

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2023

Item 1 **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:00pm

Attending Members	Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)	Linda Groppo (Selectwoman)
	Candace Bouchard (Selectwoman)	Jack Bourque (Selectman)
	Steve Sedlack (Selectman)	Candy Perez (Selectwoman)

Absent Excused Jonathan Morhardt (Selectman)

Staff Members Robert Geiger (Town Manager)
Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)

Item 2 **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge was recited by all

Item 3 **Agenda Review** - Sel. Bouchard asked that the order of Items 10(B) and 10(C) be switched and Item 10(B) be labeled as 22-72.

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 16, 2023

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bouchard

Sel. Bouchard requested an amendment to the Town Manager's Report correcting an error regarding the \$250,000 Grant awarded to the TOWN OF WINCHESTER not the Senior Center as recorded. Sel. Bouchard also requested that "AS A COMMUNITY CENTER" be added to the record.

Vote to approve - Yes (5) - No (0) - Abstain (1) Sel. Perez

Item 5 **Citizens' Comments** - The following people addressed the Board

* Lynn Kessler

* Candy Perez - Recognized Selectwoman Bouchard's years of service on the Board and gave her a plaque and live cactus plant.

Item 6 **Town Manager's Report** - Interim Town Manager Bob Geiger reported to the Board on the following topics.

* Noting that his time as Interim Town Manager had just begun Mr. Geiger explained his efforts have been focused on meeting with Town staff and going thru a couple hundred E-mails to get back up to speed with pressing issues and projects.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - None

Item 8 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following actions.

- 1) Hamish Lutris is submitted for Nomination as a member of the Historic Commission with a term to expire in 12/2023
Motion Statement - I make a motion to add an Agenda Item to the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting on November 20, requesting a review of the Historic Commission Ordinance to allow residents/property owners to be members.
Motion - Sel. Bourque / Second - Sel. Sedlack
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)
- 2) John Hermann (U) is submitted for Re-Appointment to the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire in 10/2026.
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Bourque
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)
- * The following groups have position openings. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply!
Board of Assessment Appeals - 1 Alternate Seat
Arch. Review Committee - 1 Member Seat and 2 Alternate Seats
Conservation Commission - 1 Member Seat
Economic Development Commission - 1 Member and 3 Alternate Seats
Ethics Commission - 3 Member Seats
Historic Commission - 2 Member Seats
Laurel City Commission - 4 Member Seats
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - 2 Member Seats
Recreation Board - 1 Member Seats
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Alternate Seat

Item 9 **Unfinished Business**

- A) 23-63b Consider and Possibly Act on the Adoption of an Ordinance creating a Cultural District Commission (3rd Meeting)
Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen recognize this as the third of three public meetings where a new Ordinance, to create a Cultural District Commission in Winsted is considered and that the Board adopt this Ordinance."
Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Sedlack
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)
- B) 23-68a Discussion on current and future grant opportunities with Gilbert School's Head of School, Greg Shugrue.
Superintendent Shugrue passed out a letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen outlining a request for endorsement of the Gilbert School's application to the State of Connecticut for Grant Funding from the HVAC Air Quality Grant Program for Public Schools. Included with the letter was a cost estimate from West State Mechanical totaling \$4,990,000. Board discussion resulted in a motion to table.
Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Sedlack
Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 10

New Business -

A) 23-70 Refunds as recommended by Collector of Revenues

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of \$2,680.91."

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

C) 23-71 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line-item appropriation transfer of \$1,528.00 from Board of Selectmen Contingency (1-110-835-0000) for Human Resources Chief Examiner/Outside Services (1-150-832-0000) in the amount of \$1,528.00 per the attached document."

Motion - Sel. Bouchard / Second - Sel. Groppo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

B) 27 -22 Consider and Possibly Act on approving a Resolution in support of the Town's acceptance of OPM's STEAP Grant totaling \$250,000 for the purpose of Renovation of 44 Elm Street.

Discussion of the stated purpose and designation of the building at 44 Elm Street resulted in a motion to table.

Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Sedlack

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 11

Citizens' Comments - The following people addressed the Board

* Willard Pratt

Item 13

Selectmen's Comments and Reports

*Sel. Bouchard - Thanked volunteers for the Fall River Cleanup effort and all the kids that participated in the annual Halloween Window Painting event.

*Mayor Arcelaschi - Invited everyone to Forest View Cemetery for the Veterans Day Service at 11am

*Sel. Bourque - Reminded everyone of a new Bench Commemoration on Nov. 11th along with a reading of the Gettysburg address.

Item 14

Adjournment

* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Groppo

To adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesi, Town Clerk

These Minutes are subject to formal approval at the next scheduled meeting. Any amendments, corrections or revisions will be noted in the next Meeting Minutes.