

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday June 15, 2026

Winchester Town Hall - Hicks Room

Noticed in Town Clerks Office and on Towns Website

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Prior to calling the roll, Mayor Arcelaschi acknowledged the recent tragic passing of Carrie Stetson. A moment of silence was shared before Todd announced the establishment of the "Carrie Stetson Community Impact Award". This will be presented annually to an individual or business that reflects Carries legacy of community involvement. More details will be announced.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:00pm

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

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| Staff Members | Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Director) |
| | Jim Rollins (Public Works Director) |
| | Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk) |

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** Town Manager Harrington requested 2 additions to the agenda

- 1) Assignment of a BOS observer to upcoming BOE Administrative Union negotiations
- 2) Additional Transfer of Funds Request (26-37)

A motion to add was offered
Motion - Sel. Marino / Sel. Hester
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 1, 2026
Motion - Sel. Hester / Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** -

* Aubrey English

Town Manager Harrington asked the Boards indulgence to move New Business "Item A" to follow Public Comment as Gilson Theater owner Al Nero had come into attendance.

Mayor Arcelaschi praised Alan for his 40 years of entertaining the residents of Winsted and the surrounding communities. He was presented with a plaque and a standing ovation for his dedication to his business and the good will he passed along to everyone.

Alan expressed his gratitude and made a point of asking everyone to give the new owners of his property the same respect and consideration for their new venture as he got when he first started.

Item 6 **Town Manager's Report**

* Demolition of the current building at 508 Main Street will soon commence as Eversource has confirmed that power has finally been disconnected.

- * WFD has executed a new Minimum Participation Standards Policy that sets guidelines for member involvement and participation. The goal of these new standards is to ensure response and operational preparedness. The policy also includes added flexibility for hardship circumstances that must be reviewed and approved by Chief Fields.
- * The approved Speed Camera Project is progressing towards installation. Meetings with the vendor and the Police Department are continuing. Mid July seems to be the anticipated go live timeframe.
- * Fiscal Year 2026 is in it's final closeout stage. The Finance Department closely monitors last minute orders and invoicing in preparation for our Annual audit.
- * Our new SS4A consultant, Tighe & Bond will hold a Public Information Session on Thursday June 25, at 5 pm in the Hicks Room. They will share the results of the recent survey as a formal Action Plan begins to take shape. The goal of this project is to identify and prioritize traffic locations that pose safety risks for motor vehicles and pedestrians.
- * A recent failure of a Wastewater Treatment Plant generator resulted in a potentially disastrous interruption of service. The Water and Sewer Commission acted quickly and funded a temporary fix that kept operations functional.
- * The Sue Grossman Greenway project is waiting for critical survey documents. Once these are received the Committee will begin to craft easement requests from abutting property owners. It is the goal to finalize the Greenway's path along Rowley Street into Winsted.

Item 7

Finance Director's Report

| Revenues | Current FY - (YTD) | | Last FY | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| Current Property Taxes | \$29,305,939.00 | 100.4 | \$27,486,216.00 | 100.51 |
| MV Supplemental | \$294,736.00 | 84.21 | \$300,002.00 | 133.33 |
| Past Due Taxes | \$336,721.00 | 96.21 | \$375,277.00 | 62.55 |
| Total Revenues | \$41,505,090.00 | 101.19 | \$38,623,626.00 | 94.65 |
| Total Exp. w/Encumber. | \$37,106,299.00 | 90.47 | \$36,108,883.00 | 88.49 |
| Municipal Aid Received | \$123,196.00 | LOCIP Grant | | |
| Cash Flow | \$22,756,628.00 | in GF as of May 31, 2026 | | |
| Investments | \$460,086.00 | NWCB SWEEP | | |
| | \$2,654,625.00 | STIF (State Investment Fund) | | |
| | \$16,181,608.00 | NWCB Money Market (9127) | | |
| | \$19,296,319.00 | Total | | |
| May 2026 Cap. Exp's | \$1,500.00 | Town Hall Repairs | | |
| | \$2,175.00 | Police Station Upgrades | | |
| | \$4,500.00 | NexGen Records Management System | | |
| | \$23,978.00 | Comm Challenge - Bridge St Inters. | | |
| | \$4,715.00 | Comm Challenge - Wayfinding Signs | | |
| | \$9,558.00 | Plow Truck #9 | | |
| | \$45,900.00 | Wetland Flagging / Sue Grossman | | |
| | \$10,220.00 | Rockwell Street Drainage | | |
| | \$13,999.00 | Senior Center Repairs | | |
| \$37,341.00 | Senior Center Mechanical Repairs | | | |

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| \$7,500.00 | Holabird Ave - NON LOTCIP | Bond Funded |
| \$4,336.00 | South Road | Bond Funded |
| \$88,521.00 | Wahnee Road | Bond Funded |
| \$56,771.00 | Spring Street | Bond Funded |
| \$20,266.00 | West Wakefield Blvd (Phase 2) | Bond Funded |
| \$8,200.00 | Drainage | Bond Funded |

Item 8 **Correspondence** -

* Superintendent Luby submitted a letter asking for 2 Board of Selectmen members to act as observers of the upcoming Administrative Union negotiations.
The Board agreed that BOE Liaisons' Hester and Heffernan-McGlynn will act as observers.

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - No action taken

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 11 **New Business** -

A) Recognition of long time Winchester Business

Item moved to follow Public Comment

B) Charter Revision Commission Report

The Commission Chairwoman addressed the Board and distributed hard copies of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission Report. Candy Perez walked the Board members thru the report highlighting key elements and research that went into the (5) changes they wanted to advance for review. A Public Hearing was scheduled for July 6th seeking input from Town residents. Following this Public Hearing the Board of Selectmen have 15 days to accept the Commissions report or return it to the CRC for recommended changes. All accepted changes will be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

C) Discussion regarding Naming of Town Streets / Facilities

Town Manager Harrington detailed the rules and regulations that come into play when renaming an existing street. He cautioned that any proposed changes must be very carefully scrutinized and reviewed. Discussion resulted in a directive by the Board to have Paul continue to research all the factors that need to be addressed should this initiative formally move forward.

D) Discussion of Wallens Hill / Mountainside property

Prior to this Item being opened for discussion the Board took a brief recess at 8:37pm and returned at 8:44pm.

Town Manager Harrington announced that the 3 Development Plans for Wallens Hill were now posted on the Towns website. Additionally a 10 page formal review by Goman and York is available. Paul suggested that a meeting be scheduled to have each Developer make a 15-20 minute pitch to the Board outlining their vision and answering any questions. He also suggested the Board ask for a one page outline of what Tax Abatements would be sought from the Town as this variable will become a critical component of any contract that would get written. The Board decided to schedule a question and answer Special meeting on July 1 at 6pm.

E) 26-29 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-29 budget transfer 2026-19 totaling \$450.00"

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

F) 26-30 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-30 budget transfer 2026-20 totaling \$56,276"

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

G) 26-31 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-31 budget transfer 2026-21 totaling \$810.00"

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

H) 26-32 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-32 budget transfer 2026-22 totaling \$5,200.00"

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

I) 26-33 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-33 budget transfer 2026-23 totaling \$2,300.00"

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

J) 26-34 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-34 budget transfer 2026-24 totaling \$5,000.00"

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

26-37 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Item added to the Agenda

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-37 budget transfer 2026-25 totaling \$8,112.00"

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

K) 26-35 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 \$2,282.05."

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

L) 26-36 Municipal Suspense Tax List from the Collector of Revenue

In accordance with CT State Statutes the Town of Winchester's Tax Collector has submitted a Tax Suspense List for the Grand List years 2017 thru 2024.

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Town of Winchester's Tax Suspense List."

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

M) 26-03 Resolution Awarding Bridge Street Intersection Bid to Yield Industries, Inc.

Town Manager Harrington presented the Board with Resolution 26-03 requesting approval to award the Bridge street Intersection to Yield Industries Inc.

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

Vote to approve - Yes (6) - No (1) Sel. Lamere

Item 12

Executive Session

A) Town Manager Review

Motion to enter Executive Session taking Town Manager Harrington at 9:17pm.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

B) Tentative Agreement Police Contracts

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:52pm

Item 13

New Business

A) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Town Manager Review

Motion Statement - "I move that after conducting the Town Manager review, I move we accept the addendum to the Town Manager's contract effective April 22nd 2026.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

B) Discussion regarding Tentative Agreement Police Contracts

Town Manager Harrington explained that the Town agreed to a 1 year rollover with the Police Department highlighted by a 2.85% pay increase, an added Personal Day and premium Health Sharing to remain the same.

A motion to approve the tentative agreement between the Town of Winchester up to Unit number 330 was offered.

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 14

Citizens Comments - None

Item 14

Selectmen's Comments -

Sel. Lamere -

Congratulated the new Laurel Festival King and Queen and runner-up's

Sel. Bishop

Noted that the new Cultural Commission will hold their first meeting on June 25th.

Item 15

Adjournment

To adjourn the meeting at 9:56pm

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, 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.