

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)

Monday April 13, 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

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

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

Note - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn asked for an Agenda Review that would allow for Public Comment and Correspondence. Mayor Arcelaschi explained that FOIA rules for Special Meetings do not allow for these changes.

Item 3 **Consider and Possibly Act on Town Managers Proposed FY2027 Budget**

* Town Manager Harrington opened discussion noting that April 22nd was the last day that the Board would have to complete their negotiations, finalize a Budget and meet Charter requirements for Legal Notice posting in the newspaper.

* A motion was offered to capture the following Budget revisions explained and requested by the Town Manager.

- 1) Salary total for the Purchasing position from \$44,563 to \$51,778. This adjustment dictated by the newly approved Collective Bargaining Contract.
- 2) Adjustment of \$242,058 to \$237,533 for the Recreation General Labor account. This correction driven by Non-Union (At will) wages already in Unnegotiated Settlements
- 3) Adjustment of \$32,460 to \$31,668 for the Labor, Skilled and Professional account. This correction driven by Non-Union (At will) wages already in Unnegotiated Settlements
- 4) Adjustment of \$30,344 to \$29,647 for the Secretarial / Support Staff account. This correction driven by Non-Union (At will) wages already in Unnegotiated Settlements
- 5) Adjustment of \$1,122,000 to \$1,145,000 for the Health Insurance account. This correction driven by a change in the level of coverage after the March 13 Budget submission.
- 6) Adjustment of \$60,000 to \$76,200 for the Retiree Health Insurance account. This correction driven by a change in State Plan Actuals.

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

Note - On the suggestion of Town Manager Harrington the Finance Department notes related to the above motion are to be added to the Minutes.

*** Note sheet is attached***

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 -0)

- 7) To accept a revised Winchester Ambulance Association Proposal for Service (to include a WAAA Chief) resulting in the following budget changes.
Adjustment of \$420,000 to \$235,000 for a Transfer to Outside Agency
Reduction of \$5000 to \$0.00 for (Pension Contribution)
Addition of \$85,000 (Administrative Salary)
Adjustment of \$492,000 to \$498,503 for (FICA)
Adjustment of \$1,145,000 to \$1,172,820 for (Health Insurance)
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Hester
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 -0)
- 8) To eliminate the proposed Deputy Police Chief position and associated benefits
Adjustment of \$245,161 to 125,000 for (Administrative Salary)
Adjustment of \$655,000 to \$625,032 for (Retirement Police CMERS Plan)
Adjustment of \$498,503 to \$489,310 for (FICA)
Adjustment of \$1,172,820 to \$1,139,018 for (Health Insurance)
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino
Motion amended to include \$55,000 funding for an Accreditation Consultant
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 -0)
- 9) To add \$821,000 to "Restore the Standalone Roadway Surfaces of the following projects"
*Old New Hartford Road (\$400,000)
*Intersection Aprons (\$41,000)
*Winchester Avenue (\$105,000)
*Ledge Drive (\$81,000)
*Gaylord Road (\$96,000)
*Orchard Street (\$68,000)
*Cornelio Avenue (30,000)
Motion - Sel. Heffernan / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Yes (4) / No (3) Sel. Hester / Sel. Bishop / Sel. Pozzo

Item 4 **Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Pozzo
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.

Town of Winchester
 FY 2027 Budget Amendments Approved by the Board of Selectmen After March 13, 2026

Number	Department Name	Department Number	Account Description	Account Number	TM Proposed Budget	BOS Proposed Budget	Dollar Change	Explanation and/or Implication
Formula								
F1	N/A - Formula	N/A	Grand List - BAA Adjustment	N/A	(1,000,000)	(862,203)	137,797	Increased total grand list value which reduced the mill rate by .01 to reflect final BAA adjustments.
Formula Total							137,797	
Revenues								
R1	Revenues	999					-	
Revenues Total							-	
Expenditures								
E1	Purchasing	145	Administrative Salaries	1-145-190-0000-0000	44,563	51,778	7,215	Adjustment for appropriate step level and new CBA.
E2	Recreation	812	General Labor	1-812-194-0000-0000	242,058	237,533	(4,525)	Adjustment for accounting for non-union, at-will wage adjustments already in unnegotiated settlements.
E3	Senior Services	813	Labor, Skilled, and Professional	1-813-192-0000-0000	32,460	31,668	(792)	Adjustment for accounting for non-union, at-will wage adjustments already in unnegotiated settlements.
E4	Senior Services	813	Secretarial/Support Staff	1-813-193-0000-0000	30,344	29,647	(697)	Adjustment for accounting for non-union, at-will wage adjustments already in unnegotiated settlements.
E5	Employee Benefits	918	Health Insurance	1-918-900-0002-0000	1,122,000	1,145,000	23,000	Adjustment to reflect a change in level of coverage since March 13 budget submission.
E6	Employee Benefits	918	Retiree Health Insurance	1-918-900-0003-0000	60,000	76,200	16,200	Adjustment to account for state plan actuals.
E7	Ambulance	215	Transfer to Outside Agency	1-215-805-0000-0000	420,000	235,000	(185,000)	WAAA has submitted an updated three-year proposal for services, including a WAAA Chief.
E8	Ambulance	215	Pension Contribution	1-215-900-0005-0000	5,000	-	(5,000)	WAAA has submitted an updated three-year proposal for services, including a WAAA Chief.
E9	Ambulance	215	Administrative Salaries	1-215-190-0000-0000	-	85,000	85,000	WAAA has submitted an updated three-year proposal for services, including a WAAA Chief.
E10	Employee Benefits	918	FICA	1-918-900-0001-0000	492,000	498,503	6,503	WAAA has submitted an updated three-year proposal for services, including a WAAA Chief.
E11	Employee Benefits	918	Health Insurance	1-918-900-0002-0000	1,145,000	1,172,820	27,820	WAAA has submitted an updated three-year proposal for services, including a WAAA Chief.
E12	Police	210	Administrative Salaries	1-210-190-0000-0000	245,161	125,000	(120,161)	Elimination of the proposed Deputy Chief position and associated benefits.
E13	Employee Benefits	918	Retirement - Police CMERS Plan	1-918-230-0001-0000	655,000	625,032	(29,968)	Elimination of the proposed Deputy Chief position and associated benefits.
E14	Employee Benefits	918	FICA	1-918-900-0001-0000	498,503	489,310	(9,192)	Elimination of the proposed Deputy Chief position and associated benefits.
E15	Employee Benefits	918	Health Insurance	1-918-900-0002-0000	1,172,820	1,139,018	(33,802)	Elimination of the proposed Deputy Chief position and associated benefits.
Expenditures Total							(223,400)	
Capital Improvement Plan								
C1	Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	N/A	Accreditation Consultant	N/A	-	55,000	55,000	Outside work needed with elimination of the proposed Deputy Chief position. Project originally submitted as "Policy and Practices Development Consultant" by the Chief of Police.
C2			Old New Hartford Road Reclaim and Pave	N/A	-	400,000	400,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C3			Intersection Aprons	N/A	-	41,000	41,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C4			Winchester Avenue Peel and Pave	N/A	-	105,000	105,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C5			Ledge Drive Peel and Pave	N/A	-	81,000	81,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C6			Gaylords Road Reclaim and Pave	N/A	-	96,000	96,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C7			Orchard Street Mill and Pave	N/A	-	68,000	68,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
C8			Cornelio Avenue Mill and Pave	N/A	-	30,000	30,000	Restore this standalone roadway surface improvement project as requested by the Director of Public Works.
Capital Improvement Plan Total							876,000	