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

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

Absent Excused  
- Troy Lamere (Selectman)  

Staff Members  
- Glenn Albanesius (Town Clerk)  
- Ann Marie Rheault (Finance Director)  

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

Item 3  **Agenda Review**  
Selectmen Perez requested the following items be added to New Business  
* Item E - New Town Manager update  
* Item F - Discussion/Possible Action to schedule Budget deliberation meetings for the BOS  

Item 4  **Approval of Minutes**  
* Minutes of Special Meeting on February 26, 2024  
  Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Pozzo  
  Vote to accept minutes - Unanimous (6 - 0)  
* Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 4, 2024  
  Motion - Sel. Pozzo / Second - Sel. Hester  
  Important Correction Requested - Sel. Sedlack noted that the written Minutes read that Debra Jablonski was submitted for Consideration to join the Cultural Commission. She was in fact voted on as an Appointment to the Commission.  
  Vote to accept minutes with Correction noted - Unanimous (6 - 0)  

Item 5  **Citizens Comments**  
The following residents addressed the Board  
* Michael Connole  

Item 6  **Town Manager's Report**  
- Town Manager Bob Geiger reported on the following topics.  
  * The Town Manager's 2024-2025 Budget was completed and submitted to the BOS on time.  
  * The Police Department Union Contract is very close to being signed  
  * Bob promised to stay available to assist and support the new Town Manager once they are on board.  

Item 7  **Finance Director's Report**  
- Ann Marie Rheault reviewed current financial data which included  
  Tax Collections, Expenditures, Municipal Aid and Investment Totals.  
  * Ann Marie also made a point of thanking Tom Heuschkel for his hard work and diligence compiling and formatting the data for this years Municipal Budget Binders.
Item 8  **Correspondence** - A suggestion to the Board of Selectmen was submitted by Alan Dicara

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

1) Linda Dew (U) is submitted for Nomination to the Historic Commission with a term to expire 12/2024
2) Victor Dubourg Jr. (U) is submitted for Nomination to the Recreation Board with a term to expire 4/2027
3) Lorraine Carbone-Craig is submitted for Nomination to the Soldiers Monument Commission with a term to expire 6/2025

* The following groups have position openings. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply!
  - Arch. Review Committee - 1 Member Seat and 3 Alternate Seats
  - Conservation Commission - 1 Member Seat (Pending) / 2 Alternates
  - Cultural District Commission - 6 Members
  - Economic Development Commission - 4 Alternate Seats
  - Laurel City Commission - 3 Member Seats
  - Recreation Board - 2 Member Seats
  - Soldiers Monument Commission - 1 Member (Pending)
  - Water and Sewer Commission - 1 Member
  - Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Alternate

Item 10  **Unfinished Business** -

A) 24-07a Consider and Possibly Act on the amendment of Ordinance 297 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code. (Third of 3 meetings)

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen recognize this as the third of three public meetings and adopt Ordinance #297 amendment to update our codes to follow the 2021 International Maintenance Code, as recommended and presented by the Town Manager."

Motion - Mayor Arcelaschi / Second - Sel. Hester

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

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

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen authorize a waiver of the requirement to bid for the new Police Boat and allow the purchase from DinghyPro in the amount of $50,795.00.

Motion - Sel. Marino / Second - Sel. Pozzo

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

Item 11  **New Business** -

A) 24-11 Consider and Possibly Act on the Historic Commission Ordinance amendment (1st of 3 meetings)

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen consider the change to the Ordinance regarding the Historian position(s) and the role on the "Historical Commission" to be effective after the 3rd meeting as provided by the Town Charter."

Motion - Sel. Pozzo / Second - Mayor Arcelaschi

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)
B) 24-12 Proposed Line Item Transfer

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the line item transfer of $5,000.00 from (219-848-0004) Turnout Gear and $3,000.00 from (219-900-0006) Pay Per Call to (219-848-0009) Equipment Testing / Certification / Repairs in the amount of $8,000.00."

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

C) Recreation Department Updates

Recreation Director Tanya Risucci gave an upbeat status report for her Department. Highlights included.

1) A big "tip o the cap" to Sel. Pozzo for being an active and supportive Liaison
2) The 5/6 and 7/8 Middle School Winsted Travel Teams both won their Winter League Basketball championships
3) Lifeguard positions for the Summer programs are currently looking for and hiring qualified staff
4) Jim Welcome will be retiring in 2025. This position will need to be filled and a broader job description is being drafted and will be posted soon.
5) A new "Concussion Protocol" mandated by the State will require much more intensive training for Summer Staff.
6) Several new programs are in the works
7) A Red Sox vs Yankee bus trip is planned for September 14th
8) The Tatro's Pond Recreation Area Reclamation Project continues to make progress.
9) The Recreation Department continues to grow and get stronger. Kudos to Jamie Duffy and Kurt Williams for their dedication to its improvement and success.

D) 24-13 Consider and Possibly act on the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act money.

Motion Statement - "I move that the Board of Selectmen allocate American Rescue Plan Act dollars to the Water and Sewer Department in accordance with the Town Manager's proposal as presented."

Motion - Sel. Hester / Second - Sel. Marino

Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 0)

E) Town Manager Update - Sel. Perez advised the Board that an announcement regarding the new Town Manager was in order. She felt that the Community and Town Hall staff should be appraised of some basic details regarding this important hire. Mayor Arcelaschi explained that a formal statement would be made by the middle of this week. He further explained that the new Town Manager was targeting April 22nd as an official start date.

F) Budget Deliberations - Sel. Perez requested the Board set 2 Budget discussion dates to be scheduled prior to the end of March. The group decided on Thursday March 21st at 6:30pm and Wednesday March 27th at 7:00pm.

Item 5

Citizens Comments - None

Item 14

Selectmen's Comments and Reports -

Sel. Pozzo - Asked what a "Good Intent" designation meant for a reported call by the Fire Dept?

Attended the CT State Drone Contest at which Pearson School won a "Middle School Excellence Award".

Mayor Arcelaschi - Attended Winsted's "Elk of the Year" ceremony honoring Kim Huber.
Item 15  

Adjournment

* Motion - Sel. Sedlack / Second - Sel. Hester
  To adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm
  Vote to approve - Unanimous (6 - 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.