

# Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Monday August 1, 2022

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:02pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Jonathan Morhardt (Selectman)
	Candy Perez (Selectman)	Linda Groppo (Selectman)
	Candace Bouchard (Selectman)	Jack Bourque (Selectman)
	Steve Sedlack (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** - No Changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

\* Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 18, 2022  
Motion - Sel. Morhardt / Second - Sel. Bouchard  
Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

Item 5 **Citizens Comments**

- \* Resident Bryan Sundie spoke regarding the removal of Walker Field's lighting and the impact on Fall Sports programs. He urged replacing the lights be a priority initiative.
- \* Resident Frank Oliveri alerted the Board that adding "hoods" to any new catch basin installations that are planned will greatly improve their performance.
- \* Resident Sal Lovetere voiced his concerns regarding the Town Clerk position possibly becoming a hired position. He also questioned the \$200K BOE budget reduction that was part of the 22 - 23 Municipal Referendum budget vote approved on May 28th.
- \* The Corbin's that run the North Main Street Farmers Market thanked everyone who helped get their summer operation back in good standing with the State of CT.
- \* Resident Luiza Martinez asked if the STEAP Grant required Town matching funds.
- \* Resident Jerry Martinez expressed his support for keeping the Town Clerk job an elected position.
- \* Resident Davis Lapointe echoed Sal Lovetere and Jerry Martinez's comments.
- \* Resident Candy Perez spoke regarding the Town Clerk's responsibilities and the importance of maintaining stability in the position.

Item 6 **Town Manager's Report** - Josh Kelly reported to the Board on the following topics. . .

- \* The cat hoarding saga has come to a successful end. All of the animals have found new homes or been relocated to shelters that will provide humane care. Heartfelt thanks are extended to the many volunteers and professionals that helped manage a very critical situation to a positive outcome.
- \* The Town has posted a formal RFP seeking offers to repurpose the Batcheller School building and property.
- \* Town staff is actively reviewing the Communities Challenge Grant award to determine an implementation plan. Additionally TM Kelly reported that Senators Blumenthal and Murphy have merged 2 Winchester Grant requests with a Federal spending Bill that will be voted on by early Fall. If approved, grant funding would be available for 800 band radios for the PD and PW Department and much needed structural repairs at the PW yard buildings,
- \* Several key positions at Town Hall remain vacant. Applicants are encouraged to go to the Winchester website for details.
- \* The Town continues to work towards certification thru the Sustainable CT program.
- \* Responding to Selectman Bouchard's question regarding the Whiting Street project, TM Kelly assured the Board that work would be progressing to a positive completion.
- \* It was discovered that our new EV charging system poles need to be changed in order to be compatible with the credit card payment units. TM Kelly stated that this change would not be expensive to complete.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - None

Item 8 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack had no formal actions to request but offered a reminder that the following groups had position openings.

Board of Assessment Appeals - 1 Alternate Seat	Conservation Commission - 1 Seat
Recreation Board - 1 Seat	Laurel City Commission - 5 Seats
Inland Wetlands - 1 Seat	Arch. Review Committee - 1 Seat

Item 9 **New Business** -

- A) Authorize the Town to apply for \$500,000 in STEAP grant dollars for paving of Elm Street.  
Motion Statement - Be it resolved that Mayor Todd Arcelaschi or Town Manager Joshua Steele Kelly are authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Winchester, a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Elm Street Reconstruction Center Street to Gay Street; and further resolved that Mayor Arcelaschi or Town Manager Joshua Steele Kelly are hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.  
Motion - Sel. Bourque / Second - Sel. Morhardt  
Vote to approve - Unanimous

B) 22-43 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 \$537.65

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Morhardt

Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 10 **Citizens Comments**

\* Resident Frank Oliveri asked whether the Town would maintain ownership of Batcheller School after the RFP submissions were opened and acted on.

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

\* Sel. Bouchard read the schedule of upcoming Summer Concert events.

\* Sel. Bourque reminded everyone of the Soldiers Monument Historical Presentation on Aug. 7th.

\* Sel. Morhardt asked the Town Manager if there were any updates regarding the Rec Director position moving to Full time.

Item 12 **Meeting Adjournment**

\* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard

To adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk

