

Town of Winchester  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
December 6, 2021

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Arcelaschi.

Attendance: Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Groppo, Sel. Morhardt, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review

Sel. Bourque asked that the Executive Session be discussed next on the agenda.

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

Move to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiation in the matter of CT3 Ventures LLC vs. Town of Winchester and to invite the Town Manager, Josh Kelly and the Town Attorney, Kevin Nelligan to attend the meeting.

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Entered into Executive Session at 7:03p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bourque

Motion to approve the settlement between the Board of Selectmen and the CT3 Ventures LLC, as recommended by the Town Attorney, with an appraisal amount of 2,515,000.

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A). Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 15, 2021.

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Groppo

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting, as corrected.

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Sel. Groppo asked that it be added to the minutes that she was appointed as the liaison to the Police Department.

Item 5. Citizens' Comments NONE

Item 6. Executive Session.

A). Discussion regarding strategy and negotiation in the matter of CT3 Ventures LLC v. Town of Winchester.

B). Discussion possible action in the matter of CT3 Ventures LLC vs. Town of Winchester.

This agenda item was discussed on the agenda before approval of minutes.

Item 7. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager updated the Board regarding 508 Main Street – accepting proposals American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – decision on proposals, New Business growth, Communities Challenge Grant - partnering with the NCC, update on conference (CCM), COVID-19 and C-PAC, Economic Development event, update Fire Department – purchasing of a pumper, Town Newsletter and Union Negotiations.

Item 8. Correspondence

Town Manager reviewed a letter from Representative Case and Senator Miner to Connecticut DOT. He also received comments from two citizens regarding ARPA.

Item 9. Boards and Commissions

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Perez

Motion to appoint Bryan Sundie (R) as a permanent member of the Recreation Board, term to expire 4/2027.

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Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Perez

Motion to appoint William Hudock (D) as a permanent member of the Torrington Area Health District Board, term to expire 4/2024.

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Item 10. Unfinished Business

A). 21-80 Consider and possibly act on the purposed Phase I allocations of the American Rescue Plan Act grant funds (Town Manager Kelly).

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Sedlack

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the expenditure of \$1,433,236 from the American Rescue Plan grant:

\$39,200 for the adoption of Online Permitting Software;

\$3,000 for the acquisition of laptops;

\$40,000 for Town marketing and economic Development activities;

\$50,000 for the hiring of a part-time Economic Development Director;  
\$100,000 for the creation of a business start-up fund;  
\$10,000 for the creation of a Water Quality Improvement Fund;  
\$200,000 for acquisition of 800-band radios;  
\$67,366 for the refurbishment of a Winsted Ambulance Service ambulance;  
\$35,000 for the purchase and installation of a new air conditioning system with UV filtration for the Elm Street Firehouse;  
\$40,000 for the purchase and installation of a new washing machine and dryers at the Elm Street Firehouse;  
\$48,960 for the updating of our GIS maps;  
\$11,000 for our mailed communications;  
\$8,500 for safety improvements on our playground swing sets;  
\$350,000 for the replacement of the sewer plant's raw water pumps;  
\$350,000 for sewer pump station rehabilitations;  
\$20,210 toward the "No Senior Left Behind" Technology Program at the Winsted Senior Center; and  
\$60,000 for Social Services staffing.  
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Item 11. New Business

A). 21-81 Consider and possibly act on the proposal for conservation easements on the town parcels within the Crystal Lake and Rugg Brook Reservoir watersheds (Town Manager Kelly)

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Groppo

I move that the Board of Selectmen allow for further consideration of this proposal by forwarding the proposed sale of easement on to our land use boards and commissions through an 8-24 referral.

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B). 21-82 Consider and possibly act on the submission of letters to the State Legislators (Selectman Perez).

Sel. Sedlack noted his conflict as a member of the W.L. Gilbert School Corp and requested the item be tabled to the December 20<sup>th</sup> regular meeting when his conflict would no longer exist. Sel. Perez invited him to participate in discussion now and her request was approved by Mayor Arcelaschi without any objections from the other selectmen.

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Groppo

I move that the Board of Selectmen grant approval for the attached sample letter to be sent to Winchester's state legislators regarding the Town's belief that Connecticut General Statute 10-34 be amended to require some form of mediation and/or

arbitration between the Town and The Gilbert School in the event that there is a future dispute regarding the cost of tuition.

YES (6)

NO (1) Sel. Sedlack

C). 21-83 Consider and possibly act on the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation to opt out of Public Act 21-29, Sections 5 and 6(f) regarding parking limitation provisions and accessory dwelling unit provisions (Town Manager Kelly),

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Morhardt

I move that the Board of Selectmen opt out of Public Act No. 21-29, Sections 5 and 6(f) regarding parking limitation provisions and accessory dwelling unit provisions.

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D). 21-84 Consider and possibly act on authorizing a letter to be sent to the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding a local business vendor (Selectman Bourque)

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

I move that the Board of Selectmen grant approval for a letter to be sent to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation in support of a new lease for Mr. Carbon.

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E). 21-85 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenues (Town Manger Kelly).

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Groppo.

I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue, Halaree Monnerat, in the amount of \$2,092.51.

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Item 12. Citizens' Comments NONE

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments and Reports.

Sel. Bourque reminded everyone about the Christmas Tree Lights on top of the Soldier's Monument, which will stay on till the first of the year.

Sel. Arcelaschi reminded everyone of the annual Gaetor Parade on December 18<sup>th</sup>. at five o'clock and to please let us go back to a time when neighbors helped each other, please donate to a charity of your choice.

Sel. Bouchard talked about the lighting on Main Street along with promoting "Shopping on Main Street Winsted.

Item 14. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Morhardt  
To adjourn the meeting at 9:07p.m.  
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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC