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Town of Winchester
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2021

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Attendance: Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Groppo, Sel. Morhardt, Sel. Perez and Sel. Sedlack. Town Manager, Josh Kelly and Bruce Stratford, Financial Director.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item 3. Agenda Review

Sel. Arcelaschi asked that item 10A be moved down on the agenda under New Business Update on the Cemetery at Danbury Quarter Road.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A). Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 1, 2021

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Groppo

I move to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 1, 2021, as amended.

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Sel. Bouchard, to include the word Unanimous after the nomination of Troy LaMere.

B). Minutes of the BOS's First Meeting after the Elections on November 2, 2021

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Groppo.

I move to accept the Minutes of the November 3, 2021, as amended.

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Sel. Bourque noted no date on the minutes and to change Selectmen to Selectman where necessary.

Item 5. Citizens' Comments NONE

Item 6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager presented updates regarding the 508 Main Street Project, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Communities Challenge Grant, Fire Department's funding for fire trucks that are in need of replacements, meeting with the Litchfield County Dispatch, meeting with the

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Senior Center holding Thanksgiving dinner on the 18th. of November, Union Negotiations, and references to the December 6th. and December 20th Board meetings.

Item 7. Finance Director's Report

The Finance Director, Bruce Stratford, presented to the Board an update on Fiscal Year 2021 budget through October 31, 2021, reviewing the revenues and expenditures in comparison to the previous year's budget.

Item 8. Correspondence NONE

Item 9. Boards and Commissions.

Sel. Sedlack placed into nomination William Hudock (D) as a permanent member of the Torrington Area Health District Board term to expire 4/2024

Sel. Sedlack placed into nomination Bryan Sundie (R) as a permanent member of the Recreation Board term to expire 4/2027

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bourque

To appoint Tim McGrane (U) as a permanent member of the Recreation term to expire 4/2027.

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Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bouchard.

To re-appoint Maurice Gabelmann (R) as a permanent member of the Regional Refuse Disposal District #1 term to expire 12/2027

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Item 10. Unfinished Business

A). Update on the Cemetery at Danbury Quarter Road (Mayor Arcelaschi).

Moved to the end of Item 11 "New Business."

Item 11. New Business

A). 21-77 Proposed Line-item Transfer (Town Manager Kelly).

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Perez.

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item transfers from \$15,000 Assistant Town Clerk (120-191-0000) to \$15,000 Clerk, Part Time Floater (1-120-192-0000).

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B). 21-78 Board of Education Non-Lapsing Account (Town Manager Kelly).

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Bourque

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I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the deposit of unexpended fiscal year 2021 education appropriation funds of \$107,026.68 into a non-lapsing account for future use by the Board of Education and move \$200,000 of the unexpended fiscal year 2021 Education appropriation fund into an assigned fund balance subject to the Board of Selectmen's approval.

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C). 21-79 Refunds as Recommended by Collector of Revenues (Town Manager Kelly).
Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bouchard.

I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue, Halaree Monnerat, in the amount of \$530.81.

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D). Presentation regarding funding proposals related to the American Rescue Plan grant Monies. (Town Manager Kelly).

The Town Manager and Finance Director addressed the board related to the American Rescue Plan Grant Monies with an extensive power point presentation along with a question-and-answer period. He will return at the next scheduled meeting with more information.

E). Boards & Commissions Liaison Assignments (Mayor Arcelaschi)

Jonathan Morhardt to be a liaison to the Recreation Board.

Sel. Sedlack to be a liaison to the Board of Education.

Sel. Groppo to be the liaison to the Police Commission.

All other appointments as a liaison stayed the same.

Power point presentation regarding the old Cemetery at Danbury Quarter Road which was moved down on the agenda after "New Business". Sel. Arcelaschi gave a power point presentation to emphasize all the damage done over a period of neglect.

Item 12. Citizens Comments. None

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments and Reports.

Sel. Perez thanks to Sel. Bourque for the wonderful presentation on the 250th. Celebration and its success.

Sel. Bourque acknowledged the volunteers who made this play such a success.

Sel. Arcelaschi reminded everyone about the food drive taking place and the fundraiser by the Police Department allowing the men to grow beards in order to raise money.

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Thursday is the date for the swearing in of a newly hired Patrol Officer and volunteers are need for the Winsted Area Ambulance Service.

Item 14. Adjournment.

Motion by Sel. seconded by Sel.

To adjourn at 8:45p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack. CCTC, CMC