Town of Winchester  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
Monday November 20, 2023

Item 1  **Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order by Mayor Todd Arcelaschi at 7:00pm  

Attending Members  
- Todd Arcelaschi (Mayor)  
- Troy Lamere (Selectman)  
- Steve Sedlack (Selectman)  
- Paul Marino (Selectman)  
- Candy Perez (Selectwoman)  
- William Hester (Selectman)  
- William Pozzo (Selectman)

Staff Members  
- Robert Geiger (Interim Town Manager)  
- Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)  
- Kevin Nelligan (Town Attorney)

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

Item 3  **Agenda Review**  
- Mayor Arcelaschi asked the Boards permission to move Item 4 (Approval of Minutes) to be acted on after Item 12 (Executive Session)  
The Mayor also informed the Board that the Finance Directors report would not be submitted at tonight's meeting.  

Item 4  **Approval of Minutes**  
(Moved to follow Item 12)  

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 6, 2023  
  
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Perez  
Vote to accept minutes - Yes (3) Abstain (4) (Sel. Lamere / Sel. Marino / Sel. Hester / Sel. Pozzo)

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

- Michael Peloquin

Item 6  **Town Manager's Report**  
- Interim Town Manager Bob Beiger reported to the Board on the following topics.  
  
* Each of the 4 new incoming Selectmen were briefed on meeting protocol and current issues facing the Board.  
* A major part of this week spent on Grant applications and Grant status reports.  
* Officer Justin DeVauvall was sworn is as a new Sergeant with the Winchester Police Department.  
* Boards and Commissions remain a priority with efforts to fill open positions.  
* Bob did take a moment to praise Terry Hall for all her hard work and efforts getting him up to speed and keeping him informed of pertinent issues in an effort to maintain continuity from Josh Kelly's tenure.

Item 7  **Finance Director's Report**  
- No report available

Item 8  **Correspondence**  
- Mayor Arcelaschi reminded everyone about the "Wreaths Across America" initiative.
Boards and Commissions - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following actions.

1) Jamie Giantonio (R) is submitted for consideration as a Member of the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term to expire 4/2025.
2) Todd Skutnik (R) is submitted for consideration as an Alternate Member of Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/2025
3) Alla Kravchenko is submitted for consideration as a member of the Winchester Cultural District Commission with a term expiration TBD.
4) Linda Groppo (D) is submitted for Appointment as a Member of the Winchester Housing Authority with a term to expire 5/2028
   Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Hester
   Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
5) Jack Bourque (D) is submitted for Appointment as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire 10/2024
   Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Lamere
   Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
6) E-mails confirming Resignations were received and accepted from the following volunteers.
   * James Welton - Ad Hoc Water level Committee
   * Troy Lamere - Planning and Zoning Commission
   Jame's and Troy's time and service to the Town is acknowledged with gratitude
   * The following groups have position openings. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply!
     Arch. Review Committee - 1 Member Seat and 2 Alternate Seats
     Board of Assessment Appeals - 1 Alternate Seat
     Conservation Commission - 1 Member Seat
     Cultural District Commission - 8 Members
     Economic Development Commission - 1 Member & 3 Alternate Seats
     Ethics Commission - 3 Members
     Historic Commission - 2 Member Seats
     Laurel City Commission - 4 Member Seats
     Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - 1 Member Seat
     Recreation Board - 1 Member Seat

Unfinished Business

D) 23-65a Consider and Possibly act on adopting a new Town Logo for external marketing purposes.
   Consensus to table this project was agreed upon without a formal motion.

New Business -

A) 23-72 Refunds as recommended by the Collector of Revenue
   Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the refunds recommended by the Collector of Revenue in the amount of $35.83
   Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo
   Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
B) 23-73 Consider and Possibly Act on Historical Commission Ordinance amendment - First Meeting
Motion Statement - I move that the Board of Selectmen consider the change to the ordinance allowing residents and landowners to serve on the "Historical Commission" to be effective after the third meeting as provided by the Town Charter."
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Hester
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 12 **Executive Session**
A) Discussion of the Sale of Town-owned Land
B) To discuss Contract Negotiations
Motion Statement - "Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Sale of Town-owned Land, Contract Negotiations taking Interim Town Manager Bob Geiger and Town Attorney Kevin Nelligan to be part of the meeting at 7:31pm."
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:23pm
Motion Statement - "I move that we add to the agenda the sale of Town owned land at Wallen's Hill."
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
Motion Statement - "I also move that we reject all RFP's on this sale of property on Wallen's Hill."
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 13 **Citizens Comments** - The following people addressed the Board
* Willard Platt

Item 14 **Selectmen's Comments and Reports** -
* Sel. Marino Congratulated Justin DeVaull on becoming a new Sergeant on the force.
* Mayor Arcelaschi Invited anyone interested to join the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign.
* Sel. Hester Complimented the recent "Citizens Academy" initiative. Bill attended and graduated from this unique learning opportunity.

Item 16 **Adjournment**
* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Lamere
To adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

ATTEST:

Glenn Albanesius, 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.