Town of Winchester

 Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

July 21, 2025 – 7:00PM

MINUTES

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi. In attendance are members of the board Selectman Troy LaMere, Selectman Paul Marino, Selectman William Hester, Selectman William Pozzo, Selectwoman Linda Groppo, Selectwoman Candy Perez and staff members Lauren Dombrowski (Asst Town Clerk), Geoff Green (Asst Town Planner/ZEO) and Jeremy DeCarli (Interim Town Planner). Absent excused staff members include Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk) and Paul Harrington (Town Manager).

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited by all.

**3. Agenda Review**

None

**4. Approval of Minutes**

***Approval of July 7, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: motion by Troy LaMere, seconded by William Hester, and approved. Candy Perez abstained.***

**5. Citizens’ Comments**

The following individuals spoke:

Mary Ann Marino (631 Vera Road) advocating for herself as she awaits the board’s approval of her Inland Wetlands application. Currently a member of Zoning Boards of Appeal, seeking dual positions. Will the town support the desire to serve on both commissions?

Jack Herman (800 East Wakefield Blvd) on behalf of/in support of Mary Ann Marino’s IWCCC application.

Town charter and Town Attorney allows for dual service.

Cheryl McGlynn (61 Wetmore Avenue) in support of Mary Ann Marino for IWCCC.

Steven Plumblee (152 Grantville Road) in support of Mary Ann Marino on IWCCC.

Beverly Paganelli (856 West Wakefield Blvd) in support of Mary Ann Marino.

Gary Goulet (120 Sucker Brook Road) also in support of Mary Ann Marino.

**6. Town Manager’s Report**

Mayor Todd presents on behalf of Paul Harrington in his absence.

Sue Gossman Trail sub-committee has been meeting to move this along. Making progress.

CT DOT cutting trees on Main Street, infuriating town people and business owners.

**7. Correspondence**

Candy Perez: Draws attention to two letters in meeting packet.

One is in support of Mary Ann Marino

Ellie Gunn ZBA member and inquiry of fellow ZBA “members forced to” resign

Removal from board because of personal bias.

**8. Boards & Commissions**

John Pollack resigns from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Hamish Lutris rescinded his previously submitted resignation from the Historic Commission.

***Motion to appoint Matt Smith to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Bill Hester, seconded by Paul Marino and approved. Linda Groppo abstained.***

***Motion to appoint Jaime Colligan to the Water Sewer Commission by Paul Marino, seconded by Bill Hester and approved. Candy Perez abstained.***

***Motion to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Marino to Inland Wetlands made by Troy LaMere seconded by Bill Hester and approved by the board. Paul Marino abstained.***

**9. Unfinished Business**

None

**10. New Business**

**A.** Discussion re: applications for Land Use fees (Asst. Town Planner/ZEO Geoff Green)

Land Use department looking to increase various permitting fees.

**B.** Discussion re: possible Inland Wetlands & Watercourses ordinance changes (Asst. Town Planner/ZEO Geoff Green)

**C.** Discussion re: proposed ordinance changes to Notices #87 (Posting of hours for town offices)

**D.** Discussion re: changes to Historical Commission ordinance #50 (Mayor Arcelaschi)

**E.** 25-29 Refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenues (Mayor Arcelaschi)

$729.14 Motor Vehicle

$280.79 Real Estate

$1009.93 total refund

***Paul Marino makes a motion to approve the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenues in the amount of $1009.93, Troy LaMere seconded the motion, and the motion is unanimously approved.***

**11. Citizens’ Comments**

The following individuals spoke:

Mary Ann Marino (631 Vera Road)

John Herman (800 East Wakefield Blvd) airport interest

**12. Selectmen Comments & Reports**

Troy LaMere – Suggests a formal recognition of Jim Welcome, newly retired Recreation Maintainer of almost 60 years.

Bill Pozzo.

Paul Marino.

**13. Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn at 8:50PM by Troy LaMere seconded by Bill Hester and unanimously approved.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Jones Dombrowski