

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2014

Item 1. Meeting called to order.

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

Attendance: Sel. Bouchard, Sel. Langer, Sel. Perez, Sel. Pimentel, Sel. Smith, Sel. Vogt.

Town Manager, Dale Martin; Finance Director, Robin Manuele; Town Attorney, Kevin Nelligan

Absent: Sel. Closson (Excused)

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3. Agenda Review

Sel. Smith asked to move under Unfinished Business Item 11 A. 14-002a "Resolution for Regional Incentive Grant for LHCEO Application for Regional Animal Shelter", and move this up to Item 7c. "Presentation by Loretta Tremblay of the Energy Commission regarding a RFP by the Board of the Board of Education."

Sel. Smith would like to move Item 8. "Finance Directors Report" up to right above Item 7. which would be before the "Public Hearings/Special Presentations." and right after Executive Session (Items 5. & 6.)

Sel. Pimentel asked that the Town Manager's Report be moved up to before the Financial Director's Report.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

(A) Minutes of Special Meeting on January 15, 2014.

Motion by Sel. Vogt, seconded by Sel. Langer

To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 15, 2014

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(B) Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 21, 2014

Motion by Sel. Vogt, seconded by Sel. Langer

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 21, 2014

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Item 5. Executive Session.

Motion by Sel. Pimentel, seconded by Sel. Vogt

To enter into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. along with the Town Manager, Town Attorney and the Town Financial Director.

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- a. East River Energy Contract
- b. Stop & Shop Tax Appeal
- c. Town of Winchester v. Henry Centrella
- d. State Department of Education 10-4b Complaint
- e. Nationwide Health Tax Appeal

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Item 6. Discussion/Possible Action regarding Executive Session Regarding:

- a. East River Energy Contract - No Action
- b. Stop & Shop Tax Appeal

Motion by Sel. Pimentel, seconded by Sel. Vogt

To approve the appraised value of \$13,539,100

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- c. Town of Winchester v. Henry Centrella - No Action Taken
- d. State Department of Education 10-4b Complaint - No Action Taken
- e. Nationwide Health Tax Appeal

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded Sel. J. Pimentel

To approve the appraised value of 1,225,000

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Item 13, Town Manager's Report

Presentation was made by the Town Manager, Dale Martin (Moved up on the agenda)

Item 8. Financial Director's Report

Presentation was made by the Financial Director, Robin Manuele (Moved up on the agenda)

Item 7. Public Hearings/Special Presentation

(A) Presentation by Art Bogen Regarding Brownfields – Lambert Kay Update (Mayor Smith)

Presentation by Art Bogen regarding Brownsfield – Lambert Kay Update.

(B) Presentation by Representatives of Friends of Main Street (Mayor Smith)

Presentation made by Fran Delaney and Helen Bunnell

(C) Presentation by Loretta Tremblay of the Energy Commission regarding a RFP by the Board of Education (Mayor Smith) (Cancelled)

Item 8. Finance Director Report - Moved up on the agenda

Item 10. Correspondence

Item 11. Unfinished Business

(A) 14-002a Resolution for Regional Incentive Grant for LHCEO Application for Regional Animal Shelter.

Presentation by Rick Lynn and Richard Harold pertaining to the Regional Animal Shelter.

Motion by Sel. Pimentel, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve Resolution No. 14-01, supporting a Regional Performance Incentive Program application for funding for the construction of a regional animal control facility.

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WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut, through the Office of Policy and Management, and CGS Section 4-124s, as amended by PA 13-247, provides for funding to encourage regional operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Towns of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials (LHCEO) which includes the Town of Winchester, completed a feasibility study for the construction and operation of a regional animal control facility; and,

WHEREAS, the feasibility study reported that operational savings and efficiencies would likely be the result of such a regional facility;

THEN BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen does hereby endorse and support the LHCEO application to the Office of Policy and Management's Regional Performance Incentive Program for the purposed regional animal control facility.

Item 9. Citizens' Comments

Stephen Kosinski, Deb Kessler, Ann Jones, William Pratt, Joseph Forster

Item 11. Unfinished Business

(B) Charter Revision Commission – discussion/possible action (Mayor Smith)

Motion by Sel. Pimentel, seconded by Sel. Bouchard

To implement a five (5) member Charter Revision Commission and move forward with them and ask that by April 21, 2014 they come back to us with some of their results.

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Pimentel

To appoint Robert Passini (R), Karen Beadle(R), Lois Clough (R), Carol O'Connell, Michael Renzullo (D) as members of the Charter Revision Commission and charges are as follows: 1 To increase the membership of the Planning & Zoning Commission from a five (5) member Board to a nine (9) member Board and 2. To look at the feasibility of implementing a Board of Finance.

Sel. Perez pointed out that we had two motions on the floor.

Final Motion:

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Pimentel

To implement a five (5) member Charter Revision Commission and move forward with them and ask that by April 21, 2014 they come back to us with some of their results. To appoint Robert Passini, Karen Beadle(R), Lois Clough (R), Carol O'Connell, Michael Renzullo (D) as members of the Charter Revision Commission and charges are as follows: #1 To increase the membership of the Planning & Zoning Commission from a five (5) member Board to a nine (9) member Board and #2. To look at the feasibility of implementing a Board of Finance.

YES (5)

NO (1) Sel. Perez

Sel. Perez asked on behalf of herself and also Sel. Closson the following charges :

1. If a Board of Finance is established then reduce the Board of Selectmen from a seven (7) member Board to a five (5) member Board.
2. Change the Purchasing Director and the Treasurer to report to the Town Manager and not the Finance Director.
3. Adjust the areas in the charter that discussed specific dollar amounts to adjust for inflation.

Consensus of the Board agreed to the additional charges.

Item 12. New Business

- (A) 14-009 Fund Transfer for Public Safety Dispatch and Public Works (Dale Martin)

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Pimentel

To transfer for Public Works \$4,990 from line item 0127-192-0000 (Labor Town Hall) and transfer to line item 0127-827-0000 (Maintenance of Structures Town Hall).

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Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Vogt

To Transfer for safety dispatch \$10,000 from line item 0231 192-0000 (Labor, Skilled and Professional) and transfer to line item 0231-197-0000 (Overtime)

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- (B) Shovel-Ready Projects – discussion/Possible Action (Sel. Langer & Sel. Pimentel) No Action
- (C) Response to Board of Education Letter to the Town regarding K-12 Consolidation
(Sel. Langer & Sel. Pimentel) - No Action
- (D) STEAP Grant – Combined with LHCEO for Signage (Mayor Smith).
- (E) Parking Control Person (Sel. Langer & Sel. Pimentel) No Action

Item 13. Town Manger's Report - Moved Up.

Item 14. Citizens' Comments

Stephen Kosinski, Joseph Forster and David Lapointe

Item 15. Selectmen's Comments and Reports

Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded by Sel. Vogt

To re-appoint Michael Renzullo (D) to the Energy Commission with a term to expire on January 2016.

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Motion by Sel. Bouchard, seconded Pimentel

To appoint James O'Connell to the Recreation Board term to expire April 2019.

Tabled

Motion by Sel. Perez

To appoint Robert Warner (U) to Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate.

No second

Item 16. Adjournment.

Motion by Sel. Pimentel, seconded by Sel. Langer

To adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC