

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting

Monday September 21, 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)	Kevin Bishop (Selectman)
	William Hester (Selectman)	Cheryl Heffernan McGlynn (Selectwoman)
	William Pozzo (Selectman)	

Linked via Zoom	Paul Marino (Selectman)
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Absent Excused	Troy Lamere (Selectman)
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Staff Members	Paul Harrington (Town Manager)
	Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Director)
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)
	Geoff Green (Land Use Director)

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** No Changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 8, 2026

Selectwoman Heffernan McGlynn requested that the Trade Center attack referenced by Mayor Arcelaschi on Page 3 be corrected from 911 to 9/11.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

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

* Kevin Higgins

* Mike Connoles

* Jamie Colligan

Item 6 **Selectmen's Comments -**

Sel. Bishop	Expressed concern with excessive speeding around Town and requested that prevention strategies like speedbumps be considered and implemented
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Sel. Hester	Thanked those who spoke at Public Comment for sharing their thoughts and concerns. Acknowledged last weekend's gravestone repair efforts.
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Sel. Heffernan McGlynn	Asked the Town Manager to draft a Pest Control policy that would ban harmful chemical options.
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Sel. Pozzo	Mentioned the Friday night Gilbert Girls soccer game
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Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Town Manager Paul Harrington reported on the following topics.

* The Town will soon be transitioning to a new website address. A recent State law requires CT municipalities to adopt a verified ".gov" format. Winchester's new address will no longer be townofwinchester.org but rather winchesterct.gov. Updates and reminders of this change will begin prior to the actual change.

- * The State and Town are working thru labor and fee negotiations with Cardinal Engineering as they relate to the Sue Grossman Greenway. Once these are finalized, the staffing and technical expertise needed to design the last phase of the project should put the venture in motion.
- * The Town was given a draft "Data Collection and Safety Analysis Report" from Tighe and Bond. This information will be the foundation of Winchester's Safe Streets for All Action Plan. This will also help unlock future funding for transportation safety. The report will be formally presented and publicly reviewed on October 6 at 2pm.
- * We were awarded \$12,236 from FEMA's 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant. These funds are critical to help offset our Emergency Management Department expenses.
- * Progress on the Bridge Street intersection remains on pace to be completed by mid Fall. Many of the suggestions that resulted from critiques of the first Redesign Plan have been implemented. Improvement goals for vehicular safety and pedestrian navigation will be achieved.
- * The Main Street Riverbank RFP yielded several competitive responses. The bids are still under review but the goal remains to make sure any vegetation removal is as permanent as possible. We expect to have a proposal for the Board to act on at the next BOS meeting.
- * The new speed cameras for Main Street are getting closer to installation. Unexpected calibration difficulties have delayed final start up, however an October "go live" date is confidently projected.
- * Prep work for our Tax Sale is progressing. Required steps are being managed by the Town Attorney with an anticipated late Fall early Winter sale date. Progress and updates will continue to be posted.
- * Finishing improvements are continuing to the new gazebo donated by the Gaylord Tiffany Foundation. Parks and Recreation have poured a concrete leveling slab and several new picnic tables have been added. The Town Manager also confirmed that security camera's have been activated to help add protection from vandalism.

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report**

	Current FY - (YTD)		Last FY	
Revenues	Amount	%	Amount	%
Current Property Taxes	\$16,179,536.00	53.55	\$15,902,647.00	54.48
MV Supplemental				
Past Due Taxes	\$57,153.00	10.39	\$116,244.00	33.21
Total Revenues	\$16,661,755.00	39.4	\$16,576,528.00	40.41
Total Exp. w/Encumber.	\$7,780,945.00	18.4	\$8,040,809.00	19.6
Municipal Aid Received	\$5,455.00	Early Voting Grant		
	\$1,276,324.00	Hinsdale School Final Reimbursement		
Cash Flow	\$29,369,509.00	in GF as of August 31, 2026		
Investments	\$461,247.00	NWCB SWEEP		
	\$2,679,673.00	STIF (State Investment Fund)		
	\$17,330,077.00	NWCB Money Market (9127)		
	\$20,470,997.00	Total		
July & Aug 2026 Cap Exp	\$15,332.00	Annual LOCIP Funded Road Repairs		
	\$4,254.00	Annual Roadway Maintenance		
	\$10,050.00	Western Spillway Walking Bridge Replacement		
	\$12,750.00	South Road (Bond Funded)		

Item 9 **Correspondence** - None

Item 10 **Boards and Commissions** -

1) Lori Jones (D) is submitted to the Board of Selectmen for confirmation of a Tenant Commissioner seat with the Winchester Housing Authority.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

2) Daniel Ditz (U) is submitted for Appointment to a Member seat on the Recreation Board. Dan will serve the balance of Brad Burcoff's term which will expire April 2028.

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

Item 11 **New Business** -

A) *Discussion of Habitat for Humanity Proposal*

Town Manager Harrington introduced Mr. Lyman Whelan a representative from Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Whelan gave a detailed outline of the proposal HFH was offering the Town for property at 281 Walnut Street. He was especially enthusiastic that a Winsted project would help expand their exposure and footprint in the Northwest Corner of CT. The Board gave The Town Manager their verbal support and tasked him with alerting property abutters that an offer to sell this Town Property will be forthcoming as we try to put this unique opportunity in motion.

B) *26-46 Proposed FY26 Year End Line Item Transfers*

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-46 budget transfer 2026-28 totaling \$20,985.00"

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

C) *26-47 Proposed FY27 Line Item Transfers*

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-47 budget transfer 2027-01 totaling \$5,000.00"

Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

D) *26-48 Proposed FY27 Line Item Transfers*

Motion Statement - "By recommendation of the Town Manager, I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the above Action Step 26-48 budget transfer 2027-02 totaling \$8,046.00"

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Bishop

Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

E) *Discussion regarding Town Hall Elevator replacement*

A succinct statement by the Town Manager regarding the current condition and past repair history of the Town Hall elevator won unanimous support for complete replacement of all outdated components as recommended by Otis Elevator. The Board did feel strongly that it's present unreliability elevated the current situation to an emergency expenditure.

Item 12 **Citizens Comments** - The follow people addressed the Board

* Jay Markwell

* Mike Farrell

* Kevin Higgins

Item 13 **Executive Session**

A) DPW Personnel Contract

B) Wallens Hill and 508 Main Street negotiations update

C) Discussion regarding Sale of Town owned Properties - 32 Hubbard Street and 19 Hill Street
Motion to enter Executive Session taking Town Manager Harrington at 8:24pm.
Motion - Sel. Bishop / Second - Sel. Pozzo
Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino
The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:20pm

Item14 **New Business**

A) Discussion and Possible Action on DPW Contract
Motion Statement - "I'd like to make a motion to approve the contract for the American Federation of State County Municipal Employees and the Town Manager to sign.
Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn
Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino
B) Discussion regarding Sale of Town Owned Properties
Motion Statement - "I'd like to make a motion to have the Town Manager enter into contract for 32 Hubbard Street with Alex Santos for \$40,000.00 with the Town Meeting to be scheduled for Thursday October 22nd at 5pm."
Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Pozzo
Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

Item 15 **Selectmen's Reports**

* Mayor Arcelaschi reminded that weather permitting the Fall Foliage Festival would be held on Saturday September 26th.

Item 16 **Adjournment**

To adjourn the meeting at 9:22pm
Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Heffernan McGlynn
Vote to approve - Yes (5) / No (0) / Abstain (1) Sel. Marino

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.