

Board of Selectmen
September 8, 2020
Regular Meeting
Minutes

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic the September 8, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting was held by ZOOM and all Selectmen were in person attendants.

Item 1. Call to Order

The meeting was 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.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review - Town Manager, Bob Geiger withdrew Item 9-D under New Business – “refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenue” due to errors that went unnoticed.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 17, 2020

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Groppo

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2020

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The Town Clerk noted, in addition to the disclaimer on the first page it should have included the Board of Selectmen were all in the room and on page 2 under 11B to add the word interest after the word conflict for Sel. Sedlack.

B) Minutes of Special Meeting on August 17, 2020.

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Groppo

To approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Special Meeting

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Item 5. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager, Bob Geiger, presented to the Board all meetings that were scheduled between August 24th through September 6th. including a list of next week's meetings

(September 7th. through September 13th.) Included were all Department Heads' reports throughout the month.

Item 6. Citizen's Comments John Wiarda

Item 7. Correspondence

Item 8. Boards and Commissions

There were questions about the residency of one of the Commissioners, the Town Manager will check with the Town Attorney for clarification.

Sel. Bourque asked that David Carter be considered for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Step 1 of the process.

Item 9. New Business

A). 20-2039 Resolution 20-05 – Agreement for 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution No. 20-05.

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which It deems to be necessary or appropriate; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steven J. Williams, as Emergency Management Coordinator of the Town of Winchester, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

B). 20-040 Acceptance and Appointment of James Lagassie as Chief of the Winsted Fire Department effective September 1, 2020 (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Bird

I move that the Board of Selectmen accept and appoint James Lagassie as Chief of the Winsted Fire Department effective September 1, 2020.

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- C). 20-041 Letter Regarding Enforcement of Regulations at Highland Lake
(Sel. Bird and Selectmen Bourque).

Discussion took place – No Action Taken.

- D). 20-042 Refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenues .(Town Manager Geiger)

WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

- E). 20-043 Request for Donation of Town-Owned Land to Winchester Land Trust.
(Town Manager Geiger).

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

I move that the Board of Selectmen refer the donation of vacant property between Highview Drive and South Road (Map #43 Block #154 Lot# #019X34) to the Town Attorney and the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and comment.

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- F). 20-044 Send Our Draft Request of the State Legislature Proposed Amendment in State Law for the Section on Tuition for Towns in which no High School is maintained to our Town Attorney for review and Draft of a letter requesting Such Change.

Sel. Sedlack recused himself and left the room at 8:01p.m.

Discussion took place

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Groppo

“To send the Proposed Amendment to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-34 to the Town Attorney for review with the following questions posed by Sel. Bourque: (1) Should the term be “school” or “high school” as it is in the original statute? (2) Should there be a date by which the agreement should be reached vs. leaving it open? (3) What happens if the arbitrator does not reach the agreement by March 15? (4) Do we have to follow an October 1 enrollment date? And (5) Should it be a “single” arbitrator appointed by the CSDE?”

(YES) 6

Sel. Sedlack recused himself.

Sel. Sedlack entered the room at 8:35 p.m.

- G). Virtual Net Metering Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement (Town Manager, Bob Geiger).

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bird

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the proposed Virtual Net Metering Credit Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lodestar Energy.

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Item 10. Citizen's Comment John Wiarda

Item 11. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Sel. Perez reminded everyone to please fill out and return the census forms , it is very important for the town funding. .

Sel. Arcelaschi asked that residents show restraint when using fireworks and asked that everyone remember the anniversary of 911 and the Angels of Freedom.

Item. 12. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bird

To adjourn this meeting at 8:57p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC

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