

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Tuesday July 5, 2022

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:04pm

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)	
	Kevin Nelligan (Town Attorney)	

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** -

- * Item 5 (Approval of Minutes) moved to Item 4 and Item 4 (Public Hearing) moved to Item 5
- * Item 13 (Selectmen's Comments) moved to Item 12 and Item 12 (Executive Session) moved to Item 13

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

- * Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 20, 2022
- Motion - Sel. Morhardt / Second - Sel. Sedlack
Vote to accept minutes Unanimous

Item 5 **Public Hearing**

A) Regarding proposed Charter Revisions

Charter Revision Commission Chairman Tom Sullivan reviewed in detail the Charter changes approved for referral to the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion and questions ensued with the Board of Selectmen requesting a final examination of formatting and language including a review from Town Attorney Kevin Nelligan.

The Charter Revision Commission committed to keeping their work on schedule with the project advancement voting calendar.

Item 6 **Citizens Comments**

- * Resident Bill Hester spoke about the lack of US Flags hung along Main Street for the July 4th holiday. He felt the Town should have made an effort to include a display during this celebration.
- * Resident Rob Asselin asked about the Elm Street Firehouse "Bay Extension" and questioned why he had received 6 Tax Bills in separate mailings.

- Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Josh Kelly reported to the Board on the following topics. . .
- * The recent Cat Hoarding situation has been a time consuming event and continues to evolve but has been managed very professionally by all involved officials. Most cats have been placed in adopted homes while those needing transitional shelter are being processed accordingly.
 - * Interest in becoming part of Winsted's Business Community continues to be strong with several exciting opportunities coming forward to EDC just recently.
 - * The Town has made a decision to move it's Liability Insurance coverage to the Travelers. This change nets the Town nearly \$120,000 in premium savings.
 - * The Town has an open position for Building Inspector. Anyone qualified is urged to apply.
- Item 8 **Correspondence** - None
- Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack had no formal actions to report but offered a reminder that the following groups had position openings.
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| Board of Assessment Appeals - 1 Alternate Seat | Conservation Commission - 1 Seat |
| Recreation Board - 1 Seat | Laurel City Commission - 5 Seats |
| Retirement Board - 1 Seat | |
- Item 10 **New Business** -
- A) Consider and Possibly Act on Charter Revisions presented at the Public Hearing
 The Board of Selectmen agreed without a formal motion to have the Charter Revision Commission complete a final examination of formatting and language of recommended changes including a review by Town Attorney Kevin Nelligan.
- Item 11 **Citizens Comments** - None
- Item 12 **Selectmen's Comments and Reports**
- * Sel. Bourque - Acknowledged the recent Wall Street Journal article highlighting Winsted and commented on the formal letter sent to the State regarding Henry Centrella's early release appeal.
- Item 13 **Executive Session**
- * Motion Statement by Mayor Arcelaschi - "I'd like to adjourn to Executive Session taking with us the Town Attorney and Town Manager.
 Motion moved by - Sel. Morhardt / Second Sel. Bouchard at 8:02pm
 Vote to approve - Unanimous
 Board members returned to Regular Meeting at 8:42pm
 - * Motion Statement - I make a motion to appoint Kevin Nelligan as our Town Attorney
 Motion moved by - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Sedlack
 Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 14

Meeting Adjournment

* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt

To adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk

