

Board of Selectmen
Minutes
February 5, 2015

This meeting was scheduled for February 2nd. but to due inclement weather it was postponed to February 5th.

Item 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bouchard

Attendance: Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Closson, Sel. Perez
Town Manager, Dale Martin and Town Attorney Kevin Nelligan

Absent: Sel. Langer, Sel. Pimentel, Sel. Sedlack

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review

Town Manager, Dale Martin asked to add to the agenda under New Business (Item 11) two items

1. New Business 11C. Proposed Line Item Transfer for Public Works of \$50,000 emergency purchase of salt.
2. New Business 11B. Proposed Resolution 15-03: Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant.

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Albanesius

That we table Item 10c. (Unfinished Business) "15-001B Naming Committee" until next meeting.

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Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A). Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 20, 2015.

Motion by Sel. Perez and Sel. Albanesius

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 20th. 2015 as amended

The amendment was to have the minutes reflect the absence of Sel. Closson and Sel. Pimentel as being excused.

YES (3)

ABSTAINED (1) Sel. Closson

B). Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2015.

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Albanesius

To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29th. 2015.

YES (3)

ABSTAINED (1) Sel. Closson

Item 5. Public Hearing/Special Presentations

A). HRP Associates Update on Lambert Kay (Town Manager Martin)

Robert Simmons gave an update on the Lambert Kay property cleanup process.

Item 6. Public Works Director Report

An update was given to the Board by Jim Rollins, Public Works Director on the conditions he faced during the latest storm.

Selectmen Sedlack entered the room at 7:19 p.m.

Item 7. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager appointed Frank Berg (IT) as an alternate to the Economic Development Commission to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Kimberly Wimmer (R) term to expire April 2018.

Item 8. Citizens Comments

Joseph Forester

Item 9. Correspondence

None

Item 10. Unfinished Business

A). 14-089c Sale of Town-Owned property at 813 East Wakefield Boulevard

Motion by Sel. Albanesius, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

"To consider the sale of property located at 813 East Wakefield Blvd. with a conservation easement in perpetuity when we put that out to bid for sale.

YES (2)

NO (3) Sel. Closson, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack

B). 14-091b STEAP Agreement for Remediation of Lambert Kay

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Sedlack

I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution 15-02. (Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Assistance Agreement.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. 4-66g, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Winchester make an application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake the Lambert Kay Building Redevelopment and to execute an Assistance Agreement;

THEN NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectmen;

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. 4-66g.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Winchester in an amount not to exceed \$500,00 is hereby approved and that Dale L. Martin, Town Manager, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and act as the authorized representative of the Town of Winchester.
3. That it adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscriminatory agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Acts 07-142 and 07-245, and for which purposes the "contractor" is the Town of Winchester and the "contract" is said Assistance...

C). 15-001b Name Committee

The Board confirmed the Special Town Meeting will be held at The Gilbert School at 7:15 p.m. along with the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

D). 15-006a Waiver of ZBA Application Fees for Susan Closson

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Perez

Move that we grant a waiver of the application fee to Ms. Closson.

YES (4)

ABSTAINED (1) Sel. Closson

Item 11. New Business

Item 11c. Proposed Line Item transfer for Public Works of \$50,000 emergency purchase of salt.

(was moved up on the agenda so the Town Attorney would be available for questions)

Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

I move that in an effort to secure public safety the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution No. 15.04.

WHEREAS, the Electors of the Town of Winchester approved the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 annual budget, including an appropriation for road salt (155,000) on May 31, 2014.

WHEREAS, the snow and ice conditions of the winter of 2014-2015 have necessitated the use of road salt at a greater than expected rate of use, resulting in a shortfall of the availability of road salt, and thereby, in the absence of sufficient road salt, increasing the threat to public safety travelling on the roads of the Town of Winchester;

THEN NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Selectmen does hereby recognize and acknowledge the danger to public safety represented by insufficient quantities of road salt available needed to aid in the removal of snow and ice from Town roads, and, making judicious and exceptional

use of Town of Winchester Charter (as amended), Section 307 (Emergency Ordinance), approves the transfer of funds from the Highway Department (311) funds indicated on the attached document to support the purchase of additional road salt (as also indicated).

To transfer from line item 311-820-0000 (Vehicle Fuel) \$19,500., from line item 311-846-0000 (Tires) \$3,000, from line item 311-851-0000 (Engineering) \$15,000, from line item 311-853-0000 (Signs) \$4,000, from line item 311-865-0000 (Manholes) \$3,500, and from line item 311-866-0000 (Stone) \$5,000. and trans the total of \$50,000 to line item 311-859-0000 (Salt).

Item 11b. Proposed Resolution 15-03: control of aquatic invasive species grant.

(was moved up on the agenda so the Town Attorney would be available for questions.)

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Perez

I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt Resolution No. 15-03 (Control of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant).

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WHEREAS, Highland Lake (the "Lake") represents an exceptional natural and economic asset to the Town of Winchester, especially under the stewardship of the Highland Lake Watershed Association; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchester has made annual appropriations to ensure the quality of the Lake, including funding for the treatment of aquatic invasive species; and,

WHEREAS, representatives of the Highland Lake Watershed Association, in conjunction with the Town of Winchester, submitted an application for funding from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to support the efforts to protect the Lake and said application was subsequently awarded funding;

THEN NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the best interests of the Town of Winchester to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and,

FURTHERMORE, Dale L. Martin, Town Manger, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Winchester, Dale L. Martin currently serves as the Town Manager and has held that office since April 11, 2011. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and to execute such other documents as may be requested by the local , state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute and amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Item 11a. 15-010 Regional Brownfields Partnership

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Perez.

I move that the Town Manager to request membership in the Regional Brownfield Partnership

in the amount of \$800.00.

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Item 12. Citizens' Comment

Stephen Kosinski

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Sel. Perez placed into nomination Pamela Dean to the Laurel City Commission

Sel. Perez placed into nomination Lisa Steeves to the Laurel City Commission

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Perez

To re-appoint Judith Dixon (R) to the Ethic Commission with a term ending January, 2018.

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Sel. Bouchard placed into nomination the name of Clair Stevens to the Aquatic Water Level Commission.

A budget planning meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 12th. at 7:00 p.m.

Sel. Bouchard placed into nomination the name of Lynn Kessler (R) to the Soldiers Monument Commission.

Item 14. Adjournment

Motion by Sel. Perez, seconded by Sel. Sedlack

To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC