

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Tuesday September 6, 2022

Item 1

Call to Order

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

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Steve Sedlack (Selectman)
	Candy Perez (Selectman)	Linda Groppo (Selectman)
	Candace Bouchard (Selectman)	
Absent Excused	Jonathan Morhardt (Selectman)	
	Jack Bourque (Selectman)	
Staff Members	Josh Kelly (Town Manager)	
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)	

Item 2

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge was recited by all

Item 3

Agenda Review - Item (D) Winchester Land Trust was added under New Business Item 9.

Item 4

Approval of Minutes

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 15, 2022

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous (5 - 0)

* Minutes of Special Meeting on August 25, 2022

Motion - Sel. Groppo / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous (5 - 0)

Item 5

Citizens Comments - None

Item 6

Town Manager's Report - Josh Kelly reported to the Board on the following topics. . .

* Batcheller School has yielded 2 possible responses to the current RFP due on Sept. 23rd.

* Round 2 of the Connecticut Communities Challenge Grant is accepting applications.

* Town Manager and Economic Development Director have a meeting scheduled with a substantial new business that is considering making Winsted its home.

* The Mad River Recreation Area continues to generate interest and excitement as plans to create multi use activity space begin to formalize.

* The Town is actively seeking applications to fill open positions in the Tax Collector and Assessors offices.

* As promised, the renovation of Hinsdale School met it's timeline and is now open and running well.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - Resident Beau Black submitted a letter to all the Selectmen urging they rethink their decision not to give the Town voters a chance to make the Town Clerks job a hired position.

Item 8 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following action.....

* Frank Oliveri was nominated and moved to an Appointment vote.

Motion to appoint - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

* Tyler Tucker submitted a letter of resignation from the Economic Development Commission.

Item 9 **New Business -**

A) 22-46 Refunds as recommended by the Interim 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 \$1027.42

Motion - Sel. Groppo / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

B) 22-47 Consider and possibly act on approving the purchase of a Ladder Truck

*Town Manager Kelly submitted a written statement outlining his recommendation that the

Town pay \$773,633.50 as a 50% down payment. This strategy nets the Town \$23,477 in savings. With Board approval payment will be made from the General Fund with reimbursement made once bond borrowing has commenced.

* Chief Lagassie confirmed that the Elm Street Station will accommodate the new truck and that delivery was promised from the manufacturer in 390 days.

* Selectman Perez made a point that Winchester's strong Fund Balance helped this purchase.

Motion Statement - "Motion to authorize the purchase of a 100 foot Midmount Tower Ladder in an amount not to exceed that quoted by New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus Corp. in their letter dated August 25, 2022 and to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate the best price possible for the Town and to sign agreements with the chosen vendor in order to solidify this agreement."

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Groppo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

C) Consider and possibly act on authorizing two Communities Challenge Grant applications for submission in October.

*Town Manager Kelly outlined in detail the Projects that will make up Winchesters Round 2 CCG appeal.

Winsted Recreation Corridor Project

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| 1) Sue Grossman Greenway Completion | \$2M Total Cost / \$1.6M CCG Request |
| 2) Ball Field Light Installation | \$965K Total Cost / \$772K CCG Request |
| 3) Mad River & Rugg Brook Rec. Area Trail Creation | \$1.5M Total Cost / CCG \$960 Request |

Winsted Infrastructure Enhancement Readiness Project

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| 1) Public Works Facility Replacement | \$4.6M Total Cost / \$2.07M CCG Request |
| 2) Rowley Street Sewer Line Installation | \$700K Total Cost / \$560K CCG Request |

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectman adopt the attached resolution in support of the Communities Challenge Grant Round 2 applications that the Town intends to submit to the State Department of Economic and Communities Challenge Development and that the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to turn down the award in the event we are not able to find a source for the matching funds."

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

D) Consider and possibly act on a Winchester Land Trust grant application to CT DEEP.

* Chairman of WLT Jen Perga explained the purpose and research for a Grant Application to help purchase 25 acres of property that feeds the Cannavo Spring water source.

* Town Manager Kelly and Mayor Arcelaschi signed a detailed letter of support which would accompany the application with a vote to move forward.

Motion Statement - "Motion to support the Winchester Land Trust application to CT DEEP for an Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant in order to purchase and protect the Cannavo Spring Watershed Property."

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous (5 - 0)

Item 10 **Citizens Comments** None

Item 11 **Selectmen's Comments and Reports**

* Mayor Arcelaschi - Read the inscription from a 911 Memorial Plaque outside Shanksville PA.

* Sel. Bouchard - FOMS is joining forces with the Conservation Commission to hold a Fall River Cleanup Event on September 24th.

* Sel Perez - Reminded everyone that the Soldiers Monument Commission was holding a 911 Memorial event for anyone wishing to attend.

Item 12 * Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard
To adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm
Vote to approve - Unanimous

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.

