

Town of Winchester
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2017

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Attendance: Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bird, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Perez, Sel. Shaughnessy.
Bob Geiger, Town Manager, Steve Sadlowski, Town Planner, Bruce Stratford, Financial Director and Tanya Risucci, Recreation Direction.

Absent: Sel. Sedlack (Excused)

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 January 17, 2017

Motion by Sel. Bird, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 17, 2017

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B) Minutes of Special Meeting on January 18, 2017

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting on January 18, 2017

YES (4)

ABSTAINED (2) Sel. Bird and Sel. Shaughnessy

Item 5. Public Hearing/Special Presentations

A) Update from Torrington Area Probate by Honorable Michael Magistrelli.

A presentation by the Honorable Michael Magistrelli gave an overview of the Probate Court System. He discussed how the Probate Court works, the various functions of the Court as well as key facts regarding their budget and how they are financially supported.

B) Update from School Administration represented by Freeman Burr.

Freeman Burr, CSDE, Receiver of the Winchester School System gave a presentation regarding the current issues that face the Winchester Public Schools.

C) Department Presentations: Recreation, Community Planning & Development

Steve Sadlowski, Planning Director, gave an overview of the great things that are happening in the town along with updates to where we stand with the completion of projects already started., along with an update on the blight projects he is working on.

Tanya R Risucci, Recreation Director, updated the Board regarding membership for the Recreation Commission. She gave an overview of the Skate Park along with recent programs that are being offered to all residents.

Item 6. Executive Session

Strategy and Negotiations on Pending Litigation: Town of Winchester v Laurel City Revamp Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Bird

To enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

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Board meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

Item 7. Discussion /Possible Action Regarding Executive Session

No Action was taken.

Item 8. Town Manager's Report

Bob Geiger presented an overview of his weekly meetings with residents of the town, department heads, and various issues that he is dealing with. He also gave an overview of various projects and events that will take place during the upcoming month.

Item 9 Citizens' Comments -NONE

Item 10. Correspondence NONE

Item 11. Boards and Commissions

Motion by Sel. Perez, second by Sel. Arcelaschi

To appoint Charles Shea, Jr. (R) as a member of the Recreation Commission.

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Sel. Perez placed into nomination the name of Russell Davenport (U) to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Sel. Perez placed into nomination the name of Allen Miller (U) to the Recreation Commission.

Item 12. Unfinished Business

A) Town Manager Recommendations for Economic Development Facilitator and Grant Writer.

Motion by Sel. Albanesius, seconded by Sel. Bird

To authorize Bob Geiger, to create contracts with both the prospective grant writer and Gorman & York, regarding Economic Development.

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Item 13. New Business

A) 17-002 Bid Waiver for the Winsted Fire Department (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Shaughnessy, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

I move that the Board of Selectmen grant the bid waiver for computers, server and associated software from AccuCom for \$14,593.

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B) 17-003 Refunds as Recommended by the Collector of Revenues (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Bird

I, move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenue, Arlene Boutin, in the amount of \$23,377.40.

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C) 17-004 Fund Transfers for Police Department (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Shaughnessy

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item transfer of \$10,000 from Evidence-Property Clerk (210-193-0002-0000), \$5,000 from Corporals (210-192-0002-0000) and \$10,000 from Vehicle: gas, oil and grease (210-820-0000-0000) to Clothing Allowance and Equipment (210-818-0000-0000) in the amount of \$10,000, Maintenance of Vehicles (210-821-0000-0000) in the amount of \$10,000, tires (210-846-0000-0000) in the amount of \$2,000, Marine Patrol (210-843-0000-0000) in the amount of \$2,500 and Membership, dues and subscriptions (210-814-0000-0000) in the amount of \$500.

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Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Shaughnessy

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item transfer from Labor – skilled and professional (210-192-0000-0000) to Training Activities (210-192-0014-0000) in the amount of \$75,000.

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Item 14. Citizens' Comments - NONE

Item 15. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Sel. Bourque asked if the Capital Budget Meetings could be moved.

The consensus is February 16th. at 10 a.m. and February 23rd, meeting to start at 10:00 a.m. All in agreement.

The Town Manager will clear this with Bruce Stratford, Financial Director.

Sel. Bourque: Discussion was made to put the Parking Ordinance on the agenda for the month of April

Sel. Bourque: Discussion was made to get more information out to the public regarding the Grand List.

Item 16. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Shaughnessy, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC

