

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Item 1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:03pm

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| 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 February 7, 2022

Corrections - Selectman Morhardt found his first name misspelled

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Perez

Vote to accept minutes with noted correction - Unanimous

Item 5 Citizens Comments

* Resident Dave Lapointe spoke against allowing commercial, recreational Cannabis activity in Winchester

Item 6 Town Manager's Report - Josh Kelly provided explanations and updates related to the following topics. . .

* As of February 17th, no new written comments regarding Cannabis related business in Winchester have been received by the Town Manager's office.

* Covid Test Kits are still available by calling 860-379-8771

* Mask protocol changes are under review. Formal notice for occupants and visitors at Town Hall will be issued in the near future.

* The recent Economic Development Meet-n-Greet was well attended and yielded positive feedback.

* The Storefront Facade and Business Start-Up Funds have proved to be popular initiatives. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and results announced in the month of March.

* Informational sessions for the Infrastructure Investment Plan have been completed. Sessions were held at various locations around Town and a virtual Zoom meeting was also included. Questions were asked and feedback determined to be positive.

* The new Permitting software is nearing a formal launch. Building and Planning Departments will be part of the introduction with other departments to follow.

* Final engineering plans for the Sue Grossman Greenway will be introduced at the March 7 BOS meeting

Item 7

Finance Directors Report

- A) King, King & Associates provided the Town of Winchester's Annual Fiscal Report
- * Chris King reviewed highlights from the report and responded to questions
- * Federal and State Single Audit Reports were also submitted
- * Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault reviewed current General Fund, Cash Flow and CIP data

Item 8

Correspondence - None

Item 9

Boards and Commissions - Sel. Sedlack reviewed the following updates and related actions

- 1) Shayne Deschamps (D) was submitted for Appointment to the Economic Development Commission as an Alternate Member with a term expiration of 4/2027
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 2) Ron Dew (U) was submitted for Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a Permanent member with a term expiration of 12/2026
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 10

Unfinished Business -

- A) Discussion and possibly action on the proposed Infrastructure Investment Plan
 - * Selectman discussed at length, raising financial calculations and sidewalk cost sharing as concerns.
 - * No formal action was taken.
- B) 22-06a Consider and possibly act on proposed Ordinance regarding Local Veterans Property Tax Exemption
 - * Second time on the agenda.
 - * Josh will continue to research Exemption formula and report back at the next BOS meeting
 - * No formal action was taken

Item 11

New Business

- A) 22-07 Proposed Line-Item Transfer
 - * Requested action - Approval of Line Item Transfer from Sand for Ice Control (311-860-0000) to Maintenance of Equipment (311-826-0000) in the amount of \$10,000.00
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Morhardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 12

Citizens Comments - None

Item 13

Selectmen's Comments and Reports

- * Sel. Perez asked for BOS to consider establishment of a Charter Change Commission
- * Goal to have Commission work completed in time to place on November Ballot
- * Suggestion made to have Commission seat 5 members

- * Sel. Groppo reminded the BOS that the Housing Plan Steering Committee will conduct a virtual Zoom meeting on March 3rd to gather community input regarding affordable housing needs.

- * Sel. Bourque asked about the status of the Ordinance Review Committee.

- * Mayor Arcelaschi introduced a contest to name the Moose that recently wandered thru Winchester as the Towns new mascot.
All suggestions to be submitted by March 7th.

Item 15

Meeting Adjournment

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

To adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk