

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 21, 2023**

Town Hall, 4th Floor 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.

Present:

Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Amy Salter
Rick Ward

Barbara Anderson
Danielle LaPointe
Justin Sultzbach, Town Manger

Documents:

Town Manager's Counter Offer – On File

Chair LaBrie called Open Session at 6:33. LaBrie moved to Executive Session@ 6:34pm 2nd by Ward ,Roll Call Vote; Salter Y, Ward Y, Anderson Y, LaPointe Y and LaBrie Y:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- l.l. Executive Session - M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 2l(a): Subsection 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. -Discussion on Town Manager's FY24 contract

Sultzbach left the room at the request of the chair. LaBrie handed out copies of Sultzbach's counter-offer of \$ 162,500 and the recommended amended contract, which had been provided by Atty. Tim Zessin of KP Law. Anderson was concerned about how the taxpayers would respond to that salary. LaPointe said she was ok with the counter-offer. Salter moved to accept the counter-offer and contract as presented, and to authorize Chair LaBrie to sign the contract. Ward seconded. Roll call vote Salter Aye, Ward Aye, LaPointe Aye, Anderson No, LaBrie Ay. Motion passed 4-1. LaPointe moved to reconvene in open session, Anderson seconded. Roll call vote was Salter Aye, Ward Aye, LaPointe Aye, Anderson Aye, LaBrie Aye. Reconvened in open session at 6:47. Sultzbach returned to the meeting; LaBrie reviewed the content of the contract and told him that the contract had been approved. Sultzbach expressed his thanks. Anderson said she felt the board was neglecting their fiduciary responsibility and that holding a meeting on Tuesday on the 4th floor feels like we're being non-transparent. LaPointe suggested putting this on the agenda for the upcoming regular Monday meeting. LaBrie agreed and said it will be on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Ward, seconded by LaPointe. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 6:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey LaBrie

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Chair, Board of Selectmen