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TOWN OF WINCHENDON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JOINT MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH  
MONDAY June 2, 2025 6:00pm  
Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium, 109 Front St., Winchendon, Mass.

Present: Andrew Beauvais, Chair  
Tiffany Newton, Vice Chair  
Audrey LaBrie (arrived at 6:13pm)  
Melissa Blanchard

Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

Absent: Erika Eitland

Board of Health Present: Chair Santos, Lionel Cloutier, Monique Connor, and Yvonne Senecal

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List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Letter of Interest-Sharon LaRochelle-Board of Health
- Letter of Interest-Barbara Zisk-Board of Health

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6:00pm Chair Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Board of Health Chair Santos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Beauvais asked if anyone would be audio or video recording this meeting tonight to which there was no response heard.

**1. Discuss and Vote on Applicants for new Board of Health Member**

The two applicants for the open position on the Board of Health Sharon LaRochelle, and Barbara Zisk came forward. The applicants gave an overview of their background and why they want to serve on the Board of Health.

Sharon LaRochelle said she has a background in the food service industry and the also worked for a waste company. She said she is very active in the community.

Barbara Zisk said she is a lifelong resident and is involved in the community. She said she attended multiple board meetings. She commented she is passionate about the community and said she is a good candidate for the Board of Health. She said she wants to work together with the community and move towards a good direction. She said she has food service experience.

Selectwoman Blanchard thanked them and asked if they can commit the time to the Board of Health. Sharon LaRochelle said she works 8-4 but is good any time after. Barbara Zisk said she is available anytime.

Vice-Chair Newton asked what they felt the biggest challenges are facing the Board of Health and how would they deal with them. Sharon LaRochelle said looking into background before letting things come to town. Barbara Zisk said communication and transparency, collaboration with community.

Selectwoman LaBrie said part of the overall package is serving the town. If another committee etc. makes a decision we must back them.

Chair Beauvais thanked them for stepping up. He said collaboration and communication is important. We need to work together for the betterment of the town. This includes working with others who have opposing views.

Barbara Zisk said she can agree to disagree with others. She said she can leave it at the door and treat you respectfully.

Sharon LaRochelle said she values everyone's opinion. She doesn't judge opinions. We all need to get along.

**Board of Health Member Lionel Cloutier made a motion to vote for Sharon LaRochelle. There was no second.**

**Board of Health Member Yvonne Senecal made a motion to vote for Barbara Zisk. Monique Connor seconded. Vote: 2-1-1. This vote didn't have a quorum so this motion died.**

**Selectwoman Blanchard moved to vote for Sharon LaRochelle. Selectwoman LaBrie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Blanchard aye, LaBrie abstained, Newton no, and Beauvais no. This vote didn't have a quorum so this motion died.**

**Roll Call Vote of Both Boards:**

**Board of Selectmen**  
Blanchard-Sharon LaRochelle  
LaBrie-Abstained  
Newton-Barbara Zisk  
Beauvais-Barbara Zisk

**Board of Health**  
Lionel Cloutier-Sharon LaRochelle  
Yvonne Senecal -Barbara Zisk  
Monique Connor-Barbara Zisk  
Tina Santos-Sharon LaRochelle

**Barbara Zisk-Four Votes and Sharon LaRochelle-Three Votes**

Board of Health Chair Santos announced Barbara Zisk is the new member.

Sharon LaRochelle was thanked her for stepping up. Monique Connor said to Sharon LaRochelle don't give up we need people like you to serve on the Boards.

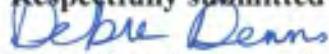
**2. Public Input**-There was no public input this evening.

**3. Adjournment**

Selectwoman Newton moved to adjourn at 6:45pm. Selectwoman Blanchard seconded. Vote: All aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted



Debra Dennis, Executive Assistant

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