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TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Meeting Minutes
MONDAY, April 29, 2024-7:00pm
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.

WINCHENDON TOWN CLERK
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Present: Audrey LaBrie, Chair
Rick Ward, Vice Chair
Danielle LaPointe
Melissa Blanchard

William McKinney, Town Manager
Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

Absent: Barbara Anderson

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Special License Farmer Winery sale at Farmer's Market Application-Lori Perkins, Home Fruit Wine
 - Annual Town Meeting Warrant May 20, 2024
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7:00 PM Chair LaBrie called the meeting to order at 7:00A.M. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair LaBrie 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:** Selectman Ward thanked all the people who were responsible for the Wyndonshire event this weekend. He said he hopes everyone comes back next year. Chair LaBrie said it was a wonderful weekend.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments or announcements this evening.
- 3. PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**
3.1 Special License – Farmer Winery Sale at Farmer's Market (CH. 138, §15F), Lori Perkins, Home Fruit Wine-Lori Perkins came forward and said she wants to sell wine and mead at the Farmer's Market. This would be on Thursdays through October 26th. Selectman Ward said the Farmer's Market is held at G.A.R. Park. Selectman Ward moved the Board approve the "Special License-Farmer Winery Sale at Farmer's Market" to Lori Perkins and David LeClaire of Home Fruit Wine, 382 South Main Street, Orange, MA for sale of wine they produce for off-premise consumption at the Winchendon Farmer's Market running from May 2024 through October 2024, as presented this evening. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
4.1 New Fee Established for Special License for Farmer-Winery Off-Premise to Sell at an Approved Agricultural Event, Farmer's Market (\$50.00)-Selectman Ward moved the Board establish the license fee for the "Special License" – Farmer-Winery Sale at the Winchendon Farmer's Market to \$50.00. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 4.2 Board Voted Recommendations of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles-Bill McKinney, Town Manager said at the Finance Committee's public hearing last Thursday the Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend all articles except for Article 12 the vote was to recommend 5-1.

Article 1- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.

Article 2- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
Article 3- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.

- Article 4- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 5- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 6- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 7-Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Chair LaBrie seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe abstained, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 8- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Chair LaBrie seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe abstained, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 9-Selectman Ward move to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 10- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 11- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 12- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie no.
- Article 13- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard abstained, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 14- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 15- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Chair LaBrie seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe abstained, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 16- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Chair LaBrie seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe abstained, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 17- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 18- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 19- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 20- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 21- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 22- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 23- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 24- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 25- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard abstained, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.
- Article 26- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 27- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- Article 28- Selectman Ward moved to recommend. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded for discussion. Nicole Roberts, Land Use/Planning Coordinator came forward and explained the flood maps haven't been updated since 1982. Vote: Blanchard abstained, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.

Article 29-Article 32-Selectmen Ward said these are non-binding citizen's petitions. These are to find out what voters want. **Selectwoman LaPointe moved to abstain from voting on these articles.** Selectwoman Blanchard seconded. Vote: 4-0 to abstain from voting.

4.3 Assignment of Town Meeting Warrant Articles to be presented by Board Members on May 20, 2024

Chair LaBrie was assigned to read Articles 1, 7, 8, 15, 16, and 20.

Selectman Ward was assigned to read Articles 3, 13, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 27.

Selectwoman LaPointe was assigned to read Articles 4, 6, 9, 10, 14, 19, 23, and 25.

Selectwoman Blanchard was assigned to read Articles 2, 5, 16, and 26.

Selectwoman Anderson was assigned to read Article 11.

Article 12 will be presented by the School Committee.

Article 28 will be presented by the Planning Board.

The Citizens Petitions Articles 29, 30, 31, and 32 will be presented by the citizens.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business this evening.

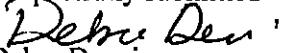
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

6.1 Exemption # 6 – To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate: Subject being 4 Summer Drive-Selectman Ward moved to enter into Executive Session under Exemption #6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares (Chair LaBrie declared) that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and to reconvene into public session for the sole purpose of adjournment. The subject being 4 Summer Drive. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Roll Call Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:43 pm. After the Executive Session. **Selectman Ward moved to adjourn. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted



Debra Dennis

Executive Assistant

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