

# Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday March 16, 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 7:00pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Cheryl Heffernan McGlynn (Selectwoman)
	Paul Marino (Selectman)	William Pozzo (Selectman)
	Troy Lamere (Selectman)	William Hester (Selectman)
	Kevin Bishop (Selectman)	

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** - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn asked for details on Agenda Item 12A (Personnel Salary Negotiations). She counseled the Board that this was not allowed. A motion was offered to move 12A to 11C  
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

\* Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 2 , 2026  
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0))

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

\* Frank Oliveri thanked Paul Harrington, Sel. Marino and Sel. Hester for helping to resolve a critical issue on East Wakefield Blvd last week.  
\* Mike Connole questioned the Town's Main Street snow clearing efforts during the most recent storm. He asked if the Town had any celebration plans for the Nations 250th Anniversary. Lastly questioned why it's taken so long to rename New Street.

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

\* The FY2026-2027 Budget has been completed and submitted for review. He took time to thank the efforts of Tom Heuschkel, Ann Marie Rheault and Terry Hall to help produce a Budget book with over 700 pages of detail.  
\* Winsted's Restaurant Week turned out to be a monumental hit with 105 people registering to participate. The Town's EDC did a exemplary job organizing the event that supported local restaurants and businesses.  
\* Discussion and negotiations continue with Northwest Transit District in hopes of uncovering new operational efficiencies for Winchester specific services. If additional cost controls cannot be implemented existing travel routes may need to be altered or eliminated.  
\* "Habitat for Humanity" had several representatives visit Town last week. They met with staff to discuss potentially building a home in our community with the goal of supporting affordable home ownership and strengthening Winsted's neighborhoods.

- \* Paul participated in a First Grade Reading Exercise at Hinsdale School.
- \* An important Town Meeting will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday March 17th at 7pm. Voters will decide whether to sell Town Property at 48 Bridge Street and also hear details about the proposed replacement roof at Pearson School which will go to a referendum vote on March 24th from 8am to 8pm at Town Hall.
- \* A Revolutionary Trivia Night is planned at LRB on April 18th from 6 to 8pm. The Barkhamsted Historical Society and Winchester's Historic Commissions are joining forces to promote this event.
- \* On behalf of the Board of Education, the Town has submitted an application to Representative John Larson's office for \$2 million of funding to support Pearson School's Infrastructure Renewal.

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	\$228,730,296.00	98.43	\$26,951,425.00	98.55
MV Supplemental	\$243,990.00	69.71	\$265,849.00	118.16
Past Due Taxes	\$263,201.00	75.2	\$258,781.00	43.13
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$35,592,349.00</b>	<b>86.77</b>	<b>\$33,136,652.00</b>	<b>81.2</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$27,272,680.00</b>	<b>66.49</b>	<b>\$26,430,412.00</b>	<b>64.77</b>
Municipal Aid	\$919,724.00		Special Education Excess Cost to the BOE	
	\$197,040.00		Town Aid Roads	
Cash Flow	\$27,350,235.00		GF as of February 28, 2026	
Investments	\$458,928.00		NWCB SWEEP	
	\$2,629,943.00		STIF (State Investment Fund)	
	\$16,030,629.00		NWCB Money Market (9127)	
	\$19,919,500.00		Total	
Capital Expenses - Nov 25	\$9,973.00		Town Clerk Office Renovation - System Conv.	
	\$39,561.00		Fire Turnout Gear	
	\$107,674.00		Annual Roadway Maintenance	
	\$51,496.00		Senior Center Mechanical Repairs	

Item 8 ***Correspondence*** - None

Item 9 ***Boards and Commissions*** -

- 1) Kurt Williams (U) is submitted for Re-appointment to a member seat on Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire in April 2032  
 Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino  
 Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 2) Esther Dew (R) is submitted for approval to an Member seat on the Historic Commission with a term to expire December 2026.  
 Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere  
 Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 3) A Letter of Resignation was received and accepted from the following volunteer.  
 Stuart Pollens (Resident) from the Historic Commission  
 Stewart's time and service to the Town is acknowledged with gratitude.

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** -

A) *Potential Tax Sale*

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Winchester, Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §12-157, authorize the Tax Collector to initiate the statutory tax sale process for any real property that meets the following criteria:

- 1) The property is delinquent in the payment of real estate for a period of two (2) years or more; and
- 2) The total amount of delinquent taxes, interest, lien fees, and other authorized charges owed to the Town equals or exceeds five thousand (\$5000)

I further move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the engagement of Attorney Adam Cohen to provide legal services necessary to carry out the tax sale process in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §12-157 and related statutes, including preparation of notices, title work coordination, conduct of the sale, and all associated legal requirements.

This authorization shall remain in effect until 12/31/2026.

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

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (2) Sel. Pozzo and Sel. Hester

Item 11 **New Business** -

A) Discussion regarding the Rotary Pet Parade

John Lavieri and Bill Harding explained to the Board that the Rotary Club was committing extra effort this year to rejuvenate their Annual Pet Parade. They requested the Board approve a proclamation making the 3rd Saturday in May "ROTARY PET PARADE DAY". Discussion by the Board offered unanimous support to help grow the event back to what it used be. The Mayor read a formal Proclamation and asked the Board for a motion to accept.

Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

B) *26-10 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 \$1855.41"

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

C) Personnel Salary Negotiations

*This item was moved from Item 12A*

Town Clerk, Glenn Albanesius offered an appeal to the Board for compensation realignment with statewide peers and Town Hall staff. He distributed the following handout sheets.

- \* Compensation Review Request
- \* Salary Comparison Sheet
- \* March 2026 Annual Report to Board of Selectmen
- \* Copy of 2023 Town Manager Employee Evaluation

Discussion directed the Town Manager to consult the Town Attorney to determine what the laws governing compensation for elected personnel will permit.

Item 12     **Executive Session**     *This item moved to New Business (Item C) in OPEN SESSION*  
B) Discussion regarding sale of Town Owned Properties - 32 Hubbard Street, 82-84 Rockwell Street  
17 Birdsall Street, 132 Florence Street and 124 Rockwell Street  
Motion to enter Executive Session bringing the Town Manager and Realtor David Sartirana at  
8:38pm.  
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)  
Selectman Pozzo left Executive Session at 8:55pm

Item 13     **New Business**  
B) Discussion and possible Action regarding sale of Town Owned Properties - 32 Hubbard Street  
82-84 Rockwell Street, 17 Birdsall Street, 132 Florence Street and 124 Rockwell Street.  
Board returned to open session at 8:58pm.  
A motion to reject an offer for 124 Rockwell Street was offered along with instructions to the  
Town Manager to reduce the selling asking price to \$24,900.00.  
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)  
A second motion was offered referring 32 Hubbard Street, 82-84 Rockwell Street, 17 Birdsall  
Street and 132 Florence Street to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration for sale.  
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Bishop  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 14     **Citizens Comments**     None

Item 15     **Selectman's Comments and Reports**  
\* Sel. Hester -             Reminded everyone about the last segment of the Soldiers Monument Winter  
Lecture Series about the "Radium Girls". This will be held at the Beardsley  
Library at 10:30am.  
\* Mayor Arcelaschi -     Urged everyone to celebrate St. Patrick's Day responsibly.  
  
\* Town Manager Harrington - Announced that Eversource would be holding an informational event  
on April 6th to review their continued work replacing Gas lines on Main Street. He also reminded  
everyone that a Special Town Meeting was scheduled for March 17th to review the Pearson Roof  
project and vote on the sale of 48 Bridge Street. The Referendum to vote on the replacement  
Pearson roof will be held on Tuesday March 24th from 8am to 8pm at Town Hall.

Item 13     **Adjournment**  
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 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.