

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic the August 17th. 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting was held by ZOOM and all Selectmen were in person attendants.

Item 1. Call to Order:

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

Attendance: Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bird, Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Groppo, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack. Town Manager, Bob Geiger and Finance Director, Bruce Stratford.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Bird

To add to the agenda under New Business 11-E " Approval for the Town Manager to apply for re-certification of a Steep Grant.

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Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A). Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 3, 2020

Motion by Sel. Bird, seconded by Sel. Bourque

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3,2020 as presented.

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B). Minutes of Special Meeting on August 13, 2020.

Motion by Sel. Bird, seconded by Sel. Sedlack

To approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting as presented.

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Mayor Perez adjourned the Regular Board meeting to a Special Town Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Item 5. Special Town Meeting . Reason for Town Meeting.

A). Request for Land Swap and Permanent Easement at 29 Bridge Street.

(See minutes for the Special Town Meeting.)

Regular meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

Item 6. Citizens' Comments - John Wiarda

Item 7. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager's report covered all meetings held between August 3rd. through August 16th. with updates including future meetings.

Item 8. Finance Director's Report.

The Finance Director, Bruce Stratford, reported on revenues and expenditures to date and compared them with the same numbers from the previous year. Cash is at a high point of \$19 million Dollars.

Item 9. Correspondence NONE

Item 10. Boards and Commissions.

To acknowledge the resignation of Charles and Frances Cooper from the Senior Citizen Commission with thanks for their years of services.

Item 11. New Business

A). 20-035 RFP for Grants Funded Communications Consultant Services for the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen (Mayor Perez).

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Sedlack

To accept the request for proposals for communication consultant services for the Town of Winchester.

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B). 20-036 State Statute Regarding Tuition in Towns in which no High School is Maintained (Mayor Perez).

Sel. Sedlack cited a conflict of interest and recused himself from discussion and left the room.

Following discussion:

Motion by Mayor Perez, seconded by Sel. Bird

That the Board of Selectmen work with the Board of Education sub-committee to discuss State Statues with regards to Tuition in towns when no high school is maintained.

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Sel. Sedlack re-entered the meeting.

C). 20-037 Emergency Response and Power Restoration for Storm Isaias (Mayor Perez).

Discussion took place as to plans for future emergencies

D). 20-038 Proposed Line Item Transfer (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Bird.

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item transfer of \$10,765 from Board of Education Expenditures – Teachers Pension to State (1000-100-1000-918) to Legal Fees-Environmental Counsel (119-845-0003-0000) in the amount of \$2,000, Purchasing /Data Processing – Data Processing (145-812-0000-0000) in the amount of \$2,000, Winchester Fire Department- Equipment Testing (219-848-0009-0000) in the amount of \$100, Misc-Bank Fees (910-800-0009-0000) in the amount of \$2,665 and Street Lighting – Street Lighting Expenditures (320-383-0000-0000) in the amount of \$4,000.

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E). Approval for the Town Manager to apply for re-certification for a STEAP GRANT.

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Bouchard.

To authorize the Town Manager to apply for re-certification for a STEAP GRANT.

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Item 12. Citizens' Comments John Wiarda

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Sel. Bourque reported that the Soldiers' Monument Commission has cancelled the celebrations for Labor Day, Veterans Day, and the Cemetery Walk.

Sel. Bouchard also reported the cancellation of the Fall Festival by Friends of Main Street.

Sel. Sedlack inquired about the results of the Presidential Preference Primary held on August 11th 2020.

Item 14. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bird.

I move to adjourn this meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC

