

# Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday July 20, 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

\* Prior to the roll call Sel. Lamere asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time resident and business owner Jeff Lippincott.

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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 | Paul Harrington (Town Manager) |
|               | Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)  |

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** Town Manager Harrington asked for several agenda item changes.

\* Item 12A - Add 17 Birdsall Street and 82-84 Rockwell Street to discussion of Town owned property and remove 32 Hubbard Street.

\* Item 13A - Add 17 Birdsall Street and 82-84 Rockwell Street to Possible Action regarding sale of Town owned property and remove 32 Hubbard Street.

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

\* Minutes of Special Meeting on July 1, 2026

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Sel. Heffernan McGlynn

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

\* Minutes of Public Hearing on July 6, 2026

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Yes (6) Abstain (1) Sel. Lamere

\* Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 6, 2026

Motion - Sel. Marino / Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0) (Sel. Lamere had left the room)

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

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| * Mike Connoles | * Carol Zacchio | * Frank Oliveri | * Russell Buchner |
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| * Cheryl Bartley | * Jamie Colligan | * Kevin Higgins |
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Item 6 **Town Manager's Report** - Town Manager Harrington reported on the following topics.

\* While attending the Highland Lake Watershed Association Annual Meeting, two topics took front and center as much discussion was had regarding "Marine Patrolling" and "Short Term Rentals".

Both of these concerns will be addressed and resolved as paths forward unveil themselves.

- \* An informational presentation will be held at the August 3rd Board of Selectman's meeting to review the pending "Holabird Avenue Drainage and Paving Project" scheduled to begin this year.
- \* The Town's Finance Department is closing out Fiscal Year 2026 and commencing activity for the newly approved FY2027 year. The overlap is a critical time and commands total focus by the entire Finance staff. As a result, the June report has not been finalized yet. The Board can expect a year end transfer request that will help facilitate the year end close out.
- \* CT Humanities awarded the Town an "America250 Grant" totaling \$750.00. The funds will target patriotic improvements at Town Hall including a new copy of the Declaration of Independence, new American flags and a new POW/MIA flag.
- \* Two new exercise stations have been added to the Sue Grossman Greenway Trail. The equipment was a generous donation from **FitTogether** and a welcome addition to the benefits already offered by the walking trail.
- \* The Town took in 2 bids for Revaluation Services. These will be carefully evaluated as professional, accurate compilation of data helps to ensure fair assessment for Winchester property owners and the critical update of our Grand List.

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report** - No report was offered

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** -

- 1) Ellen Babcock (D) is submitted for Re-appointment to a member seat on Ad Hoc Water Level Committee with a term to expire in May 2028  
Motion - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn / Second - Sel. Hester  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 2) Jen Perga (D) is submitted for Re-appointment to a member seat on Ad Hoc Water Level Committee with a term to expire in May 2028  
Motion - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn / Second - Sel. Marino  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 3) Willard Platt (U) is submitted for Re-appointment to a member seat on Ad Hoc Water Level Committee with a term to expire in May 2028  
Motion - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn / Second - Sel. Marino  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 11 **New Business** -

- A) Discussion/Action on Charter Revision final report  
Motion Statement - "I move that pursuant to Connecticut Statutes Section 7-191, the Board of Selectmen accept the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission, including the proposed Charter amendments contained therein, and approve forwarding the proposed Charter amendments to referendum at the next available election as permitted by law (Nov 3rd 2026). I further move that the Town Manager and Town Clerk be authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to comply with the statutory requirements for submission of the proposed Charter amendments to the electors of the Town of Winchester."  
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn  
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

B) Discussion/Action on Short Term Rentals

The Board engaged in open discussion of this matter and on the advice of Town Manager Harrington supported the scheduling of a Public Hearing to get critical feedback from residents and Property Owners regarding - Parking Concerns / Length of Stay regulations / Registration Requirements, Number of Guest Caps and any other pertinent criteria that might be helpful in the possible draft of new Ordinances or Regulations.

C) *26-41 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 \$1,653.74."

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

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 12

**Executive Session**

A) Discussion regarding Sale of Town Owned Properties, 82-84 Rockwell Street, 17 Birdsall Street and 132 Florence Street.

B) Negotiations update on Wallens Hill Development

Motion to enter Executive Session taking Town Manager Harrington and Realtor Dave Sartirana at 8:20pm.

Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:15pm

Item13

**New Business**

A) Possible Action regarding Sale of Town Owned Property

A motion was offered to accept the offer of \$30,000 for 82-84 Rockwell Street and move to a Special Town Meeting on August 20 to be held at Town Hall at 5pm.

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

A motion was offered to accept the offer of \$30,000 for 17 Birdsall Street and move to a Special Town Meeting on August 20 to be held at Town Hall at 5pm.

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 14

**Citizens Comments** -

\* Deb Jablonski

Item15

**Selectmen's Comments** -

Mayor Arcelaschi

Recognized Linnea Ludwig as the Winsted Ambulance Attendant of the Year

Sel. Hester

Attended a Veterans Recognition event at Pearson School along with

Sel. Bishop and Mayor Arcelaschi

Item 15

**Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

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.