

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Tuesday, January 18, 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)
Excused Member	Steve Sedlack (Selectman)	

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

Item 3 **Agenda Review** No changes

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

A) Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 3, 2022

* Selectman Mohardt noted that his Vote to accept the Minutes of 12/20 should have been an abstention

Motion - Selectman Bouchard / Second - Selectman Mohardt

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous with Selectman Bourque abstaining

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** None

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

* Press conference held on Friday January 14th to outline Winchester's Challenge Grant Application

* Covid 19 statistics have moved enough to reopen Town Hall starting Thursday Jan 20th

* Released funding for 2 Community Investment Programs - \$150K for Façade Improvement and \$100K for New Business Start Ups. Applications are currently being accepted.

* Covid Test Kits distribution from designated locations was orderly and successful

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report** - Bruce Stratford provided a Summary Review of Town Finances including the following details.

* Property Tax Collection - \$16.6 million (68% of Budget)

* Total Revenues at \$19.9 million

* Total Expenditures at \$16.5 million (47% of Budget)

* Cash at \$14.5 million w/ \$9.8 million invested

* Hinsdale School Renovation Committee continues to meet. Updated financial stats noted as follows.

Total current expenditures are at \$6.6 million / \$5.4 million to Contractor

Regular reimbursement requests are being filed with Dept of Administrative Services (DAS)

* Fiscal 2021 Annual Consolidated Financial Report filed with State Office of Policy and Management

* Town Auditor King & King & Associates will present to the Board of Selectman in February

Item 8

Correspondence

Mayor Arcelaschi read into the record a letter from Bryan Sundie in opposition of Winchester allowing production or retail sales of Marijuana.

Item 9

Boards and Commissions - Selectman Groppo reviewed the following updates and related actions

- 1) Shayne Deschamps was submitted for Nomination to the Recreation Board
- 2) Allen Miller was submitted for Re-Appointment as a Permanent Member to the Recreation Board with a term expiration of 4/28
Motion - Selectman Bouchard / Second - Selectman Mohardt
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 3) Kurt Root was submitted for Re-Appointment as a Permanent Member to the Recreation Board with a term expiration of 12/26
Motion - Selectman Perez / Second - Selectman Bouchard
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- 4) Brian Shaughnessy was submitted for Re-Appointment as a Permanent Member to the Recreation Board with a term expiration of 4/28
Motion - Selectman Bouchard / Second - Selectman Perez
Vote to approve - Unanimous

Item 10

Unfinished Business - Infrastructure Investment and Planning

Town Staff including Josh Kelly, Jim Rollins, Bart Clark, Bruce Stratford and Ann Marie Rheault offered a detailed presentation related to Town infrastructure. The following points were discussed in detail.

- * Current assessment of road and drainage conditions
- * Charts of road improvements from 2016 thru 2019
- * Extensive pro and con review of payment strategies - PAYG (Pay As You Go) vs Borrowing (Bonding)
- * Identification of priority projects in each of 5 designated Town zones
- * Review of 3 Non-Roadway projects - Essential Sidewalks / Highland Lake Drainage / Ladder Firetruck

Item 11

New Business

- A) 22-03 Refunds as Recommended by the Collector of Revenue
Motion Statement - Board of Selectmen authorizes the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$281.14
Motion - Selectman Perez / Second - Selectman Bouchard
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- B) 22-04 Approval of Resolution in Support of joining the C-PACE Program
Motion - Selectman Bourque / Second - Selectman Groppo
Vote to approve - Unanimous
- C) Discussion of Cannabis Zoning Regulations
Selectman discussed and agreed to scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday February 7th at 7pm

Item 11 **Citizens Comments** None

Item 12 **Selectman's Comments and Reports** None

Item 13 **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion - Selectman Perez / Second - Selectman Bourque

To adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, Town Clerk