

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday August 4, 2025

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 7:00pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	William Hester (Selectman)
	Troy Lamere (Selectman)	William Pozzo (Selectman)
	Paul Marino (Selectmen)	Linda Groppo (Selectwoman)
	Candy Perez (Selectwoman)	

Staff Members	Paul Harrington (Town Manager)
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)
	Geoff Green (Assistant Town Planner)
	Jeremy DeCarli (Green & Tyche Consultant)

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** - No Changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 21, 2025

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** - The following people addressed the Board

* Mary Ann Marino - Updated data that she had presented at the previous BOS Meeting

Item 6 **Town Manager's Report** - Town Manager Paul Harrington reported on the following topics.

* A resident who had signed up for the new "Property Check" fraud alert service contacted the Town Clerks office to report receiving both a text and E-mail that a transaction referencing his Winchester property had been flagged. It turned out to be a routine and legitimate land recording but we are all thrilled to confirm that the Service works as designed.

* The "Everbridge" Alert system was used to notify residents on Spencer Hill of a scheduled power shutdown on August 6th. The message "hit" only 13 people in the targeted area which highlights that we need to continue promoting sign up for this critical service.

* A draft award agreement for our SS4A (Safe Streets for All) grant application has been received. This grant, once approved and funding distributed will allow the Town to conduct a comprehensive road safety study. This study will be used to unlock federal construction money for revamping unsafe roads and intersections that will be identified. Interested residents are urged to consider joining an Ad Hoc committee whose mission it will be to guide the plans development.

* Negotiations continue with the Supervisor and Clerical unions. Our Building Inspector will soon be testing for his certification.

* The Batcheler School development group is very close to securing the funding needed to kick off their property and building renovation. Closing and securing ownership from the Town is expected in the Fall of this year.

* Eversource is continuing their gas line replacement project on Main Street. A grant has been applied for to help replace the trees recently cut down. Friends of Main Street is playing a critical role in securing these funds.

Item 7 **Correspondence** -

* Sel. Lamere announced that Raffle Ticket sales for this year's Fireman's Carnival were much slower than in past years. The Board agreed that better promotion would help sales.

Item 8 **Boards and Commissions** - No action to be taken

Item 9 **Unfinished Business** -

A) *Discussion regarding Applications for Land Use Fees*

Land Use staff member Geoff Green and Consultant Jeremy DeCarli summarized proposed Ordinance language changes to Chapter 380 of the Town Code (Public Water Bodies). Board discussion resulted in a Motion to accept changes as presented with a start date of October 1, 2025.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

B) *Discussion regarding possible Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Ordinance changes*

The proposed changes were subject to much back and forth with the Board finally agreeing that §380-19 (Waivers) warranted further review.

Item 10 **New Business** -

A) *Speeding Analysis Reports*

Town Manager Harrington read from traffic speed data compiled by Sitestream Inc. who had set up cameras in 3 separate locations on Rte. 44 in downtown Winchester. The study confirmed that a significant number of speeding vehicles traveled thru the test zones. Paul outlined the State Statutes that governed the placement of speed tracking camera's in CT. He also emphasized that the Dept of Transportation needed to approve any proposed location of permanent tracking cameras for the purpose of issuing summons. The Board agreed that further analysis was needed before deciding to implement a formal program.

Item 11 **Citizens Comments** - The following people addressed the Board

* Mary Ann Marino Lectured the Board on potential ramifications of engaging the IWWC or an LTA as a Public Water Bodies Waiver Review group. She suggested that lack of water safety expertise or training could risk legal action.

Item 12 **Executive Session**

A) *Discussion regarding the Selection of a Site, or the Lease, Sale or Purchase of Real Estate*

Motion to enter Executive Session at 9:05pm taking the Town Manager, Geoff Green, Jeremy DeCarli and Atty. Brian McCann.

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

The Board returned at 10:15pm with no formal action taken.

Item 13 **Selectmen's Comments** -

Mayor Arcelaschi Reminded everyone about the Benefit Flag Football event Friday August 15th to be held at Gilbert School at 6pm. Funds raised will go to the new Friends of Parks and Recreation group. Volunteers and players are needed.

Item 14

Adjournment

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

To adjourn the meeting at 10:17pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 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.