

# Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Monday May 2, 2022

Item 1 **Call to Order**

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

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 April 18, 2022

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Morhardt

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous with Mayor Arcelaschi abstaining

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** - None

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

\* Proposals for use of 508 Main Street are again being accepted. New deadline is May 5th at noon.

\* July 1st ushers in the second half of the Towns allotted ARPA funding. A spending proposal will be prepared and submitted later in May.

\* A Voting Calendar has been established and distributed.

May 9th - Annual Town Meeting at Gilbert High School (7pm)

(vote to approve Municipal Budget Resolution and move it to 5/28 referendum)

May 16th - Special Town Meeting (part of regular 7 pm BOS meeting) at Town Hall

(vote on Conservation Easement)

May 24th - Special Town Meeting at Pearson School (7pm)

(review and discuss Infrastructure Bond Proposal)

May 28th - Referendum at Pearson School (8am - 8pm)

(vote on Annual Town Budget and Infrastructure Bond)

\* The Economic Development Commission headed up by Ted Shafer held a "Celebrate Winchester Business" event at the American Mural Project. NW Comm Bank sponsored the occasion and attendee's were treated to an example of Winsted's future shining brightly.

\* The Special Meeting on May 24th will make more Infrastructure Bond information available.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - None

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

- 1) The following applicants were nominated to serve.  
Tyler Tucker (U) as an Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission  
Joseph Santoro (U) as an Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission
- 2) Jeffrey Lippincott (R) was submitted for Re-Appointment as a member of the IWW Commission with a term to expire on 4/2027  
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Bourque  
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 3) Steven Molinelli (U) was submitted for Re-Appointment as a member of the IWW Commission with a term to expire on 4/2027  
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Groppo  
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 4) Mary Ann Marino ( ) was submitted for Re-Appointment as a member of the IWW Commission with a term to expire on 4/2027  
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Morhardt  
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 5) Jill Fourie (D) was submitted for Re-Appointment as a member of the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire on 4/2027  
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Groppo  
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 6) Thomas Sullivan (D) was submitted for Appointment as an Alternate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Previously vetted, this appointee would fill the seat vacated by David Carter and allow the Board to function as intended
- 7) An E-mail stating his intention to Resign from the Economic Development Commission was received from James Welton (R) as an Alternate member
- 8) An E-mail stating his intention to Resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals was received from David Carter (R) as an Alternate member

Item 9 **Unfinished Business** - None

Item 10 **New Business** -

- A) 22-20 Approve Resolution for Finance Director Authorization  
Motion Statement - I move that the Town adopt the attached draft resolution, entitled " Resolution to Approve Finance Director Authorization" as presented.  
Motion - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Bouchard  
Vote to approve - Unanimous

B) 22-21 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Line Item Transfer of \$900.00 from Property Tax - Willow Street (812-824-0001), \$10,000 from General labor (812-194-0000) to Maintenance of Grounds (812-827-0000) in the amount of \$10,900)

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Morhardt

Vote to approve - Unanimous

C) 22-22 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Line Item Transfer of \$1400.00 from Contracted Labor (211-832-0000), \$1000 from Maintenance of Office Equipment (211-809-0000), \$3000 from Pay Per Call (211-900-0006) to Maintenance of Equipment (211-826-0000) in the amount of \$5400.

Motion - Sel. Morhardt / Second Sel. Groppo

Vote to approve - Unanimous

D) 22-23 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Line Item Transfer of \$10,000 from General Labor (313-194-0000), to Contracted Services (313-831-0000) in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Bouchard

Vote to approve - Unanimous

E) 22-24 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenues

Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenues in the amount of \$3323.75

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second Sel. Bourque

Vote to approve - Unanimous

F) 22-25 Consider and Possibly Act on Adoption of a Smoking and Cannabis Use Restriction Ordinance

An explanation from Town Manager Kelly and discussion by Board members yielded the following

Motion Statement - The Board of Selectmen make known our intentions to establish an ordinance to restrict smoking and cannabis use and that it goes thru our ordinance adoption steps including review by Town Attorney Kevin Nelligan

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Morhardt

Vote to approve - Unanimous

G) 22-26 Consider and Possibly Act on adoption of an Ordinance establishing a Fair Rent Commission

An explanation from Town Manager Kelly and discussion by Board members yielded the following

Motion Statement - The Board of Selectmen asks the Town manager to set up a "Fair Rent Committee to look at the issues here locally and the data with it and to report back to the Board by November 1st.

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous

H) Consider and Possibly Act on Projects funded with State Grants

No updates available but TM Kelly said he would respond to individual Selectman inquiries

as time permits

Item 11     **Citizens Comments**

- \* Citizen John Wiarda asked if the proposed new Ladder Truck would fit in the existing Firehouse without any building modifications

Item 12     **Selectmen's Comments and Reports**

- \* Selectman Bouchard gave an Earth Day activity report
- \* Selectman Groppo reminded everyone about the May 21st Pet Parade and applications still available for the Laurel Festival Crowning
- \* Selectman Perez detailed many of the other 250th Anniversary Celebration events upcoming
- \* Selectman Bourque detailed the upcoming Soldiers Monument activities
- \* Mayor Arcelaschi reminded everyone of the Swearing In Ceremony on May 3rd for our newest Police Officer - Abdullah Davranmakel
- \* Mayor Arcelaschi also reminded everyone of the Charter Revision Public Hearing on May 3rd.

Item 13     **Meeting Adjournment**

- \* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard  
To adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm  
Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk





