

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Tuesday September 8, 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)	Paul Marino (Selectman)
	William Hester (Selectman)	Kevin Bishop (Selectman)
	Troy Lamere (Selectman)	William Pozzo (Selectman)

Absent Excused Cheryl Heffernan McGlynn (Selectwoman)

Town Staff Members Paul Harrington (Town Manager)
Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** - No changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Special Meeting on August 11, 2026

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / Abstained (1) Sel. Marino

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 17, 2026

Motion - Sel. Hester / Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

* Minutes of Special Town Meeting on August 20, 2026

Motion - Sel. Hester / Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / Abstained (1) Sel. Marino

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

* Candy Perez * Maryann Marino * Michael Connoles

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

* After many months of planning and coordination with the State of CT, Winchester's new ATE Speed Camera's are being installed. The system is expected to be functional by the end of next week. Once operational, there will be 30 day warning period after which time infractions will result in citations being mailed out.

* There will be 5 Charter Revision questions on this November's ballot. The questions were reviewed by the Town Attorney, then submitted and accepted by the Secretary of State's office.

* The Rotary Club has informed the Town that they do not wish to consider a name change for the bandshell at East End Park.

* The Gaylord Tiffany Foundation recently donated a new Gazebo to the Town. Located at the Rowley Street Recreation Playscape the building is a terrific addition for residents and visitors to enjoy.

* Several new "RFP's" have been issued. Projects include - Maintenance of the Main Street Riverbank, Concrete Water Tank Inspection and a Fire Department Feasibility Study.

- * Town voters approved \$1,565,000 to be spent on a State required "Phase 2 Lead Service Line Inventory project.
- * Winchester recently partnered with NHCOCG to assess contamination at 41 Meadow Street and the Town owned 3 Meadow Street parking lot. Test results have come back along with a formal Remediation Action Plan. We will submit a BOS approved Resolution supporting the project and seeking \$750,000 in Brownfield Round 24 funds to put it in motion.
- * Our SS4A (Safe Streets for All) facilitator - Tighe & Bond is working to finalize it's final Safety Analysis Report. An October meeting is planned to review and discuss their findings. The goal is to develop a town-wide, comprehensive, roadway safety plan.
- * Monies from our Community Challenge Grant have been used to commission 16 National Park style Educational Signs. These highlight local Winchester history and points of interest around town. Once finalized, these will move into the installation phase of the project.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - Mayor Arcelaschi read a letter submitted by a passer thru who was short on funds to buy a coffee but was graciously donated money by a sympathetic Town employee.

Item 8 **Boards and Commissions** -

- * A Letter of Resignation was received and accepted from the following volunteer.

Brad Burcoff from the Recreation Board

Brad's time and service to the Town is acknowledged with gratitude.

- 1) Reagan Horvay (U) is submitted for Appointment to a member seat on the Laurel Commission with a term to expire in September 2031.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

- 1) Chris Sanford (U) is submitted for Appointment to an Alternate seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire in October 2030.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

- 1) Mimi Madden is submitted for Appointment to a member seat on the Cultural Commission with a term to expire in September 2029.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 9 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 10 **New Business** -

A) Discussion regarding Agenda Format

Mayor Arcelaschi offered a suggestion to move SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS to an Agenda position just after Citizen's Comments. Much discussion finally yielded a motion to mirror that of the BOE and strengthen the opening statement capping speaking time at 3 minutes and an explanation that no dialogue with Board members should be expected or requested.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

B) 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 \$2389.01."

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

C) 26-06 Resolution for Brownfield Round 24 Grant Application with Letter of Support & Maps

A motion to approve this Resolution was offered.

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

A motion authorizing the Mayor to send a Letter of Support was offered.

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 11 **Citizens Comments** - None

Item 12 **Executive Session**

A) Discussion regarding Sale of Town Owned Properties, 32 Hubbard Street

Motion to enter Executive Session taking the Town Manager Paul Harrington at 8:18pm

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:23pm

Item 14 **Selectmen's Comments -**

Sel. Lamere Asked the Town Manager to locate more Town Owned properties to consider for sale

Sel. Bishop Thanked the Police Department for increased Marine Patrols on Highland Lake

Mayor Arcelaschi - Thanked the PD for increased traffic stops and reminded everyone that this Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the 911 tragedy. It will be marked as a day of remembrance here in Winsted.

Sel. Hester Thanked the Historic Commission for their efforts regarding the Wayside Signs

Item 15 **Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Pozzo

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.