

Town of Winchester
Board of Selectmen
July 6, 2021

Item 1. Call to order

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

Attendance: Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bird, Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Groppo, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack. Town Manager Josh Kelly.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review. NONE

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A). Minutes of regular meeting on June 21, 2021.

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021, Board of Selectmen's meeting.

YES (5)

ABSTAINED Sel. Bourque and Sel. Bird.

Executive Session was moved down on the agenda, waiting for the attorneys to be present.

Item 8). Town Manager's Report.

The Town Manager, Josh Kelly presented to the Board all meetings held between June 21st through July 2, along with Long-Term meetings. A question-and-answer period was held.

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Bouchard.

To enter into executive sessions with Attorney William Ryan (Public Works Union Contract and Laurel City Revamp LLC with Bob Geiger and Town Manager Josh Kelly at 7:12 p.m.

Item 5. Executive Session.

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Bouchard

To enter into Executive Sessions with Attorney Paul Ryan and Bob Geiger along with Town Manager Josh Kelly at 7:12 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Item 6. Discussion Possible Action Regarding Executive Session.

A). Discussion/possible action strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending litigation Town of Winchester vs. Laurel City Revamp LLC.

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

The Board of Selectmen agrees to release the mortgage of 35 Willow Street, also known as Capitol Products, to Miller Crossing LLC. The release is contingent upon closing and payment of back taxes under the contract of sale submitted to the town for review.

UNANIMOUS

B). Discussion/possible action – Public Works Union Contract.

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bourque

I move that we accept the contract between the Town of Winchester and the American Federation of State County Municipal Employees AFLCIO Local 1302-44 Winchester Public Works Employees Union Contract to expire June 30, 2026.

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Item 7. Citizen Comments NONE

Item 9. Correspondence NONE

Item 10. Boards and Commissions.

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Sel. Sedlack placed under consideration Shane Centrella as alternate on the Economic Development Commission.

Sel. Sedlack placed into under consideration Beth Ballentine as a permanent member of the Recreation Board.

Sel. Sedlack placed into nomination Willie Platt (U) as a Permanent member of the Conservation Committee term to expire 5/2025.

Sel. Sedlack placed into consideration Dan Pinton (n/a) as an Alternate to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

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

To appoint Marc Gizzie (D) as a Permanent member of the Conservation Commission term to expire 5/2026.

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

To appoint Joseph Lefkowski (U) as a Permanent member of the Recreation Board term to expire 4/2027.

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Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To appoint Cathy Lacasse (U) as a Permanent member of the Recreation Board term to expire (U) 4/2028.

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Sel. Sedlack announced support by the Board for Kevin O'Connell (D) appointed by the Town Manager as an Alternate member of the Economic Development Commission term to expire 4/2026.

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

To appoint John Wiarda (D) as a Permanent member of the Conservation Commission term to expire 5/2025.

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Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bourque

To re-appoint Deborah Kessler (R) as a Permanent member of the Soldiers Monument Commission term to expire 6/2025.

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Sel. Sedlack acknowledges Noreen Marchand who is not renewing her membership on the Soldiers Monument Commission after ten years of dedicated service.

Sel. Sedlack has placed into consideration the names of the following intentions:

Amanda Hill as a member of the Conservation Commission

Charlene LaVoie as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission

Kristen Dowler as a member of the Soldier's Monument Commission

Item 11. New Business

A). 21-48 Discussion/possible action-State of Connecticut affordable Housing Plan Grant Application.

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Groppo

I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution No. 21-48, supporting the State of Connecticut Affordable Housing Plan Application.

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Item 12. Citizens' Comments NONE

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments

Sel. Bouchard gave an update on the Concerts in the Park series for this summer.

Sel. Arcelaschi discussed the options of having a registry for disabled persons during severe weather.

Sel. Sedlack questions where we are at with Rockwell Street and no-parking signs and how we respond to such inquiries.

Item 14. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

To adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack CCTC CMC