

TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, June 3, 2024

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Town Hall, 109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.

Board of Selectmen Present:

Rick Ward, Chair
Andrew Beauvais, Vice-Chair
Audrey LaBrie
Erika Eitland

William McKinney, Town Manager
Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

Absent: Melissa Blanchard

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Special One Day Wine & Malt Only License Application-Miranda Jennings, WCAC-June 8th Founders Day Event
 - Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant-June 18, 2024 @ 7:00pm
 - Minutes: May 20, 2024 Special Meeting, and May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting
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6:30 PM Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
Announce audio/video recording disclosure-no one

1. **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Selectwoman LaBrie said the 2024 Relay for Life of the Greater Gardner Area Relay is this weekend on June 7th and 8th, at the MWCC in Gardner MA for the American Cancer Society. Chair Ward said this week Thursday June 6th the School Committee will hold a public hearing on the article for the school budget. The Finance Committee will hold their public hearing on the warrant article on Tuesday, June 11th. Founders day will be held from 2-9pm this Saturday. The fireworks are sponsored by the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Renee Eldredge said it is a challenging time for the school district. She said she recently met with the Town Manager and the School Superintendent. She said she is a resident who is vested in her community and the town is very important to her. Boards need to work collaboratively. She commented there is a communication issue. She said we need to work collaboratively to spread the correct information across different social medias. We will continue to have this problem if we don't work together. People are angry and upset. They are afraid and concerned. They don't know what is going to happen. We need to have all the information to make an informed vote. Selectwoman Eitland asked what is the clear way to get the information. Renee Eldredge suggested using the signage on Route 12, a one call for these two meetings. Selectwoman LaBrie said part of the difficulty is depending on the topic whether it is a general government issue that the Town Manager has his finger on top of it. We have limited knowledge and input on school issues. Your points are very well taken.
3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
4. **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS:**
5. **PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1. (4) Special One Day Wine & Malt Beverages Only Licenses-Miranda Jennings, WCAC-June 8th Founders Day Event-Selectwoman LaBrie moved to approve four (4) Special One Day Wine & Malt Beverages Only License for Miranda Jennings, WCAC for June 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th for the Founders Day Event as presented this evening. Selectman Beauvais seconded. Vote: All aye.

6. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Vote on the Final Special Town Meeting Warrant-Chair Ward said tonight we aren't voting on the article we are voting on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. He said this is the same article as the article at the May 20th Town Meeting. **Selectwoman LaBrie moved the Board finalize the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Tuesday, June 18, 2024 as presented this evening with the date corrected. Selectman Beauvais seconded. Vote: All aye**

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

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: There was no Town Manager's Report presented this evening.

10. MINUTES:

10.1 April 29, 2024 Executive Session Meeting Minutes-These were passed over.

10.2 May 20, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes-These were tabled due to not having a quorum of members from the meeting.

10.3 May 28, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes-**Selectwoman LaBrie moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 28, 2024 as presented. Selectman Beauvais seconded. Vote: All aye.**

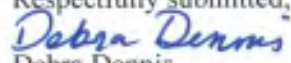
11. COMMUNICATIONS:

12. AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Ward said the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is Monday June 10th at 6:30pm. The School Committee public hearing is this Thursday at 5pm. The Finance Committee Public Hearing will be held on June 11th at 7pm. The Town Meeting will be on June 18th at 7pm.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT: **Selectwoman LaBrie moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Eitland seconded. Vote All aye.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Debra Dennis
Executive Assistant