

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday October 20, 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)

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 October 6, 2025

Motion - Sel. Pozzo / Second - Sel. Lamere

Sel. Groppo asked that the vote count for Item 10 be corrected to reflect 5 (Yes) not 6 as written.

Motion was revised to approve with correction.

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** - None

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

* The Eversource Gas Line project on Main Street is headed into the home stretch. Final road resurfacing will cap a successful major upgrade.

* The "Manufacturing Tour" continues. Paul visited with Cadco and HO Products and gained a better understanding of their expertise and commitment to success here in Winsted.

* The Little Red Barn hosted EDC's premiere of their new promotional video. Feedback was extremely positive and efforts to share and spread the message will be a priority.

* The Town's "Bronze" Sustainable CT rating is up for renewal. This is a critical certification when Grant applications are reviewed. An effort to win "Silver" status is under consideration as the goal for the upcoming year.

* Our Clerical Union has agreed in principle with the language and terms for a new contract. Bringing in a mediator proved to be a positive step towards compromise. The Supervisors contract will go into mediation on October 30th.

* Interest and development proposals for the Wallens Hill property have begun to pour in. This has the potential to be a major revenue generating opportunity for the Town. An outside firm has been contracted to test the existing water and sewer infrastructure. The results of these tests will be reported shortly.

* The Sue Grossman Greenway Committee now has a page on the Town's website. Progress continues as the team is currently focused on the necessary easements to bring the Trail into downtown Winsted.

* Safe Streets for All (SS4A) is looking for a professional consultant to move this initiative forward.

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report** - Ann Marie Rheault's report is as follows.

Revenues	Current FY - (YTD)		Last FY	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Current Property Taxes	\$16,176,677.00	55.42	\$14,273,990.00	52.19
Past Due Taxes	\$148,073.00	43.31	\$125,766.00	20.96
Total Revenues	\$17,309,665.00	42.2	\$15,181,618.00	37.2
Expenditures	\$11,552,403.00	28.16	\$11,773,190.00	28.85
Municipal Aid Received	\$1,463,833.00	Case Avenue Bridge Grant Reimbursement		
Bond Closing (7/8/2025)	\$197,041.00	Town Aid Road Grant		
Cash Flow (prior month)	\$26,483,232.00	GF as of September 30, 2025		
Investments	\$457,034.00	NWCB SWEEP		
	\$2,587,615.00	STIF (State Investment Fund)		
	\$17,748,859.00	NWCB Money Market		
	\$20,793,508.00	Total		

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - The following action was taken

* Thomas Cook is submitted for approval to an Alternate seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire May 2029.
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 11 **New Business** -

A) *Presentation by Registrars of Voters - Demo of New Voting Tabulators*

Debbie Jones and Barbara Braunstein gave the Board a detailed overview and live demonstration of the new Voting Tabulators. These will be in use for the November 4th Municipal election!

B) *25-06 (Resolution) Supporting the Use of Designated Grant Matching Capital Funds*

Motion Statement - "I move that we do the Resolution 25-06 supporting the use of designated Grant Matching Capital Funds."

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

C) *25-37 Letter of Support for CT Recreational Trails Grant*

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen submit a letter of support for the Town of Winchester's Connecticut Recreational Trails Grant application on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of Selectmen."

Motion - Sel. Pozzo / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

D) 25-38 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 \$647.66."

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 12 **Citizens Comments** - None

Item 13 **Selectmen's Comments** -

Sel. Marino Thanked Sgt. Duvall of the Winsted PD for the opportunity to ride along with him.

Mayor Arcelaschi Reminded people of the upcoming fundraiser for Winsted Youth Service Bureau to be held Friday October 24th at Crystal Peak.

Sel. Pozzo Reminded folks of the upcoming Trunk or Treat event, and the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Domino's Restaurant and Marshall's department store.

Item 14 **Adjournment**

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

To adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm

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.