

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 7, 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 Members	Josh Kelly (Town Manager)	

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review**

- * Item 11(B) moved to proceed Item 4
- * Item 14 (Executive Session) cancelled

Item 4 **Discussion on Cannabis Regulations**

- * Resident Bryan Sundie spoke asking for the BOS to engage in open discussion of this topic and either send to full Town vote or initiate petition to send to full Town vote
- * Resident David Lapointe spoke in agreement with the points raised by Bryan Sundie
- * Motion Statement - Move to send Cannabis Regulations to Planning and Zoning requesting regulations with restrictions in an established Main Street Corridor extending from East End Park to Beardsley Library.
Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Perez
Vote to approve motion - 6 to 1 in favor with Sel. Morhardt recording a NO vote

Item 5 **Approval of Minutes**

- * Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 22, 2022
Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Morhardt
Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

Item 6 **Citizens Comments**

- * Resident John Wiarda spoke regarding solar panels and EV charging stations

- Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Josh Kelly provided explanations and updates regarding the following topics. . .
- * The March edition of the new "Winsted Wire" community newsletter will focus on the Infrastructure Investment initiative.
 - * 508 Main Street Project remains under discussion with the Town still waiting for the State DOT to rule on parking use viability.
 - * Departmental budget proposals were submitted by staff. Proposed 22/23 Town Manager budget proposal will be released next week prior to the March 15th deadline.
 - * Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed at Town facilities. Masks encouraged but no longer required. Criteria established to determine protection policy will continue to be monitored. Home test kits are still available.
 - * Façade Improvements & Business Start Up Programs are at committee review with final decisions expected this month. Applications for Façade Improvement have ended but those for Business Start Up are still being encouraged and accepted.
 - * The Town is currently soliciting proposals for the professional guidance and services of a Bond Advisor.
 - * SOCT DOT has submitted suggestions on ways to slow Main Street traffic and expand parking options.
 - * Union negotiations are continuing. A new Union representative for Police, Supervisors and Clerical positions needs to be appointed to replace a parting rep.

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following updates and requested actions

- 1) Elizabeth Whitney (U) was submitted for Consideration to the Recreation Board as a Permanent Member with a term expiration of 4/2026
- 2) Ted Shafer was submitted for Appointment as a member of the Western CT Tourism Bd of Directors
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 3) A letter of Resignation from the Board of Recreation was received by Kim Huber (U)
- 4) Sel. Perez received a Letter of Interest from Ellen Babcock wanting to serve on the (Ad Hoc) Water Level Commission

Item 10 **Unfinished Business** -

- A) Presentation of Infrastructure Investment Plan Financial Impact Information
- *Town Manager Josh Kelly reviewed 6 Bonding Scenarios. Each scenario used specific Grand List criteria and outlined projected Mill Rates, Taxes on \$100,000 of Assessed Value and the annual change in owed taxes based on \$100,000 of Assessed Value
 - *The scenarios were offered solely as illustrations of what potential Bond Initiatives would cost taxpayers.
- B) 22-06b Consider and possibly act on proposed Ordinance regarding Local Veterans Property Tax Exemption ordinance
- *Questions and general discussion occurred.
 - * Motion Statement - Move to table vote until March 21st Regular BOS Meeting
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard
Vote - Unanimous

Item 11

New Business

A) 22-08 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenues

Motion Statement - Board of Selectmen authorizes the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$2342.56

Motion - Sel. Bouchard/ Second - Sel. Bourque

Vote to approve - Unanimous

B) Presentation by Town Staff Regarding Sue Grossman Greenway Extension

Public Works Engineer Bart Clark and Cardinal Engineering representative Gary Giroux gave a detailed update of the pending expansion project. Illustrations and explanations of design requirements, wetland and flood plain impact and construction timeline were reviewed in Power Point format.

C) 22-09 Consider and act on empaneling a Charter Revision Commission

Selectmen discussed Commission membership numbers and Party balance. Participants and a formal mission charge will be finalized at the next Regular meeting.

D) 22-10 Consider and possibly act on Proposal MIRA Agreement Amendment

Motion Statement - Move to adopt the "Tier 1 Long Term Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement" and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement on the Towns behalf.

Motion - Sel. Groppo / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous

E) 22-11 Proposed Line-Item Transfer

Requested action - Approval of Line Item Engineering Services (127-851--0000) to Maintenance of Structures (127-827-0000) in the amount of \$1000.00

Motion - Sel. Bourque / Second - Sel. Groppo

Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 12

Citizens Comments

* Resident Nick Teeling spoke in favor of the Sue Grossman Walkway expansion

Item 13

Selectmen's Comments and Reports

* Sel. Bouchard raised the question of enforcement of Ordinance 157

* Mayor Arcelaschi explained that we are adopting the Moose that paid us a visit several weeks back as our Town mascot. A naming contest has been established with entry forms available at the Town Clerks office. A single non-perishable food donation with each entry is encouraged.

Item 14

Executive Session - Cancelled

Item 15

Meeting Adjournment

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

To adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk