

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Barbara Anderson
Danielle LaPointe
Rick Ward

Justin Sultzbach, Town Manager
Mary Calandrella, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Amy Salter

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Draft Ballot Question for Fire Station Design
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Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Anderson asked if anyone would be audio or video recording this meeting tonight to which there was no response heard.

- 1. SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** LaPointe stated that Mr. Ward is unable to speak per doctor's orders and will be voting by shaking his head. Anderson thanked the Historical Society for having a table setting. She said this Saturday is the tree lighting ceremony and next Saturday is the Historical homes tours.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments or announcements this evening.
- 8. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - 8.1-"Call for a special election to be held on January 19, 2023, to place before the voters of the Town the following question:

LaPointe made a motion to rescind the vote taken on Monday November 28th regarding this vote and Anderson seconded it. No discussion. Roll Call Vote: Lapointe aye, Ward aye, and Anderson aye.

LaPointe made a motion to vote on this motion to be included on the ballot-Fire Station Design debt exclusion question-move pursuant to general law Chapter 59 Section 21cm that the Select Board seek voter approval at a Special Election to be held on January 19, 2023 between the hours of 8am and 8pm, to access taxes in excess of the amount allowed under the provisions of proposition two and a half for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds or notes issued by the town to pay for design services for a new fire station as voted under Article 5 of the October 24, 2022 Special Town meeting and that the following question be placed on the ballot for that special election:

Shall the Town of Winchendon be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for design services for a new fire station? Yes _____ No _____

and the Board of Selectmen direct the Town Manager to provide the Town Clerk with a copy of this vote. Anderson seconded the motion and opened it up for discussion. Roll Call Vote: LaPointe aye, Ward aye, and Anderson aye.

Anderson said she wants to make sure residents are made aware of this Special Election maybe by RoBo call. She said she would like a breakdown of the cost per home value \$150,000 and \$200,000 so residents no the estimated costs per home.

13. ADJOURNMENT: LaPointe made a motion to adjourn and Salter seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: LaPointe aye, Ward aye, and Anderson aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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