

Approved: May 28, 2024

TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Meeting Minutes

MONDAY, May 13, 2024-6:30pm

Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.

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

William McKinney, Town Manager  
Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

Absent: Barbara Anderson

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List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Dario's Diner Inc., dba El Toro 660 Spring Street All Alcoholic Beverage Pouring License, Common Victualler, and 7-Day Annual Live Entertainment License Application
- Conservation Commission-Letters of Interest
- Email from Nicole Roberts, Land Use/ Planning Coordinator stating the Conservation Commissions recommendation for the new member
- Seven letters of Interest for the Winchendon Youth Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee
- List of Board of Selectmen Appointment Renewals for July 1, 2024 (No vote taken this evening)
- Permit Applications:
  - Poppy Distribution Permit – VFW Auxiliary 2158-May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Road Race Permit and Entertainment Permit-Clark Memorial/YMCA-June 15, 2024
  - (3) Special One Day License Malt Only-Shawn Herman-July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 24, 2024
  - Special One Day License Malt Only-Shawn Herman-August 10, 2024
  - Special One Day License Malt Only-Shawn Herman-June 28, 2024
  - (2) Special One Day License Wine & Malt-Reverend Henry Ramirez, June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15, 2024

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6:30 PM Chair LaBrie called the meeting to order at 6:30P.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:**

- 1.1. Annual Town Election May 6, 2024 Results-Selectman Ward read the results of the winners of the Annual Town Election on May 6, 2024. He welcomed the two new Selectmen, Andrew Beauvais, and Erika Eitland. He said the town have 7,547 voters and 578 voters voted at this election. Selectwoman LaPointe thanked everyone who ran and took the time to serve. Chair LaBrie said after the Annual Town Meeting the Town Clerk will swear in the new elected members. She thanked Selectwoman LaPointe for the three years of service and also Selectwoman Anderson for the nine years of service. Selectman Ward said the Old Murdock Senior Center held an open house. At the open house Art Armenta was honored for his many years of service and named the clock tower the Arthur Armenta tower. Mr. Adelard Vaine was presented with a certificate and the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest resident of Winchendon.
- 1.2. Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 20, 2024 at Murdock High School at 7:00PM-Chair LaBrie stated the Annual Town Meeting will take place on Monday, May 20, 2024 at the Murdock Middle/High School, 3 Memorial Drive at 7:00pm.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no public comments or announcements this evening.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 3.1. New Licenses: Dario's Diner, Inc., d/b/a El Toro, 660 Spring St.  
PUBLIC HEARING: All Alcoholic Beverages Pouring License
- 3.1.1. Common Victualler License

### 3.1.2. 7-Day Annual Live Entertainment License

Selectman Ward read the public hearing notice into the record at 6:35PM. Selectman Ward moved the Board open the Public Hearing for Dario's Diner, Inc., d/b/a El Toro, 660 Spring St. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye. The applicants Leslie and Roberto Colon came forward. Chair LaBrie asked if there was any public comment. There was no response heard. Selectman Ward moved to close the Public Hearing. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye. Selectman Ward moved the Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority, approve the new All Alcoholic Beverages Pouring license to Roberto Colon for Dario's Diner, Inc., d/b/a El Toro, 660 Spring St. approving Leslie Colon as the proposed Manager as presented this evening and to forward the application to the ABCC and further to approve the Common Victualler's License and the 7-Day Annual Live Entertainment Permit as presented this evening. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard aye, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.

#### 4. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:

- 4.1. Conservation Commission Appointment-Selectman Ward said the Conservation Commission interviewed applicants and recommended Michael Kearns. Selectman Ward moved to appoint Michael Kearns to serve on the Conservation Commission. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: Blanchard abstained, Ward aye, LaPointe aye, and LaBrie aye.
- 4.2. Winchendon Youth Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee Appointments-Selectman Ward said after looking at the letters of interest these young folds have a lot going on. Selectman Ward moved to appoint Aden Pimentel, Ben Fuller, Addison Mistler, Eva Martin, Tora Estes, Kayla Jess, and Emily Croteau until the Commission is formed. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 4.3. Board of Selectmen's Appointed Committees and Boards – List of Appointment Renewals for July 1, 2024-Selectman Ward said the Capital Planning Committee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee can give recommendations.

#### 5. PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS:

- 5.1. Poppy Distribution Permit-VFW Auxiliary 2158, Alice McGovern May 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>-Selectman Ward move to approve the poppy distribution permit submitted by Alice McGovern for the VFW Auxiliary 2158 on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in front of Cumberland Farms and the Post Office from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 5.2. Road Race Permit-Clark YMCA, June 15, 2024 9:00AM-Michael Quinn came forward. Selectman Ward moved to approve a Road Race Permit for the Clark YMCA that will start at 9:00AM and be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> and waive the fee. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 5.3. Entertainment Permit-Clark Memorial YMCA, Summer Solstice Festival June 15, 2024 –Michael Quinn was present for this application. Selectman Ward moved to approve an Entertainment Permit for the Clark Memorial YMCA for the Summer Solstice Festival being held on June 15, 2024 from 9AM-4PM and waive the fee. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 5.4. Special One Day License Wine & Malt-Shawn Herman, Wachusett Brewing Co. July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 24, 2024 @ Winchendon Amphitheater-Brian representing Shawn Herman came forward. He said this is for Malt only not Wine. Selectman Ward moved to approve (3) Special One Day Licenses to serve malt beverage on July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 24<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-10pm at the Winchendon Amphitheater for Shawn Herman. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 5.5. Special One Day License Wine & Malt-Shawn Herman, Wachusett Brewing Co. August 10, 2024 @ Winchendon Amphitheater- Selectman Ward moved to approve the Special One Day License for Malt Beverage Only for Shawn Herman, Wachusett Brewing Company on August 10, 2024 for an event at the Amphitheater. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.
- 5.6. Special One Day License Malt Only-Shawn Herman Wachusett Brewing Co. Winchendon Food Truck Festival, June 28, 2024 @ 52 Murdock Ave- Selectman Ward moved to approve the Special One Day License for Malt Beverage only for Shawn Herman, Wachusett Brewing Company for the

Winchendon Food Truck Festival on June 18, 2024 at 52 Murdock Ave. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.

2 Special One Day License Wine & Malt-Reverend Henry Ramirez, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Strawberry Festival June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024- Selectman Ward moved to approve the entertainment permit and the (2) One Day Licenses for Wine and Malt for Reverend Henry Ramirez, Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Strawberry Festival on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and waive the fee due to non-profit status. Selectwoman LaPointe seconded. Vote: All aye.

6. **BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:** There was no boards/committees or commissions discussion this evening.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business this evening.

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

9. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** Bill McKinney informed the Board of the resignation of Tiffany Newton, the Parks and Recreation Coordinator. He said he held a meet and greet for several hours at the Senior Center on the day of the Town Election. He said he is working on completing the audit.

**10. MINUTES:**

10.1 April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting-This was passed over this evening.

10.2 April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting-This was passed over this evening.

11. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Chair LaBrie said the Board has a meeting prior to Town Meeting at 6:30 on May 20, 2024. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 due to Monday being Memorial Day.

12. **AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no agenda items discussed this evening.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** There were no executive sessions scheduled this evening.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Selectwoman LaPointe moved to adjourn. Selectman Ward seconded. Vote: All aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Debra Dennis*

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Executive Assistant