

Town of Winchester

Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting

Monday March 4, 2024

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)	William Hester (Selectman)
	Candy Perez (Selectwoman)	William Pozzo (Selectman)
		Paul Marino (Selectman)

Staff Members	Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)
	Kevin Nelligan (Town Attorney)

Absent Excused	Bob Geiger (Town Manager)
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Item 2 **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge was recited by all

Item 3 **Agenda Review** - The following change was requested

* Motion Statement - I'd like to make a motion under New Business (C) to table that."

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

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

Item 4 **Approval of Minutes**

* Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 20, 2024

Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 5 **Citizens Comments** - The following residents addressed the Board

* Frank Olivieri

* Michael Farrell

* Jay Champagne

Item 6 **Town Manager's Report** - Interim Town Manager Bob Geiger was not in attendance. Mayor

Arcelaschi offered the following outline of key events over the past 2 weeks.

* Budget copies will be available on Friday March 15th

* Two Public Hearings will be scheduled within 30 days. Tentative dates have been offered but not finalized yet.

Item 7 **Correspondence** - None

Item 8

Boards and Commissions - Sel. Sedlack introduced the following actions.

- 1) Linda Dew (U) is submitted for consideration as a Member of the Historic Commission with a term to be determined.
- 2) Victor Dubourg (U) is submitted for consideration as a Member of the Recreation Board with a term to expire 4/2028
- 3) Lorraine Carbone-Craig (D) is submitted for consideration as a Member of the Soldiers Monument Commission with a term to expire 6/2025
- 4) Ryan Horvay (R) is submitted for Nomination as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire 10/2024
Sel. Lamere called for a vote to move Ryan to an Appointment vote at tonight's meeting. Seeing Ryan was previously vetted this action would allow Ryan to be seated for BAA meetings scheduled next week.
Motion - Sel. Lamere / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 5) Sheila Sedlack (D) is submitted for Nomination as a Member of the Historic Commission with a term to be determined.

(This nomination was tabled)

- Ryan Horvay (R) is submitted for Appointment as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term to expire 10/2024
Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Yes (6) Abstain (1) Sel. Perez
- 6) Thomas Carter (D) is submitted for Appointment as a Member of the Economic Development Commission with a term to expire 10/2024
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Hester
Vote to approve - Yes (6) Abstain (1) Sel. Lamere
 - 7) Thomas Carter (D) is submitted for Appointment as a Member of the Conservation Commission with a term to expire 5/2025
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Yes (6) Abstain (1) Sel. Lamere
 - 8) Steven Vaill (U) is submitted for Appointment as a Member & Co-Historian of the Historic Commission with a term to expire 12/2025

(This nomination was tabled)

- 9) Virginia Schultz-Charette (D) is submitted for Appointment as a Member of the Historic Commission with a term to expire 12/2024
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Pozzo
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- 10) Debra Jablonski (U) is submitted for consideration as a Member of the Cultural Commission with a term to expire 12/2024
Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Lamere
Vote to approve - Yes (6) Abstain (1) Sel. Pozzo

* The following groups have position openings. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply!

Arch. Review Committee - 1 Member Seat and 3 Alternate Seats
Board of Assessment Appeals - 1 Alternate (pending)
Conservation Commission - 1 Member Seat (pending) / 2 Alternates
Cultural District Commission - 6 Member Seats

Economic Development Commission - 1 Member (pending) 4 Alternate Seats
Historic Commission - Member Seats (pending)
Laurel City Commission - 3 Member Seats
Recreation Board - 3 Member Seats (1 pending)
Soldiers Monument Commission - 1 Member (pending)
Water and Sewer Commission - 1 Member
Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Alternate

Item 9 **Unfinished Business** -

- A) 24-07a Consider and Possibly Act on the Amendment of Ordinance 297 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. (2nd of 3 meetings)
Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen formally acknowledge their consideration of the amendment of Chapter 297 of the Town Ordinances at this the second regular meeting and again consider and adopt at the third regular meeting on March 18, 2024."
Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Hester
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 10 **Executive Session**

- A) Discussion / Possible Action regarding Pending Claims and Litigation
B) Discussion regarding Personnel Matter - Town Manager
Motion Statement - "Motion to enter Executive Session taking the Town Attorney at 7:26pm."
Motion - Hester / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:41pm with no action taken.

Item 11 **New Business** -

- A) 24-05 Consider and Possibly Act on a Resolution for EPA/DPH Requirement for Lead Services Regulations
* Public Works Director Jim Rollins gave an outline review of the resolution. He explained that this action was mandated by the State of Connecticut but should be subsidized up to 70% of the \$400K price tag. The project must be bonded and will go to referendum at the same time as the Town Budget. The required testing must be completed by mid October of this year.
Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the resolution providing appropriation and authorization of bonds and notes in the amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, calling for a Town Meeting and setting a date for a referendum."
Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)
- B) 24-08 Proposed Line Item Transfer
Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line item transfer of \$10,500.00 from (210-192-0014) Training Activities to \$10,000.00 (210-811-0010) Training and Education and \$500.00 (210-814-0000) Membership, Dues & Subscriptions."
Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Pozzo
Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

C) 24-09 Consider and Possibly Act on a Bid Waiver for a Police Boat

This action was tabled

D) 24-04 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 \$6,751.89."

Motion - Sel. Perez / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

E) Discussion /Possible Action - Able Sentry vs. Town of Winchester

No action was discussed.

F) Consider and Possibly Act - Historic Commission Ordinance Amendment (1st of 3 Meetings)

An initial motion by Sel. Perez to advance action was withdrawn and replaced by a motion to table.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (7 - 0)

Item 11 **Citizens Comments** - None

Item 13 **Selectmen's Comments and Reports** -

* Sel. Hester - Participated in the "Read across America" initiative held at Pearson School

* Sel. Marino - Asked Jim Rollins to list the current major road projects that are scheduled for 2024. He also asked if Public Works would consider putting these on hold until the new Town Manager was on board and could review.

Item 13 **Adjournment**

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

To adjourn the meeting at 9:23pm

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.