

TOWN OF WINCHENDON Approved: January 27, 2025
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, December 23, 2024 6:30pm
Town Hall, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 109 Front St., Winchendon, Mass.

Present: Rick Ward, Chair
Andrew Beauvais, Vice Chair
Audrey LaBrie,

William McKinney, Town Manager
Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

Absent: Melissa Blanchard and Erika Eitland

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- New Class II License Application-Vintage Collectibles-166 Second Street
 - List of 2025 Licenses Not approved previously
 - Town's Right of First Refusal-64 Lincoln Avenue Parcel ID#2-0-64 approximately 34.40 acres
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6:30 PM Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 6:30P.M. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair 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:** Selectwoman LaBrie wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays. Selectman Beauvais said have a safe holiday season and Merry Christmas. Chair Ward said Merry Christmas to all the residents, everyone who works for the town, and all Board/Committee/Commission members.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There was no public comments and announcements this evening.
3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** There was no public hearings scheduled this evening.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS: There was no appointments/resignations this evening.

4. **PERMIT/LICENSE APPLICATIONS:**

5.1 Annual Renewals of Licenses-Chair Ward said we have a few that have met the requirements. Selectwoman LaBrie questioned whether some of the ones still pending because of building inspections would be able to be done prior to the end of the year. Debra Dennis said she spoke to the Building Commissioner today and he has scheduled two out of the four still pending.

Selectman Beauvais moved the Board approve the completed 2025 annual license renewals as presented, and hold the licenses that are incomplete until the documents required are submitted. Selectwoman LaBrie seconded. Vote: All aye.

- 4.2 **New Class II License-Vintage Collectables-**Mr. John McQuestion came forward Chair Ward said this is going to be a total internet purchase and sales. No cars will be stored at 166 Second Street. The Building Commissioner has signed off on this application. Selectwoman LaBrie said her experience with Class II License is just motor vehicles should there be any reference of the other items. Debra Dennis said this is for purchase and sale of motor vehicles only not anything else. Selectwoman LaBrie questioned if another license would be required

for sale of the other items. William McKinney said he doesn't think there is any other license required due to it being a home business.

Selectwoman LaBrie moved to approve the new 2025 Class II License for Vintage Collectables, owner John McQueston and release when all documents required have been received. Selectman Beauvais seconded the motion. Vote: All aye.

5. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS: There was no Boards/Committees/Commissions presentations this evening.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion on the Town's Right of First Refusal- Lincoln Avenue Parcel ID#2-0-64 approximately 34.40 acres-Chair Ward explained where the location is. He said Nicole Roberts the Planning Coordinator said she doesn't see any value for the town. Selectwoman LaBrie questioned if there was town water or sewer up there. **Selectman Beauvais moved the Board not exercise or assign its first refusal option to purchase the land owned by Edward J. Methe located at Lincoln Avenue, Parcel ID#2-0-64. Selectwoman LaBrie seconded. Vote: Selectwoman LaBrie aye, Selectman Beauvais aye, and Chair Ward aye.**

7. OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business this evening.

8. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: William McKinney said Happy Holidays. He said the tax rate has been set at \$11.75 and was approved on Friday. A special thanks to Katie the Town Accountant. A note from Mass Clean Water Trust concerning the pipeline project. We got 29.8% forgiveness which is almost 2.5 million dollars forgiven.

Chair Ward said the Capital Planning Committee hasn't met for about a year and a half. He said he will be calling a meeting in January so they can reorganize and have a chair. He said we are going into budget time and they need to work on the five year plan.

9. TOWN MANAGER FINANCIAL UPDATE: There was no Town Manager Financial Update this evening.

11. MINUTES:

11. November 25, 2024 Regular Meeting-These minutes were tabled this evening.

12. COMMUNICATIONS: There was no Communications this evening.

13. AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Ward said he will be putting 2025 Bylaw Charter and Charter Bylaw Review Committee formation on the January 13th agenda. This will be seven members appointed by the Town Moderator.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION: There was no Executive Session scheduled this evening.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Beauvais moved to adjourn. Selectwoman LaBrie seconded. **Vote: All aye.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.

Respectfully submitted


Debra Dennis Executive Assistant