

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, April 27, 2023  
Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Approved: May 8, 2023

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK  
ROUD MAY 9 2023 AM 9:08

Present:        Audrey LaBrie, Chair (via phone)                      Justin Sultzbach, Town Manager  
                 Rick Ward, Vice-Chair  
                 Danielle LaPointe  
                 Barbara Anderson  
                 Amy Salter

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List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Final STM/ATM Warrant May 15, 2023 (attached)
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**6:30 PM** Vice Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 6:35P.M. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Ward 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:** There were no Selectmen's comments and announcements this evening.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments and announcements this evening.
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**

Board of Selectmen vote recommendation on STM/ATM Warrant Articles for May 15, 2023

**Special Town Meeting Articles:**

Article 1- Ward made a motion to pass over article 1 and Salter seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 2-Anderson made a motion to recommend article 2 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

**Annual Town Meeting Articles:**

Article 1-Anderson made a motion to recommend article 1 and Salter seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 2-Anderson asked for Sultzbach to explain if this article doesn't pass. Sultzbach said if the funds fail then the enterprise wouldn't be funded. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 2 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 3- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 3 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 4- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 4 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 5- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 5 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 6- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 6 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie abstained, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 7- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 7 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 8- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 8 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe abstained, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 9- Anderson said this is all or nothing. This doesn't follow the intent of the Town Charter. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 9 and Salter seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson no, and Ward aye.

Article 10- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 10 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 11- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 11 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 12- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 12 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 13- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 13 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 14- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 14 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 15- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 15 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 16- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 16 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 17- Anderson questioned is this an all or nothing article. Sultzbach said you can pull out pieces. LaBrie said she wanted to clarify the Town Managers response that this can be amended on the floor. Sultzbach said yes. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 17 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 18- Anderson commented borrowing is good for the town. Sultzbach said it is healthy to have some debt. LaBrie said the town handles debt well. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 18 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.

Article 19- Anderson questioned the roll off truck. Brian Croteau said we could haul on any day of the week. The goal is to have a spare dumpster. We can make sure the dumpsters are full before they are hauled away to maximize what is being transported. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 19 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye,

**LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 20- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 20 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 21- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 21 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 22- LaBrie commented the Finance Committee voted 4-1 for this article. She said she understands road conditions are important to citizens and the amount would be well spent. Ward said it is a safety issue. He talked about road conditions could slow down response time for emergency vehicles. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 22 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 23- Anderson asked what the total borrowing would be if everything passed. Sultzbach said it is in the Capital plan. Anderson made a motion to recommend article 23 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 24- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 24 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 25- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 25 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 26- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 26 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Article 27- Anderson made a motion to recommend article 27 and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and Ward aye.**

**Assignment of Town Meeting Warrant Articles to be resented by Board members on May 15, 2023**

Salter said due to her work schedule she didn't think she will be at town meeting.

The articles for the Special and Annual Town meeting were assigned to be presented by the following member:

Special Warrant articles: 1- will be passed over, 2 Anderson

Annual Warrant articles:

Article 1. Finance Committee, 2. LaPointe, 3. LaPointe, 4. LaPointe, 5. LaPointe, 6. Ward, 7. Anderson, 8. Ward, 9. LaPointe, 10. Ward, 11. Anderson, 12. LaBrie, 13. LaBrie, 14. LaPointe, 15. School Committee, 16. Anderson, 17 through 23 LaBrie., 24. Ward, 25. Ward, 26. Planning Board, 27. Ward.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be May 8, 2023.

#### **4. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Anderson made a motion to adjourn and LaPointe seconded the motion. Vote: LaBrie aye, Salter aye, LaPointe aye, Anderson aye, and ward aye.**

The Board adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted;

*Debra Dennis*

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