

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
November 7, 2016

Item 1. Call to Order

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

Attendance: Sel. Albanesius, Sel. Arcelaschi, Sel. Bird, Sel. Bourque, Sel. Perez, Sel. Sedlack, Sel. Shaughnessy

Town Manager Robert Geiger and Bruce Stratford, Financial Director

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Item 3. Agenda Review. Consensus to remove Item 5B (Update by Attorney Kevin Nelligan) until the next meeting which will be held in Executive Session.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 3, 2016

Motion by Sel. Bird, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 3, 2016.

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B) Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 17, 2016

Motion by Sel. Arcelaschi, seconded by Sel. Bourque

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 17, 2016

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Item 5. Public Hearing/Special Presentations

A) Update by State Department of Education: Mr. Freeman Burr

Mr. Burr reviewed three areas for selectmen; (1) Curriculum, instruction and assessment, (2) Board of Education Readiness and (3) Fiscal Systems.

B) Update by Attorney Kevin Nelligan on outstanding issues.

This Item was removed as it was entered in error, Attorney Keven Nelligan will be present at the next meeting.

Item 6. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager reviewed his activities and gave a list of activities that will soon occur.

Item 7. Citizens' Comments Candace Bouchard

Item 8. Correspondence

Item 9. Boards and Commissions None

Item 10. Unfinished Business

A) Veterans Exemption

The Financial Director, Bruce Stratford was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

B) Hinsdale School

A presentation was made by Sel. Perez reviewing the options and the standing of the Hinsdale School

C) Strategic Plan

A final plan will be presented for discussion and adoption at the December 5th. meeting.

Item 11. NEW BUSINESS

A) 16-061 Resolution #16-09; Sue Grossman Still River Greenway (Town Manager Geiger)

Motion by Sel. Bourque, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi

I move that the Board of Selectmen approve Resolution No. 16-09.

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WHEREAS, THE Town of Winchester Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD; adopted, January, 2011), specifically mentions extending the Grossman Greenway, and other trails described within the POCD reference extending the Greenway along abandoned rail lines (several rail lines converged on Winchester during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries) as well as developing a Riverwalk along the Mad River which parallels Main Street through downtown;

The Riverwalk could be part of a larger greenway system linking Downtown with attractions such as Soldiers' Monument, NWCC (Northwestern Connecticut Community College), playing fields, Rockwell House, museum, etc. The Town Should work with the CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) to raise the river level to make its presence more obvious and also better design the river edge (p. 6-12);

WHEREAS, public interest in trail development and usage continues to grow in Winchester as well as the region surrounding Winchester, including the City of Torrington, which, in conjunction with the Northwest CT YMCA has created the Torrington Trails Network to promote additional regional trail development;

WHEREAS, this trail is located between the two communities and is approximately three miles long but needs to be completed on either end to provide a safe and efficient transportation link between these two community's centers;

WHEREAS, the communities of Winchester and Torrington recognize this trail's value as a driver of economic activity and civic enjoyment.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen authorized submission of the Sue Grossman Extension Grant in accordance with the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Request for Applications.

NOW, THEREFORE, Robert Geiger, Town Manager (or his successor), is duly authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Winchester a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for Financial Assistance to extend the Sue Grossman Still River Greenway (CPAP 2016-17) Robert Geiger currently serves as the Town Manager. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the local, state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute and amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

B) 16-062 Homeless Shelter Fund (Town Manager Geiger
Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Bird

I move that the Board of Selectmen donate the remaining \$188 in the Homeless Shelter Fund to the YMCA Homeless Shelter and close this account.

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C) 16-063 Town Website and Consultant (Mayor Perez)

Item 12. Citizens' comments None

Item 13. Selectmen's Comments and Reports
Discussion took place.

Item 14. Adjournment
Motion by Sel. Sedlack, seconded by Sel. Arcelaschi
To adjourn the meeting 8:50 p.m.
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ATTEST:

Sheila S. Sedlack, CCTC, CMC