pm

Prior to the attendance roll call the Mayor acknowledged the passing of Sue Closson, a long time community volunteer and wife of Selectman George Closson. He then read a touching Town Resolution honoring the unexpected loss of Dennis Dressel. His passion for professionalism, athleticism and commitment to community betterment was read into the record and will be part of these minutes.

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Kevin Bishop (Selectman)
	Paul Marino (Selectman)	Cheryl Heffernan McGlynn (Selectwoman)
	Troy Lamere (Selectman)	
Absent Excused	William Hester (Selectman)	William Pozzo (Selectman)
Staff Members	Paul Harrington (Town Manager)	
	Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Director)	
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)	

Item 2 **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge was recited

Item 3 **Agenda Review** No changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**
* Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 5, 2026
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Sel. Bishop
Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 -0)

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** - The follow people addressed the Board
* Dewees Yeager * Elinor Bishop * Virginia Schultz-Charette

Item 6 **Selectmen's Comments**

Sel. Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Pointed out that the Town Clerk and Registrars were not policy making positions. He felt that the charter changes related to these 2 jobs were not intended to eliminate voters ability to choose local governance. He went on to express hope that all 5 changes would be approved for the betterment that each question was intended to offer.* He attended the Carries Walk event and shared that a new "Carries Law" legislative proposal was under consideration to help strengthen domestic violence laws.* He and Mayor Arcelaschi were invited to the Gilbert "Bus Loop" reconstruction project groundbreaking.
Sel. Marino	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Thanked Sel. Heffernan McGlynn for her Rodenticide prohibition initiative.* Offered several clarifying points regarding the Charter Revision questions on the November 3rd ballot.* Noted that the BOE study recently submitted failed to include a contracted

- Mayor Arcelaschi request for an estimate of operational costs to run a new High School.
- * Thanked Town Manager Harrington for his State of the Town event held at the the Little Red Barn on Nov. 15th
 - * Reminded everyone about the Wreaths Across America event and the fundraising needed to make this happen each year.
 - * Several local Halloween events are scheduled including the Lions Club, Winsted Youth Services Bureau and the Town's Recreation Board holding the ever popular Trunk or Treat party at Rowley Street.
- Sel. Heffernan McGlynn
- * Commented that the Charter Revision regarding the Town Clerk would not effect current Clerk Glenn Albanesi's employment and explained that the cost of retraining a new Clerk that resulted from an election shift was very expensive not to mention the loss of job experience.
 - * Requested that the Town Manager install clearer signage directing visitors arriving after hours to the elevator.
 - * Echoed a public comment about fencing needing to be replaced before it became an insurance liability.
 - * Announced that a resident had made her aware of Organic fertilizers being used at Highland Lake.
 - * Asked Board members to remember as elected officials they represented all voters and that political criticism of other board members should not be allowed.
 - * Complimented Sel. Bishop for joining her on the "Carries Walk" event and wished other Board members would have been there to participate in this very important and meaningful experience.

Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Town Manager Paul Harrington reported on the following topics.

- * A Water Main break was reported early this morning. Homes and businesses near the Wastewater Plant did experience loss of service but a repair team was dispatched right away and an alert that the system was back up and functional was posted by day's end.
- * The Water and Sewer Commission approved nearly \$1 million of capital improvement spending. The much needed work was financed by FY26 project surpluses. Reinvesting into our infrastructure truly does help mitigate future breakdowns and improve reliability.
- * A huge round of applause for our own Alex Combes who was named Wastewater "OPERATOR OF THE YEAR" by the Connecticut Rural Water and Wastewater Association!
- * Several weeks back the Selectmen approved spending from the Towns "Nipper Fund" to clean the brush overgrowth along the Mad River section on Main Street. James Doyle and his Innovative Lawn & Landscape team cleared from the Ambulance Barn to Noli's Restaurant, cutting back all the thicket and saplings and applying a State approved herbicide to help prevent regrowth. The work was completed promptly and has received rave reviews from many of our local travelers.
- * The new mural on ABC Pizza's has been completed. This initiative was funded through the Communities Challenge Grant.
- * Our SS4A Committee is having a "Build a Main Street Workshop" on Tuesday the 20th. The intent is to help create a vision of a reimagined Main Street corridor. Factors that will be discussed and considered include angled parking, wider sidewalks and improved traffic management. As this plan begins to take shape it will help provide a design blueprint for future funding applications.

- * Our new Speed Camera program has officially been activated. Two locations - one on Main Street and one located near the dry dam will begin monitoring the speed of each vehicle that passes thru these zones. A 30 day grace period will give speed limit violators a warning after which citations will be issued. The intent is to finally address dangerous speeding that has plagued Main Street for years.
- * Newly enacted Early Voting legislation begins on Monday November 21. Voters can access the polls in person at Town Hall for 14 days leading up to the November 3rd Election Day.
- * Explanatory sheets related to the 5 Charter Revision questions will be posted on the Town's website.

Item 8 **Finance Director's Report**

	Current FY - (YTD)		Last FY	
Revenues	Amount	%	Amount	%
Current Property Taxes	\$16,469,696.00	54.51	\$16,176,677.00	55.42
MV Supplemental				
Past Due Taxes	\$105,655.00	19.21	\$148,073.00	42.31
Total Revenues	\$17,663,449.00	41.77	\$17,309,665.00	42.2
Total Exp. w/Encumber.	\$9,310,187.00	22.01	\$11,552,403.00	28.16
Municipal Aid Received	\$136,056.00		Supplemental Municipal Assistance Grant	
	\$230,756.00		Tiered PILOT	
Cash Flow (September)	\$25,573,813.00		in GF as of September 30, 2026	
Investments	\$461,626.00		NWCB SWEEP	
	\$2,688,125.00		STIF (State Investment Fund)	
	\$17,384,550.00		NWCB Money Market (9127)	
	\$20,534,301.00		Total	
September 2026 Cap Exp	\$27,620.00		Soldiers Monument Upgrades	
	\$9,195.00		NEXGEN Records Management System	
	\$5,600.00		Fire Station Repairs and Upgrades	
	\$122,852.00		Annual LOCIP Road Repairs	
	\$3,958.00		Forest View Shed and Chapel	
	\$1,500.00		Communities Challenge Wayside Signs	
	\$7,714.00		Annual Road Maintenance	
	\$25,000.00		Safe Street for All Roadway Safety Action Plan	
	\$25,268.00		Western Spillway Walking Bridge Replacement	
	\$101,079.00		PW Mini Loader	
	\$2,206.00		Senior Center Repairs and Upgrades	
	\$19,105.00		South Road (Bond Funded)	
	\$2,400.00		Spring Street (Bond Funded)	

Item 9 **Correspondence** - None

Item 10 **Boards and Commissions** -

- 1) Candy Perez (D) is submitted to the Board of Selectmen for Re-Appointment as a member of the NW CT Transit Authority with a term to expire in March 2030
 Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn
 Vote to approve - Yes (4) / Abstain (1) Sel. Lamere
- 2) A Letter of Resignation was received and accepted from the following volunteer.
 Lara Green-Kazlauskas from the Cultural Commission
 Lara's time and service to the Town is acknowledged with gratitude.

- 3) Isadora Xaspis (R) is submitted for Appointment to a Member seat on the Historic Commission with a term to expire in December 2031
Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)
- 4) The Michael Kelly (D) appointment to a seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission needs to be tabled.
Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)
- 5) Nicole Waldron (R) is submitted for Appointment to a Member seat on the Laurel Commission with a term to expire in October 2031
Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

Item 11 **New Business -**

A) Discussion on Anticoagulant Rodenticide Ordinance

A motion was offered to recognize tonight's assembly as Meeting 1 of 3 of this Ordinance initiative.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

B) 26-07 Resolution Authorizing Town Manager Harrington to Execute and Deliver Documents on behalf of the Town of Winchester in Connection with Grant Funding from the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS).

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

C) 26-52 Proposed FY26 Year End Line Item Transfers by the Director of Finance

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-52 budget transfer 2026-28 totaling \$11,999.00"

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

D) 26-53 Refunds as Recommended by the Collector of Revenue

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$1118.28"

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

E) Discussion regarding Future Meeting with Gilbert School

Acting on the Boards direction Mayor Arcelaschi and Town Manager Harrington extended an invitation to The Gilbert School Board chair to set up a public meeting to discuss several critical questions in preparation for the coming FY 27-28 Budget negotiations. This request was considered, but ultimately approved for a private setting. The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday Nov. 12th at 2pm.

F) Board of Selectmen 2027 Meeting Schedule, Dates and Times

Town Manager Harrington explained that the previously approved time change for 2027 BOS meetings from 7pm to 6:30pm was in violation of Town Ordinance 130-1. This forced a motion to approve a 2027 Meeting schedule back to a 7pm start to be in line with the Ordinance.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

Item 12 **Citizens Comments** - The follow people addressed the Board

* Kim Higgins

Item 13 **Executive Session**

A) Discussion regarding Sale of Town Owned Property - 281 Walnut Street, 508 Main Street, Wallens Hill.

Motion to enter Executive Session taking Town Manager Harrington at 8:15pm.

Motion - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:35pm

Item 14 **New Business**

A) Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Session Items

A motion was offered to start proceedings for the sale of 281 Walnut Street to Habitat for Humanity.

The Special Town Meeting to approve the sale will be held at Town Hall on November 19, 2026 at 5pm.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn

Vote to approve - Yes (4) / Abstain (1) Sel. Lamere

Item 15 **Selectmen's Reports** None

Item 16 **Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk

These Minutes are subject to formal approval at the next scheduled meeting. Any amendments, corrections or revisions will be noted in the next Meeting Minutes.



RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE OF DENNIS DRESSEL

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchester mourns the passing of Dennis Dressel on October 10, 2026, a respected community leader, dedicated public servant, and cherished friend whose contributions to our community will long be remembered and,

WHEREAS, Dennis Dressel demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the Town of Winchester through his many years of volunteerism, civic engagement, and public service, always working to strengthen the community he proudly called home; and

WHEREAS, Dennis served with distinction on the Town of Winchester Economic Development Commission, dedicating his time, knowledge, and energy to supporting local businesses, encouraging economic growth, and advancing the long term prosperity of Winchester; and,

WHEREAS, Dennis also faithfully served for many years as Moderator of the Town's Annual Budget Meeting, carrying out this important responsibility with professionalism, fairness, and a deep respect for the democratic process and the residents he served; and,

WHEREAS, beyond his public service, Dennis was an accomplished athlete, having swum the English Channel, and his lifelong passion for swimming reflected the determination, discipline, and perseverance that characterized his life; and,

WHEREAS, Dennis was a familiar and welcome presence at Winchester Town Hall, frequently visiting with Town employees and officials following his swims at the YMCA, sharing his thoughts, offering encouragement, and building friendships that extended well beyond his official responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Dennis exemplified the very best qualities of public service through his generosity, kindness, integrity, and genuine concern for the well-being of his neighbors and the future of his community; and,

WHEREAS, his passing leaves a profound void in the Town of Winchester, but his legacy of service, friendship, and community spirit will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Connecticut, hereby expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude for the life, dedication, and distinguished public service of **Dennis Dressel**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen extends its heartfelt condolences to the Dressel family, recognizing that Dennis's contributions to Winchester were immeasurable and that his friendship, wisdom, and Presence will be deeply missed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Winchester Board of Selectmen meeting of October 19, 2026, as a permanent expression of the Town's respect, appreciation, and remembrance; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a signed copy of this Resolution be presented to the family of Dennis Dressel as a lasting tribute to his extraordinary commitment to the Town of Winchester.

ADOPTED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Connecticut, this 19th day of October, 2026 .

TOWN OF WINCHESTER - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town of Winchester

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - 5:00pm (Hicks Room)

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 5:00pm

Attending BOS Members Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)
 Troy Lamere (Selectman)
 Kevin Bishop (Selectman)

Town Staff Members Paul Harrington (Town Manager) Deborah Jones (ROV)
 Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk) Rose Osborne (ROV)

Item 2 **Reading of the Warning/Notice of Town Meeting**

* Town Clerk, Glenn Albanesius read the Warning/Notice of the meeting

Item 3 **New Business**

A) Consider and possibly act on the proposed Sale of Town owned land located at 32 Hubbard Street

* Mayor Arcelaschi turned the meeting over to Town Manager Harrington who presented an abbreviated outline of the sale proceedings and an explanation of the bidders plans for the property location listed.

* No Public Comments were made.

* Motion Statement - " I move that the Town Meeting of the Town of Winchester hereby approve and authorize the sale of Town owned real property located at 32 Hubbard Street, Winchester, Connecticut, to Alex Santos for the purchase price of Forty Thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and further authorize the Town Manager, on behalf of the Town of Winchester, to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement deed, and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate and complete the sale, subject to the review and approval by Town Counsel and compliance with all applicable laws and Town ordinances.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to accept motion - Unanimous (6 - 0)

* A vote on the Motion for the Town to accept the Bid offer of \$40,000 for the purchase of 32 Hubbard Street was approved by a unanimous Paper Ballot count of (6) Yes votes.

Item 4 **Adjournment**

* Mayor Arcelaschi adjourned the meeting at 5:06 pm

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk

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**Town of Winchester
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Town of Winchester Town Hall
338 Main Street – 2nd Floor – P. Francis Hicks Room

October 27, 2026

At the October 26, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, a positive unanimous vote was taken regarding the 8-24 referral for the sale of the following municipally owned properties.

16 Brooke Street (Map 103/ Block 037 /Lot 009C)

Sincerely,

Geoffrey M. Green
Director of Land Use and Development

TOWN OF WINCHESTER - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Action Report to Board of Selectmen

Monday, November 2, 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
10/26/2026	John Herman	Board of Assessment Appeals	U	Member	10/2029

RESIGNATIONS

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

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

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
10/19/2026	George N. Closson	Planning and Zoning	D	Alternate	10/2029
				(George will complete John Cooney's term)	

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	2 Members	To Be Determined	Board of Selectmen
Economic Development Commission	Alternate	2 Member / 1 Alternates	First / Third Tue	Town Manager (Vacancies only)
Ethics Commission	Member	2 Members	As Needed	
Historic Commission	Member	1 Member	Monthly - 1st Thur	Board of Selectmen
Laurel City Commission	Member	Multiple Openings	TBD January - June	Board of Selectmen
Planning & Zoning	Member	1 Alternate	2nd / 4th Monday	Board of Selectmen
Recreation Board	Member	3 Members	Monthly - 1st Wed	Board of Selectmen
Zoning Board of Appeals	Member	2 Alternates	Monthly - 1st Wed	Board of Selectmen

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADD BYLAWS/ORDINANCE
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, CT TOWN OF WINCHESTER, CT

It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Connecticut to add a new Anticoagulant Rodenticide Ordinance. The first of three meetings to be held on October 19, 2026, regarding this new ordinance, the second meeting to be held at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on November 02, 2026 and the third meeting will take place on November 16, 2026. All three meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the P. Francis Hicks room at the Winchester Town Hall, 338 Main Street, Winsted, CT.

Attn: Town of Winchester Website-Legal Notices



TOWN OF WINCHESTER – CITY OF WINSTED

Town Hall – 338 Main Street

WINSTED, CONNECTICUT 06098

PROPOSED ORDINANCE — ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

Proposed addition to the Code of Ordinances | Chapter and section numbers to be assigned by the Town Clerk / codifier

§ 1. Purpose and legislative findings.

The Town of Winchester finds that first-generation and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides may cause primary poisoning of animals that ingest bait and secondary poisoning of predators and scavengers that consume poisoned rodents. Such products may endanger wildlife, pets, children, and other non-target species. It is the purpose of this ordinance to protect public health and municipal property while reducing environmental risks through Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and prohibiting the use of anticoagulant rodenticides on covered municipal properties except pursuant to a temporary emergency waiver.

§ 2. Definitions.

Anticoagulant rodenticide. A rodenticide that interferes with normal blood clotting, generally through disruption of the vitamin K cycle.

First-generation anticoagulant rodenticide (FGAR). An anticoagulant rodenticide generally requiring repeated feeding to accumulate a lethal dose; examples of active ingredients include chlorophacinone, diphacinone, and warfarin.

Second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide (SGAR). A highly potent anticoagulant rodenticide generally capable of producing a lethal dose after less feeding; examples of active ingredients include brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, and difethialone.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM). A coordinated approach emphasizing prevention, monitoring, sanitation, exclusion, habitat modification, and targeted control methods designed to minimize risks to people, property, wildlife, and the environment.

Covered municipal property. Any property owned, operated, maintained, or under the care and control of the Town of Winchester, including municipal buildings, grounds, parks, recreational areas, open spaces, and public rights-of-way.

Non-anticoagulant rodenticide. A rodenticide acting through a mechanism other than interference with blood clotting, including products containing bromethalin, cholecalciferol, or zinc phosphide.

§ 3. Applicability.

This ordinance applies to all covered municipal property and to Town departments, employees, contractors, vendors, pest-management professionals, and other persons performing services on behalf of the Town on such property. It does not regulate rodent-control activities on privately owned property solely by reason of its location within Winchester.

§ 4. Prohibition and required practices.

(a) No Town department, employee, contractor, vendor, or other person acting on behalf of the Town shall use or apply an FGAR or SGAR on covered municipal property except under a waiver issued pursuant to § 5.

(b) Rodent management on covered municipal property shall utilize IPM measures as appropriate, including removing food and water sources, improving sanitation, sealing entry points, modifying habitat, monitoring activity, and employing effective non-anticoagulant control methods consistent with applicable law and labeling.

(c) Nothing herein categorically authorizes the use of non-anticoagulant rodenticides, which may also present risks to humans, pets, wildlife, and other non-target species.

§ 5. Temporary emergency waivers.

(a) The Board of Selectmen may authorize a temporary, limited waiver upon a documented finding that a significant rodent infestation presents a significant public health or safety concern and that IPM measures and less-toxic alternatives have been unsuccessful or are not reasonably sufficient.

(b) A written waiver request shall identify: (1) the affected location; (2) the nature and extent of the infestation and health or safety concern; (3) IPM measures and less-toxic alternatives attempted and why they are insufficient; (4) the proposed product, method of application, and duration; and (5) safeguards to minimize exposure of people, pets, wildlife, and other non-target species.

(c) Any waiver shall specify the authorized location, product, application method, duration, and protective conditions. It shall not authorize routine or continuing use after expiration. Every approved waiver shall be posted on the Town website.

§ 6. Administration and enforcement.

(a) The Town Manager shall administer this ordinance and may establish reasonable implementing procedures, including documentation, contractor notification, and compliance review.

(b) Town departments shall ensure that contracts, purchase orders, pest-management agreements, and other service arrangements for covered municipal property are consistent with this ordinance. Contractors and vendors shall be informed of and comply with its requirements.

(c) Upon discovering a violation, the Town Manager or designee may direct immediate cessation of the prohibited activity and require corrective action, including removal or lawful disposal of prohibited products. Contractual violations may be addressed through remedies available under the applicable agreement and law. This ordinance creates no independent monetary fine or criminal penalty.

(d) No Town employee shall be required to perform pest-control activities for which the employee is not appropriately trained, licensed, or otherwise authorized.

§ 7. Compliance with other laws.

Nothing in this ordinance authorizes use of a pesticide or rodenticide inconsistent with federal or Connecticut law, regulations, licensing requirements, or approved product labeling. Where applicable law is more restrictive, the more restrictive requirement controls.

§ 8. Severability.

If any provision or application of this ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions and applications shall remain effective to the fullest extent permitted by law.

§ 9. Effective date and transition.

This ordinance shall take effect upon completion of all adoption, publication, and effective-date requirements applicable under Connecticut law and the Town Charter, on a date specified in the adopting action. The existing Board of Selectmen policy adopted October 5, 2026, with an operational effective date of November 1, 2026, shall remain in effect to the extent not superseded by this ordinance.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen: _____

Ordinance effective: _____

Town of Winchester – City of Winsted

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Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen – Education Budget Discussion

Winchester Public Schools & The Gilbert School

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Subject: FY 2027–2028 Budget Discussion

1. Student Enrollment and Class Sizes

1. What is the current student-to-teacher ratio for Winchester Public Schools (WPS), as was previously requested for The Gilbert School (TGS)?
2. What are the current class sizes and student-to-teacher ratios for each class? (Information should be available through PowerSchool.)
3. Has student enrollment increased or decreased over the past year at WPS and TGS?

2. Out-of-District Student Enrollment

4. How many Winchester students attend each of the following schools or programs, and what is the cost per student?
 - o Oliver Wolcott Technical School (OWTS)
 - o Regional School District No. 7 – Vocational Agriculture Program
 - o Explorations Charter School

3. Staffing and Budget Reductions

5. How many positions were actually eliminated as a result of last year's budget reductions at WPS?
6. Does TGS anticipate retaining the same number of staff for the 2027–2028 school year as in the current school year?

4. Special Education

7. What is being done at WPS and TGS to reduce special education costs, including opportunities to keep students and services in-house?
8. How are special education students being served when transitioning from WPS to TGS, and what are the associated costs?

5. The Gilbert School – International Student Program

9. What is the anticipated enrollment of international students?
10. How much does each international student pay to TGS, including room and board?
11. How are the amounts paid by international students broken down among tuition, room, board, medical expenses, and other charges?
12. Please provide a breakdown of the individual costs associated with international students.
13. Are funds paid by international students held in a separate account, or are they deposited into the same account as funds received from Winchester?
14. What is the cost of maintaining the international student dormitory, separately from other international student program expenses?
15. What is the total cost of maintaining the international student program?
16. What portion of the Head of School's salary is attributable to work performed for the international student program?
17. How much is anticipated to be spent on international student recruitment efforts, including promotion, travel, and related expenses?

6. Capital Projects

18. What capital projects does TGS anticipate undertaking during the 2027–2028 school year?

7. Tuition Structure and Sending Towns

19. Prior to 2012, TGS had a clearly established per-pupil tuition rate charged to the Town. Norwich Free Academy (NFA) makes its per-pupil tuition rates available by sending town, and Woodstock Academy publishes its tuition rates on its website.

At the last Gilbert Corporation Board meeting, it was stated that tuition is calculated differently for endowed academies and that a per-pupil rate could not be provided.

Taking these differences into account, can TGS provide a per-pupil tuition rate for:

- Grades 7–8
 - Grades 9–12
20. Given that NFA and Woodstock Academy have multiple sending towns, is TGS actively seeking additional sending towns to increase enrollment and diversify its revenue sources?

21. Would the TGS Board support an updated educational model in which TGS has additional sending towns and Winchester has expanded sending options, provided TGS remains one of those options?

8. WPS–TGS Contract

22. What are the sticking points that have prevented WPS and TGS from reaching a contract agreement? (Question for both WPS and TGS.)

9. FY 2027–2028 Budget

23. Is it possible to maintain the education budget at the same funding level as last year?
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Meeting Objective

To discuss the FY 2027–2028 educational budgets, enrollment, staffing, special education expenditures, international student program finances, tuition arrangements, and the relationship between Winchester Public Schools and The Gilbert School.

Questions submitted by members of the Winchester Board of Selectmen. Organized by topic for discussion purposes.



Winsted Active Aging Senior Center

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

August 2026

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

FINANCES

Budget:	\$221,806
YTD Expended:	\$35,749
Percentage Spent:	27.3%

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Cooking Basics Classes: 12 members 3 classes

Farmer's Market Cards: 94 cards have been distributed to residents of Winchester and neighboring towns.

Fitness Classes: 457 members participated in 43 fitness classes.

Friday BINGO: 69 members attended our weekly games 5 afternoons.

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

House-made Lunches: 80 lunches were served on 2 days (including S'More Summer Lunch and a Pizza Party)

Lunches: 449 congregate lunches were served on 19 days.

Meditation in Motion: 6 members attended our monthly guided wellbeing class.

Renters Rebate: a total of 200 applications have been submitted to the State of CT program.

Senior Center Van: 278 rides were provided on 20 days.

Trips: 14 members traveled to Olde Mystic Village for lunch and explores the shops and scenery.

MORE...

Director: Attended zoom Fit Together steering committee meeting, zoom Navigating Conflict/Compassionate Dialog, Neighboring Senior Center Directors meeting.

Vans: all three vans had their annual lift service completed.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Kelley



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September 2026

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

FINANCES

Budget:	\$221,806
YTD Expended:	\$42,211
Percentage Spent:	30.2%

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

60th Anniversary Party: 91 members gathered at Green Woods Country Club, to celebrate our special day including a delicious lunch, amazing entertainment (with lots of dancing) and an awesome Raffle thanks to generous town business. We kicked it off with speeches by Claire Cote, State Bureau of Aging & Disabilities Services and Paul Harrington, Town Manager.

Farmer's Market Cards: 94 cards have been distributed to residents of Winchester and neighboring towns.

Fitness Classes: 372 members participated in 40 fitness classes.

Friday BINGO: 92 members attended our weekly games 5 afternoons.

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

House-made Lunches: 74 lunches were served on 2 days (including Meatloaf Lunch and a Pizza Party)

Lunches: 441 congregate lunches were served on 19 days.

Renters Rebate: a final total of 231 applications have been submitted to the State of CT program.

Senior Center Van: 286 rides were provided on 20 days.

Tap Time Class: 7 members attended the first class and there may be a recital in their future.

Trips: 14 members traveled to Crackerbarrel for lunch and a little shopping. 40 travelers went to Lake Winnepesaukee and enjoyed fall foliage and a turkey dinner on board a train around the lake.

MORE...

Director: Attended the Town Emergency Response Exercise meeting, zoom State Modernizing Senior Centers program, zoom Fit Together steering committee meeting, Helping Hands board meeting, attended WCAAA Regional Leadership breakfast, and attended Healthy Aging Fair at Wisdom House.

Building: Encore Fire Suppression inspection completed. Hartford Steam Boiler inspection completed.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Kelley

60th Anniversary

(my Welcome Speech)

Hello Everyone. Thank you joining us today. Before we begin, let's honor and thank all our volunteers that are here today and recognize their dedication. Now let's look back over our 60 years.

On September 27, 1966, the Reverend Harry Eid met with eight people at the Methodist church to discuss the formation of a "senior group" for the Town of Winchester. At their second meeting in October of that year, there were twenty-eight people in attendance, so it began.

In 1974, the State of Connecticut Department on Aging awarded the Town a grant to operate a senior center and the Winsted Senior Center opened at the St. Andrews Lodge Masonic Home on Wheeler Street. Blanche McCarthy was hired by the Town as the first Director. The center remained at St. Andrews until 1983, when Blanche secured grant funding to purchase and renovate the Garibaldi Hall on the corner of Holabird Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Let's take a moment together, to appreciate the grace and leadership of Blanche McCarthy Sewell and Ellen Schroeder who blazed the trails that helped create our Winsted Senior Center. Over the years, Winsted Senior Center's mission has evolved to provide educational, recreational, and cultural activities, assistance with medical insurance, assistance with State of CT programs, health clinics, daily lunches, van transportation, travel opportunities, food programs, intergenerational programs and always a smiling, welcoming face to greet you.

Last year, we branded our center as "Active Aging" to highlight our vision to provide programs and services that support older adults, to be happy, healthy, curious and safe community members.

Clearly in 60 years, there have been a lot of changes. But the years passing by, only build on and strengthen our family of friends. Happy 60th birthday!
