

**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 22, 2019
Record**

OPENING

Vice Chairman Mariano Goluboff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Select Board meeting chamber located in Town Hall. Present were Select Board members Michael Bettencourt, Jacqueline A. Welch, Susan Verdicchio, and Amy Shapiro. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong.

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Monday, April 29, 2019 - Regular Session before Town Meeting WHS Rm A101
2. Monday, April 29, 2019 - Spring 2019 Annual Town Meeting - WHS Auditorium
3. Monday, May 6, 2019 - Regular Session before Town Meeting WHS Rm A101
4. Monday, May 6, 2018 - Spring 2019 Annual Town Meeting - WHS Auditorium

Selectmen's Comments and Non-Docket Business

TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS

1. Appointments - Town Manager announced the following permanent promotional appointment in accordance with section 4-2b of the Town she respectfully requests that the Select Board vote to waive the fifteen (15) day appointment period for: **Joseph Doiron, DPW W-15 General Foreman/Transfer Station; Robert Campbell and Dennis Cook, DPW SC-7 School Custodian** .

*Motion: That the Select Board waive the customary fifteen (15) day appointment effective waiting period to allow Joseph Doiron, to begin his employment.
Bettencourt - Verdicchio All in favor VOTED

*Motion: That the Select Board waive the customary fifteen (15) day appointment effective waiting period to allow Robert Campbell and Dennis Cook, to begin their employment.
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED

2. General Topics -

Phase II Plastic Bag in effect on May 1, 2019

Winchester Town Meeting approved the Plastic Bag Reduction By-Law in April 2018 and Phase II of the by-law's implementation takes effect May 1, 2019. The purpose of the by-law is to reduce solid waste, minimize litter, and protect our waterways and wildlife. It affects all Winchester retail establishments that utilize checkout bags as part of their business. On November 1, 2018, all stores with a floor area of 4,500 square feet or larger successfully transitioned away from offering disposable, plastic checkout bags. Phase II implementation affects all stores with a floor area less than 4,500 square feet. A reminder notice has gone out to businesses, who may request an extension. The major issue for businesses is not the paper bags themselves but the terminology that has to be on the bags.

40B Public Information Session draws 75 Residents

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The Town held a public information session on the application for site eligibility to MassHousing by SLV River St, LLC for 147 rental units at 19-35 River Street. Area residents were mailed a letter notifying them of the meeting and WinCam aired the session live. The developer presented plans along with his architect and engineers. The developer and town fielded questions and concerns about the impacts of the project, including traffic, scale, flooding, parking and safety. Comments are being reviewed and incorporated into the Town's official comment letter to MassHousing that is due by April 26th.

Spring Town Meeting starts Monday, April 29th

The Motion book went to press on Thursday, April 18th and mailed on Friday, April 19th. In total, there are 43 articles including planning articles, the fiscal year 2020 budget, options for senior financial relief and the creation of an affordable housing trust. Town Meeting is expected to be held on May 6th and May 13th as well.

Earmarks submitted to State for various Town Projects

Rep. Mike Day is assisting the Town with an earmark for the Saltmarsh Pavilion. The Town has also submitted earmarks to Senator Jason Lewis's office for \$50,000 for Aberjona beautification, \$100,000 for public safety radios and \$100,000 for design for the Lockeland Street intersection. The Town received a previous grant for \$50,000 for the Aberjona and was able to start plantings along the banks. The project is part of a much larger initiative. The radios are an ongoing 4 year project requiring \$130,000 per year. The Lockeland Street intersection is an area the Town is interested in studying, and is near Wright-Locke Farm and the West Side Fire Station.

HeatSmart letter from TM going out in water bills first week of May.

Winchester, in partnership with Arlington, was selected to participate in HeatSmart, a community-based, group purchasing program that aims to drive down the cost for residential installations of clean heating and cooling technologies.

News from the DPW

- The Water Department successfully completed the switchover of water systems for the meter 130 project to increase the pipe size to improve pressure. The Water Department was assisted by Arlington, Lexington, and the MWRA. Project should last one month and a reverse 911 was send out to affected residents last week.
- **Sidewalk repairs & ADA ramps on Canal St., Robinhood Rd., Winthrop St., Marshall Rd.**
- VO Solar has started

Other News:

- Procurement - Town Manager completed Chapter 30B Supplies & Services Course
- Fire Department Operational Review RFP being advertised
- Receipt of En Ka funding to continue tick prevention activities
- Winchester's application for the Municipal Vulnerability Planning grant sent April 10th
- Council on Aging finalizing a Resource Guide
- Town Hall has new phones!
- Conservation Commission granted permission to treat nuisance algae at the Wright-Locke farm pond. (This includes a new type of treatment- use of bacteria for sediments at the bottom of the pond. If successful, it may serve as a pilot program for treatment of other lakes and ponds in town.)

MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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Muraco the “Do Not Enter” at Stone and Highland Avenue is not going to help and will just redirect the traffic to the next streets. Discussion also centered on the safety of children walking to school, parents dropping off children on multiple side streets, dangers walking on Washington Street 7:45-8:15, and the impact that is happening to the entire neighborhood due to the traffic. It was also suggested that the Town should think about the larger solutions for the traffic as these issues are not an isolated issue.

The Board decided to continue the hearing to a future date at the Muraco School.

BUSINESS

1. Committees & Commissions Appointments - The Select Board interviewed the new candidates - Alexis Gansoudes for the Traffic & Transportation Advisory Committee position and David Bae for the Board of Appeals position. The Board reappointed James Whitehead to the Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee but due to the late time they moved the other appointments on the agenda to the April 29th meeting.

*Motion	That the Select Board reappoint James Whitehead to the Traffic and Transportation Advisory Committee, term to expire March 31, 2022.		
Bettencourt - Welch		All in favor	VOTED

2. Surplus a portion of 39 Horn Brook Road/DPW property 4545sf+/- - Chair Goluboff told the Board that tonight they have to vote to declare the portion of 39 Horn Brook Road surplus.

*Motion	That the Select Board declare a portion of 39 Horn Brook Road/DPW property 4545sf +/- surplus.		
Bettencourt - Verdicchio		All in favor	VOTED

3. Winchester High School Reflection Garden - WHS Zen Club/Garden Initiative Student Steering Committee Ben Wilson, President, Nathalia Sakorafos, Chair Hospitality Committee and Grace Yanucci, Corresponding Secretary presented.

The students explained to the Board the need to create a space that gives students a place to escape their busy, stressful lives; a place where they can collect their thoughts and rest. They informed the Board that from the very beginning this has been a student run project including incorporating the many student clubs to build the garden. The site has been chosen by the school’s back entrance, architect plans of the space have been done and they are ready to begin fundraising. Materials cost estimate is \$20,000 and are hoping that the labor costs will be nominal as most of the work will be done by volunteers. They have already received donations and are before the Board asking for their support.

*Motion	That the Select Board support the project.		
Bettencourt - Welch		All in favor	VOTED

4. Climate Action Advisory Committee - Ruth Trimarchi & Tom Eid gave an update of what has been done and what is happening for the future.

*Motion	That the Select Board adopt the commitment that Winchester will strive toward net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, with a commitment to reach at least an 80% reduction below the 2006 baseline emission level of GHG emission by 2050; and interim goals of 40% reduction by 2030 and 60% reduction by 2040.”		
Bettencourt - Shapiro		All in favor	VOTED

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5. Special (One Day) Alcoholic Beverage License Fees - Ms. Wong presented a draft of a tiered fee schedule based on number of persons at an event, she will be meeting with the Board of Health. We can do this but other towns are not doing this. She did an analysis of the cost changes if we implemented the change but it is financially insignificant. She also stated that last year there were only 5 permits for under 25 people.

6. 40B 19-35 River Street - Ms. Wong is submitting the letter at table to the Mass Housing. The letter is an opportunity for the Town to comment on the project.

7. Town Meeting Articles - Brian Szekely & Heather von Mering, Planning Board Chair gave a brief description of the Planning Board Articles. The Board then decided which article, that they are proponents of, each member would be presenting at Town Meeting.

Art.	Title	Proponent	Presenter
13	Accept MGL Chapter 44, Section 53F3/4, PEG Access and Cable Related Fund	Select Board	Mr. Goluboff
14	Real Estate Transaction - Horn Pond Brook Road	Select Board	Mr. Bettencourt
15	Accept MGL Chapter 44, Section 55C, municipal affordable housing trust fund	Select Board	Mr. Bettencourt
16	Enact legislation regarding property tax relief for senior citizens	Select Board	Mr. Bettencourt
17	Adjust eligibility limits for property tax deferrals, MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A	Select Board	Ms. Verdicchio
18	Wildwood Street utility easement	Select Board	Town Counsel
20	Appropriate money for traffic improvements at McCall Middle School	Select Board	Mr. Goluboff
21	Real Estate Transaction - MBTA easement	Select Board	Ms. Shapiro
22	Real Estate Transaction - Easement plan "Easement in Winchester..."	Select Board	Ms. Shapiro
23	Appropriate money for solar safety railings at Winchester High School	Select Board	Ms. Welch
24	PILOT Agreement, solar at Winchester High School	Select Board	Ms. Welch
25	Transfer funds to supplement Eversource account	Select Board	Ms. Verdicchio
37	State Highway Fund	Select Board	Mr. Goluboff
39	Invest OPEB Funds, MGL Chapter 203C and amend OPEB Declaration of Trust	Select Board	Mr. Goluboff

CONSENT AGE NDA/SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

One Day Alcoholic Beverage License(s)

1. Mary Street for the Parish of the Epiphany - Mary 3, 2019 - Parish Hall
2. Mark Chudnow for Neurofibromatosis Northeast - May 4, 2019 - Wright-Locke Farm
3. Michelle Noska for Beaujolais Catering - May 4, 2019 - Temple Shir Tikvah
4. Michelle MacKenzie for Superior Servers - May 25, 2019 - Griffin Museum
5. Michelle MacKenzie for Superior Servers - June 1, 2019 - Griffin Museum
6. Diana Kenosian Boston Best Bartending - June 8, 2019 - Sanborn House

*Motion: That the Select Board approve One Day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for - Mary Street for the Parish of the Epiphany - Mary 3, 2019 - Parish Hall; Mark Chudnow for Neurofibromatosis Northeast - May 4, 2019 - Wright-Locke Farm; Michelle Noska for Beaujolais Catering - May 4, 2019 - Temple Shir Tikvah; Michelle MacKenzie for Superior Servers - May 25, 2019 - Griffin Museum; Michelle MacKenzie for Superior Servers - June 1, 2019 - Griffin

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Other

- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$500.00 from the Century Bank to support the Concerts on the Common for the 2019 summer.
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$750.00 from the Winchester Co-Operative Bank to support the Concerts on the Common for the 2019 summer.
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$960.00 from the En Ka Society to purchase 400 waterproof tick check cards.
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$811.00 appreciation services to be deposited in the COA Gift Account
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED
- *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the donation of \$10,000.00 from the En Ka Society to be put towards the purchase of the COA vehicle.
Bettencourt - Welch All in favor VOTED

COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA TOPICS

ADJOURNMENT : 11:30 PM

- *Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the evening.
Bettencourt - Welch
Roll Call: Goluboff, Bettencourt, Welch, Verdicchio, Shapiro VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wong, Town Manager