

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 4, 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)	

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 March 21, 2022

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Bouchard

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

* Minutes of Special Meeting on March 28, 2022

Motion - Sel. Groppo / Second - Morhardt

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

Item 5 **Public Hearing - Town Manager 2022-2023 Budget Presentation**

* Town Manager Josh Kelly detailed his 2022-2023 Budget Proposal using a prepared Power Point presentation. The presentation featured the following highlights.

- * Stated Town Goals including Efficiency, Modernization, Affordability, and Investment Focused
- * Flat Mill Rate of 33.54
- * Grand List Growth of 5.66%
- * Road Investment beyond the Infrastructure Bond Plan
- * Maintaining Town Services
- * Preservation of a healthy, undesignated Fund Balance
- * A robust 5 year Capital Improvement Plan with 20 projects funded for 2023

Item 6 **Citizens Comments** - None

- Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Josh Kelly reported to the Board on the following topics. . .
- * The decision to have the EV Charging Station transitioned to Pay per Use is moving forward. A credit card payment management system has been ordered and will be installed as soon as possible.
 - * 508 Main Street remains in limbo pending a formal report for the State DOT.
 - * July 1 brings the Town to the second half of its ARPA funding. Suggested spending will be planned and presented over the next several months.
 - * The Town is still waiting to hear results from its Communities Challenge Grant application.
 - * Planning and Zoning has reviewed and is recommending the BOS proceed with the sale of 1,200 acres of Conservation Easements around Rugg Brook Reservoir and Crystal Lake. Tim Abbot from HVA will be a guest of the next BOS meeting to discuss the sale process.
 - * Applications for The Façade Improvement and Business Start-Up Programs are beginning to be reviewed.
 - * A walk thru of the Hinsdale School renovation project was completed on March 31, 2022.
 - * TM Kelly and several Town staff members sat in on a Zoom meeting with Governor Lamont and Commissioner Mark Boughton to discuss the Infrastructure and Jobs Act adopted by the Federal government in 2021. The Town Manager will keep the Board posted with any opportunities that Winchester may be afforded.
 - * Details of The Infrastructure Investment Plan are posted on the Towns website and were the sole focus of the latest edition of the Winsted Wire newsletter.
 - * Officer James Crean was sworn in as a new Patrol Officer of the Winchester Police Department. Officer Crean brings 25 years of experience to our force.
 - * Multiple Department Heads participated in a Customer Service Training webinar provided by CCM

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

- Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following actions
- 1) The following applicants were nominated to serve.
 - LeAnne Marvin (D) as a member of the Conservation Commission
 - Ellen Babcock (D) as a member of the ADHOC Water Level Committee
 - Claudia DeLaCruz as a member of the Recreation Board replacing Alesia Warner
 - 2) Elizabeth Whitney (U) was submitted for Appointment as a member of the Recreation Board to replace Kim Huber with a term to expire on 4/2026
 - Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second Sel. Morhardt
 - Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None

- Item 11 **New Business**
- A) Consider and Possibly act on the FY2023 budget
 - * Discussion yielded the following motion.
 - Table discussion to a future meeting meeting to be held prior to April 22, 2022
 - Motion made by Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Perez
 - Vote to approve - Unanimous

B) Consider and possibly act on the Infrastructure Investment Plan bonding proposal

* Discussion yielded the following motion.

Table discussion to a future meeting meeting to be held prior to April 22, 2022

Motion made by Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Vote to approve - Unanimous

C) 22-15 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenues

*Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$485.84

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Groppo

Vote to approve - Unanimous

D) Presentation by LeeAnn Marvin regarding Still & Mad River Initiative & Pledge

* Motion made for the BOS to sign a Letter of Support

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 12 **Citizens Comments**

* Resident John Wiarda spoke and asked how many residents would support solar at Town owned property parking lots. Hoped to get feedback to this question.

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

* Sel. Bourchard reported on the upcoming FOMS Clean Up Initiative

* Sel. Groppo reminded everyone that the 84th Annual Pet Parade was scheduled for May 21st at 2 pm and the 88th Annual Laurel Festival Crowning will be held on Saturday June 4th under the stars

* Sel. Morhardt reported on the upcoming Board of Receptions Family Fun Day scheduled for June 5th

* Sel. Perez thanked Sel. Morhardt for agreeing to research and gather the names of all past serving Board of Selectmen members.

* Mayor Arcelaschi took a moment to alert residents and fans of the Towns new resident Moose to exercise caution and avoid live interaction with this 1000lb animal. It is believed to be a female who is likely to be giving birth sometime in the next several months.

Item 14 **Meeting Adjournment**

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

To adjourn the meeting at 8:13pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk