

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:02pm

Attending Members	Todd Archelaschi (Mayor)	Jonathon 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 **Discussion on Cannabis Regulations** - TM Josh Kelly introduced the topic & opened public comment

- * Chairman George Closson gave a brief overview of the Planning and Zoning Commission's role and responsibilities related to zoning physical locations of growing and/or distribution operations.
- * Letters received by Town Hall from Shayne Deschamps and Alison Pierce were read into the record.
- * Brian Vincent, Michael Mimnaugh, Wes Decosa, Dave Lapointe, and Brian Sundie offered concerns, suggestions and opinions.

Item 5 **Approval of Minutes**

- * Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022
Corrections - None
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard
Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous
- * Minutes of Special Meeting on January 31, 2022
Corrections - None
Motion - Sel. Bourque / Second - Sel. Mohardt
Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous

Item 6 **Citizens Comments**

- * Brian Sundie spoke in recognition of Walter St.Onge and Milly Hudak; both of whom had longstanding records of service and dedication to the Winsted community.

- Item 7 **Town Manager's Report** - Josh Kelly provided explanations and updates related to the following
- * Ted Shafer was introduced as Winsted's new Economic Development Director. Ted spoke briefly of a team approach to his mission; focusing on maintaining and expanding existing businesses, while seeking to attract and recruit new opportunities.
 - * Covid Test Kit availability at Town Hall - Call 860-379-8771 for more information.
 - * Ongoing Infrastructure Informational Sessions are scheduled
 - * CT Greenbank offering potential solar opportunity's at Public Works as well as Pearson, Hinsdale and Gilbert School.
 - * Engineering plans for the Sue Grossman Greenway are nearing completion. An update will be provided at the March 7th Selectmen's meeting
 - * Union negotiations are still ongoing.
 - * Recent winter storms resulted in improved efforts to communicate parking restrictions and stricter enforcement of violations.
- 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 Consideration and Nomination as an Alternate Member on the Economic Development Commission with a term expiration of 4/2027
 - 2) Shayne Deschamps (D) was submitted for Appointment to the Recreation Board as a Permanent Member with a term expiration of 4/2028
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Mohardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- Item 10 **Unfinished Business** - None
- Item 11 **New Business**
- A) 22-05 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenue
Motion Statement - Board of Selectmen authorizes the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$9752.77.
Motion - Sel. Perez / Second Sel. Groppo
Vote to approve - Unanimous
 - B) 22-06 Discussion on Tax Exemption Policies
Motion Statement - In compliance with Charter protocol for adoptions of new ordinances the Board of Selectmen will place the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans on the agenda, following the procedure in the "Steps for Amending, Adopting, or Replacing By/Laws and Ordinances"
Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second Sel. Bourque
Vote to approve - Unanimous
 - C) Discussion on procedures/policies when previous Town officials pass away
 - * Sel. Perez raised the question regarding criteria for choosing who would qualify for recognition
 - * Town Clerk was tasked with compiling a list of past Mayors / Selectman
 - * Town Manager will research this initiative with surrounding Towns

Item 12 **Citizens Comments**

* John Wiarda spoke in favor of increasing the Property Tax Exemption for qualifying veterans

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

* Sel. Mohardt gave a Recreation Board Liaison Report

Item 14 **Executive Session**

* Motion to go into Executive Session (with TM Josh Kelly) to discuss Union Negotiations - Time 8:09pm

 Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard

* Board of Selectmen returned from Executive Session at 8:37pm

 Town Manager stated that Union Negotiations were ongoing

Item 15 **Meeting Adjournment**

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

 To adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm

 Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk