

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2022

Item 1

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:01pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Jonathan Morhardt (Selectman)
	Candy Perez (Selectman)	Linda Groppo (Selectman)
	Candace Bouchard (Selectman)	Jack Bourque (Selectman)
	Steve Sedlack (Selectman)	

Staff Member (s)	Josh Kelly (Town Manager)
	Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Dir.)
	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)

Item 2

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge was recited by all

Item 3

Agenda Review - No Changes

Item 4

Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 1, 2022

Motion - Sel. Morhardt / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

B) Minutes of Special Meeting on August 10, 2022

Motion - Sel. Groppo / Second - Sel. Perez

Vote to accept minutes - 6 (Yes) - 0 (No) - (1) Abstention (Sel. Bourque)

Item 5

Citizens Comments

* Resident Stephanie Hester spoke in favor of the Town Clerk position remaining an elected position.

* Resident David LaPointe also restated his opinion to keep the Town Clerk as an elected official. He also questioned the Town Manger regarding the status of the woman who had been hoarding cats.

Item 6

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

* Met today with "FIT Together" which is a collaborative group from Winsted YMCA and Charlotte Hungerford Hospital discussing the proposed Mad River Trails Initiative.

* The Batcheller School RFP has yielded several inquiries but no formal responses yet.

* Our Economic Development team continues to effort matching businesses with appropriate properties.

* Five new businesses have been awarded funds from the Towns "Business Start Up Program"

* The Winchester Housing Authority has a new Executive Director. Curt Leng is invited to attend a meeting and meet the Board of Selectmen.

* Winchester completed and submitted its \$500,000 STEAP Grant application.

* The Tax Collection Software upgrade continues its rollout with any hiccups being quickly addressed.

* The Board of Selectmen attended their first scheduled Strategy Planning session.

- * Union talks with Police, Supervisors and Town Hall are ongoing.
- * The "Support Rowley Street Businesses" signs were funded by the Town in direct response to the unintended negative business impact of the Rowley Street Bridge replacement project.

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report**

- * Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault reviewed current General Fund, Cash Flow and CIP data

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack noted the following action.

- * Frank Oliveri (R) submitted for consideration an Application for Appointment to the IWWC

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 11 **New Business**

A) 22-44 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 \$918.75

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Bourque

Vote to approve - Unanimous

B) 22-45 Consider and possibly act on Waiving Tax Interest for resident

Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen grant that the tax interest in the amount of \$162.28 be waived for 100 Horne Avenue LLC, Riveredge Drive #G2.

Sel. Perez asked the record show that State Statute allows for this action to be taken.

Motion - Sel. Morhardt / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 12 **Citizens Comments** - None

Item 13 **Selectmen's Comments and Reports**

- * Mayor Arcelaschi reminded residents that the Fireman's Carnival and Parade will be next week. He also noted that another new Police Officer will be sworn in Wednesday August 17th at 10 am. Lastly, a courtesy reminder of the new "No Turn on Red" signs that have been posted for traffic coming off Case and Bridge Streets. These signs are not hung next to the lights but rather across Main Street on posts.

- * Sel. Perez explained in detail the current Walker Field light situation. Replacement will be a priority but not possible for this Fall sports season. Estimates put the project close to \$600,000 making Grant funding a critical mission.

- * Sel. Bouchard updated the Board with this weeks Concert in the Park dates.

Item 14

Executive Session

A) Potential transfer of Town Property

Motion Statement - To enter executive session including Town Manager Kelly at 7:30pm

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Groppo

Board returned from Executive Session at 8:27pm with no action taken

Item 15

Meeting Adjournment

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt

To adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk