




Town of Winchester

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TO: Winchester Select Board

FROM: Beth Rudolph, PE –Town Manager 

DATE: March 2, 2023

RE: Town Manager's Report – March 6th Select Board Meeting

Please find below an update on various topics for discussion at the Board's March 6th meeting:

AGENDA ITEMS:

Lake Street Bridge Project

Scott Brusco from Weston & Sampson will be in attendance to update the Board regarding the Lake Street bridge project. The project received additional funding at Fall 2022 Town Meeting and is currently out for bid. Construction is expected to start this spring.

Washington – Swanton Street MHP Project Eligibility

The Town was recently notified that the Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP) has received a request for a determination of Project Eligibility from Melanson Development Group for the property at the corner of Washington and Swanton Street. The Town has 30-days from the date of the letter (February 15th) to submit comments to MHP. Town Counsel has drafted a response letter to MHP for the Board's consideration. Additionally, MHP has schedule a site visit on Monday, March 6th at 11am.

Spring Town Meeting Articles

Attached is the list of proposed articles to be sponsored by the Board at Spring Town Meeting for consideration and vote on Monday evening. The list currently includes sponsoring an article at Spring Town Meeting to fund design of the Lynch School traffic improvements.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES:

Spring 2023 Town Meeting Schedule

The warrant for the Spring 2023 Town Meeting will close on Friday, March 10th. The first night of Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24th.



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Annual Town Election – Saturday, March 18th

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the WHS Gymnasium. The deadline to apply for vote by mail is March 13th. Additional information available at <https://www.winchester.us/904/VOTE-in-Winchester>

Construction/Capital Project Updates

- On-going Construction projects:
 - *Eversource 345kV Project* – Limited work is on-going as weather permits on Cross and Washington Streets. Eversource has start work on Lake Avenue (near Horn Pond) in Woburn, weather permitting. Traffic will be restricted to one-lane alternating traffic in that area during construction.
 - *Eversource 115kV Project* – Eversource is currently completing cable pulling activities. They have committed to installing the speed tables on Woodside Road as designed by Toole and previously discussed by the Board.
 - *Main Street Bridge Railing Repairs* – Work is on-going to install the bridge rail caps. Work on the upstream side has been completed.
 - *North Reservoir Dam* – Construction is substantially complete and shut down for the winter. Final loam, seed, and plantings will be installed in the spring.
 - *Transfer Station Renovation* – Demolition of the incinerator building is scheduled for mid to late March pending Eversource schedule for transformer installation.
 - *Parkhurst Modular Classrooms* – Triumph Modulars has been awarded the contract and are currently manufacturing the classrooms. Site work will start in April and classroom installation will begin in June for a September occupancy.
- Projects currently out to bid:
 - *Lake Street Bridge project* – Bid opening March 16th. Work expected to start in April/May and will require full closure of the bridge for at least two months.
 - *Winter Pond Water Quality Project* – Bid opening March 8th.
 - *Parkhurst School improvements* – Bid opening April 6th.
 - *South Reservoir Dam Aeration project* – Bid opening March 22nd.
- Upcoming Construction projects:
 - *Woodside Road and Wildwood Street* – Construction was delayed to spring 2023.
 - *Muraco School Electrical* – The electrical bid was awarded and the contract is being executed for work to occur in summer 2023.



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Community Events/Notes

- **Lunch with Lisa Damour, PhD** author of *The Emotional Lives of Teenagers*, Wednesday, March 22nd at Wright Locke Farm. RSVP to winchestercoalition@gmail.com
- **Viewing of “Chasing Childhood”** and discussion with Professor Peter Gray, Ph.D. – Winchester Public Library, March 15th at 7pm Register: [Freedom to Learn through Play \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com), Sponsored by the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community.
- **Mental Health First Aid.** April 5th and 12th, 6 to 8:30pm (2 sessions), Winchester Room – Town Hall. Register by 4/3/23. Sponsored by the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community.
- **EnKa Food Pantry** open by appointment only on Sundays and Mondays. Text, call or email: 781-369-5844 or enkapantry@gmail.com to make an appointment. Location: 1037 Main Street, Winchester (same locations as the EnKa Exchange).