

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday December 18, 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)	
	Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Director)	

Item 2

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited by all

Item 3

Agenda Review - The following changes were officially voted on

* Motion Statement - "I would like to make a motion to remove the Executive Session (Item 12)."

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to accept - Yes (6) - Abstain (1) Sel. Perez

* Motion Statement - "I would like to make a motion to move Item 11(A) to follow Item (5) Citizens Comments."

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Vote to accept - Unanimous (7-0)

* Motion Statement - "I would like to make a motion to table the Board nominations until we have time to review the policies and procedures on receiving and reviewing nominations." A friendly amendment to allow action on Reappointments and recognition of Resignations was added.

Motion - Sel. Pozzo / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to accept - Unanimous (7-0)

Item 4

Approval of Minutes

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 4, 2023

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous (7-0)

Item 5

Citizens Comments - None

Item 6

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

* The intense rainstorm that came thru did result in about a hundred power outages reported to Eversource. At the start of this meeting most everyone had electricity back and minimal property damage had occurred.

- * The Budget process for FY24 - 25 has begun with Department Heads each receiving their packets.
- * The Police Union salary package continues to be negotiated. Signing and ratification should follow quickly once a final agreement is reached.
- * Terry Hall received high praise for her detailed and diligent work preparing for the Korean and Vietnam Veteran recognition event hosted locally by Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz.

Item 7 **Finance Director's Report** -

- * Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault reviewed current General Fund, Cash Flow and CIP data....
- * Budget Packets have been distributed to Department Heads

Item 8 **Correspondence** - None

Item 9 **Boards and Commissions** - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following actions.

- 1) John Pollack (R) is offered for Re-appointment as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/2028.

Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7-0)

- 2) E-mails confirming Resignations were received and accepted from the following volunteers.

Troy Lamere (R) from the Board of Assessment Appeals (term had expired in October)

Colleen Garrity from the Retirement Administration Board

Joe Lemelin (U) from the Winchester Housing Authority

Troy, Colleen and Joe'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

Conservation Commission - 1 Member Seat

Cultural District Commission - 7 Members

Economic Development Commission - 3 Alternate Seats

Ethics Commission - 3 Members

Historic Commission - 3 Member Seats

Laurel City Commission - 4 Member Seats

Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission - 1 Member Seat

Recreation Board - 2 Member Seats

Item 10 **Unfinished Business**

- A) 23-73c Consider and Possibly Act on Historical Commission Ordinance Amendment

Motion request by Town Manager Bob Geiger - "I would ask the Board of Selectmen to put forward this amendment to the Historical Commission Ordinance. This would be the final adoption of this change ordinance, since all three meetings have been held. I ask that the Board of Selectmen adopt the approved Ordinance changes to allow residents and property owners to sit on this Commission."

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Lamere

Sel. Perez asked about the required website or newspaper posting of this third meeting. None could be confirmed which led to a new motion to table vote on Item 23-73c until the meeting was properly posted.

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7-0)

B) Remaining Board Liaison Appointments

Sel. Hester accepted liaisons for Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission

C) 23-60b Consider and Possibly Act on the removal of Driveway Ordinance #222

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen recognize this as the third of three public meetings where a removal of Ordinance Number 222 is approved."

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Yes (5) - No (2) Sel. Lamere and Sel. Pozzo

Item 11

New Business -

This Item moved up on the agenda to follow Item 5 Public Comment

A) Armed Security Officer (ASO) for Gilbert School

* Superintendent Greg Shugrue submitted to the Board a 5 page letter offering the following information related to this request.

1) Historical timeline of local meetings and discussions

2) Key differences between an ASO (Armed Security Officer and an SRO (School Resource Officer)

3) Rationale outline stating statistical analysis of school violence

* A sample job posting for an ASO was submitted along with a suggested (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding the Town and Gilbert would review, revise if necessary and sign; providing a path forward towards filling this new position.

* Discussion occurred but no formal action was taken.

Item 12

Executive Session

This item was voted to be removed from the agenda

Item 13

Citizens Comments - None

Item 14

Selectmen's Comments and Reports -

* Sel. Marino - Commented on Sel. Perez's texts to Board of Ed members during their recent election of Officers.

* Mayor Arcelaschi Thanked all who participated in the Wreaths Across America event. A total of 516 wreaths were placed on local Veterans gravesites.

* Sel. Hester Thanked Terry Hall for her hosting efforts with the local Veterans recognition event. Also mentioned that the Board will be focusing on crafting next years Municipal Budget and hiring a new Town manager over the next several months.

* Sel. Perez Responded to Sel. Marino's comments

Item 16

Adjournment

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

To adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm

Vote to approve - Unanimous

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.