

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Rick Ward, Vice-Chair
Barbara Anderson
Danielle LaPointe
Amy Salter

Justin Sultzbach, Town Manager
Linda Daigle, Executive Assistant
Tamarah Casavant, Administrative Asst.

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Not applicable
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Chair Audrey LaBrie called the public session to order at 7:55PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Session No.3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares -
Subject: National Opioid Litigation

Selectwoman LaPointe disclosed that no person was present with her or could hear the discussion as she was participating remotely this evening.

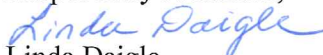
Sultzbach confirmed with there being some question on whether they could enter into Executive Session explaining under Exemption 3 it states under litigation strategy that discussions concerning strategy with respect to ongoing litigation would obviously fit within the purpose but only if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. What we are discussing tonight is an ongoing class action opioid settlement, a national case; this particular incidence is being requested by a law firm for the Commonwealth being steered by the Attorney General's office. He didn't want to address this publicly possibly interfering with anything that is being worked on.

Selectwoman Anderson expressed her concerns that the agenda for the meeting this evening did not have enough information on it for the public to be aware of the topic and why it would be detrimental to the public and that the agenda should list that the Board would reconvene into open session after Executive Session. After a brief discussion, it was decided to postpone this Executive Session and reschedule it for Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 5:00P.M. and to repost the meeting agenda with additional information.

ADJOURNMENT:

Anderson moved to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene into Open Session; LaPointe seconded. With a roll call vote of all aye, the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:06P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant