



TOWN OF WINCHESTER SELECT BOARD'S MEETING
SELECT BOARD MEETING ROOM

A. 6:00 P.M. OPENING

Notification of Meetings and Hearings (open to public)..... 6:00 PM

- Monday, May 3, 2021 – Regular Session before Spring Town Meeting
- Monday, May 3, 2021 – Spring Town Meeting
- Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Regular Session before Spring Town Meeting
- Thursday, May 6, 2021 – Spring Town Meeting

B. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

1. Accept donation in the amount of \$250 donation from Beast Basketball Program for The Winchester Recreation Department's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Scholarship Account, to be used to supplement registrations for those who need financial assistance.

C. TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS

D. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

E. 6:15 P.M. LICENSES

1. Change of Category (Wines and Malt to All Alcohol) application of Lugabri LLC d/b/a A Travola located at 34 Church Street with the Town of Winchester
2. License Renewals: Caffe Nero, Common Victualler's License to expire December 31, 2021; and Simms II Jewelers, Dealer in Old Gold & Silver License to expire May 1, 2022

F. HEARINGS

G. BUSINESS

1. Town COVID Status
2. Sustainability Director
3. Warrant Articles-Select Board Positions including Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Electronic Voting, Bylaw Amendment Town Election Day, Waterfield Lot LDA, COVID Expenses
4. Winchester Hospital/Lahey PILOT

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve House Bear Brewing LLC Agriculturally Produced Wine Special Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at the Winchester Farmers Market on Saturdays from June 12 to October 30, 2021.
2. Approve Meeting Minutes: March 8 & 22, 2021

Documents:

[MAR 8-12 2021 MINUTES.PDF](#)

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS

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**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
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Monday, March 8, 2021
Record**

OPENING

Chair Michael Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM via Zoom remote participation due to the State of Emergency COVID-19. Present were Select Board members Vice Chair Susan Verdicchio, Jacqueline A. Welch, Amy Shapiro, and Mariano Goluboff. Also present was Town Manager Lisa Wong. (Note – due to the remote participation all Select Board votes are roll call votes.)

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to MGL Ch. 30 §21(a) 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to litigation because discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body; MGL Ch. 30 §21(a) 6 - To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body.

Verdicchio – Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn from Executive Session to Public Session, not to return to Executive Session.

Verdicchio – Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Monday, March 22, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Monday, April 5, 2021 – Regular Session

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, a donation of \$5,000 from the En Ka Society to the Winchester Coalition for a Safer Community to be put toward INTERFACE.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, in kind donations of three flat screen TVs to the Recreation Department for use in the Kid Connection Pre-K for virtual field trips/enrichment in the classroom from Tracy & Chris Sacco, Laura & Adam Bruce, and Priya & David Bates.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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- 1 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, in kind donations of 2 mud
2 kitchens, and 1 storage bench to the Recreation Department for use in Kid
3 Connection Pre-K for outdoor play areas in the small playground from the
4 Kid Connection Parent Advisory Council through Friends of Winchester
5 Recreation.
6 Verdicchio - Welch
7 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 9 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, the following grants to the
10 Winchester Fire Department from Fire Department Services: \$5,281 for
11 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E); and \$2,680 for Senior
12 SAFE.
13 Verdicchio - Welch
14 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 16 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, MEMA Emergency
17 Management Planning grant of \$5,100 to the Winchester Fire
18 Department.
19 Verdicchio - Welch
20 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 22 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, a donation of \$100 from the
23 Hunter Family for the Public Safety Memorial.
24 Verdicchio - Welch
25 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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27 **TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS**
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- 29 1. Ms. Wong announced the following appointments in accordance with section 4-2b of the
30 Town Charter, and she respectfully requested that the Select Board vote to waive the fifteen
31 (15) day appointment period for: **DPW Maintenance Special Equipment Operator –**
32 **Adam Porter; DPW Lincoln School Head Custodian – Steve Danizio; DPW**
33 **Maintenance Specialist Plumber – Eric Carmichael; DPW School Custodian 1 –**
34 **Richard Began; Treasurer/Collector Department Principal Clerk – Maria Hanley.**
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- 36 *Motion: That the Select Board waive the customary fifteen (15) day appointment
37 waiting period to allow Adam Porter, Steve Danizio, Eric Carmichael,
38 Richard Began and Maria Hanley to begin their employment.
39 Verdicchio - Welch
40 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 42 2. Town Manager's Updates:

43 COVID-19 Response:

- 44 - Weekly Testing Clinic Dates posted on town website. Next clinic is March 10 from 3-
45 5pm. If you do not have a Project Beacon account or a Town of Winchester Profile,
46 use this link to register: [https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-](https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=WINTESTING)
47 [code?code=WINTESTING](https://app.beacontesting.com/register/with-code?code=WINTESTING)
48 - Only 1 out of 208 tests came back positive from last week's clinic. Data is trending in
49 the right direction.

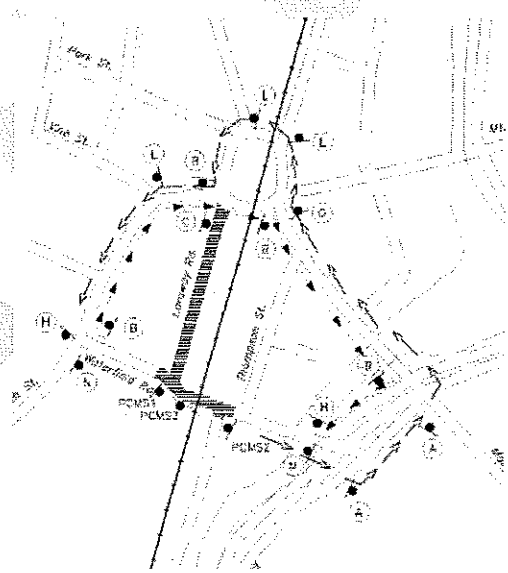
- 1 - Health Director and Town Manager have been advocating for local vaccine clinics,
2 including allowing the town to vaccinate teachers. The state is not interested at the
3 moment but we remain hopeful that as more vaccines become available, that will
4 increase their appetite for effective partnerships with local jurisdictions. Our
5 frustration is echoed across the State and also by the MMA:
6 [https://www.mma.org/advocacy/municipalities-key-to-turning-vaccines-into-](https://www.mma.org/advocacy/municipalities-key-to-turning-vaccines-into-vaccinations/)
7 [vaccinations/](https://www.mma.org/advocacy/municipalities-key-to-turning-vaccines-into-vaccinations/)

8 **BUDGET:**

- 9 - The town is renegotiating the PILOT Agreement with Winchester Hospital. The
10 current agreement extended the terms to June 30, 2020.
11 - There might be positive impacts from a possible federal stimulus that may include \$2
12 billion (today's figures, reported as \$3.73 in Feb) for Massachusetts cities and towns,
13 as well as \$4.5 billion directly to the state. Note that these figures are variable and
14 won't be known until the stimulus is passed and signed.
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16 **MBTA:**

- 17 - Detailed schedule still being requested.
18 Latest schedule update from MBTA is:
19 The Town Abatement is wrapping up this
20 week. Demolition is on track to start this
21 week. On track to finish by May 31.
22 - Contractors have been parking on street.
23 MBTA was notified and will take care of
24 the issue. Police details and patrol have
25 been notified to keep an eye on this as
26 well.
27 - The demo over Waterfield is now expected
28 to be on Saturday, March 27th from 7am to
29 5pm. Here is the proposed traffic detour.
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31 **MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

32 **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

33 **LICENSES**

34 **HEARINGS**

35 **BUSINESS**

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41 **1. Comptroller's Vacation Carryover and Contract Update** – Stacie Ward, Town
42 Comptroller, is requesting that her 2020 vacation carryover of 94.50 hours be converted to
43 sick time. As part of her contract, she is only allowed five days of sick time per year and
44 converting her time would be more cost effective for the Town. The Board supported her
45 suggestion. Ms. Ward also feels that it is time to update her contract that she submitted to
46 the Board today. In order to give the Board time to review, they will discuss her contract at
47 the March 22nd meeting.
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the hours of 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Verdicchio – Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

7. **Climate Action Advisory Committee Update** – Ruth Trimarchi, CAAC Chair, gave a presentation & informed the Board that the CAAC had to change the suggested locations to install the EV super charges for the EVIP grant due to challenges in Eversource bringing electricity to the chargers. They will need three parking spaces for one machine with two charging ports & to meet the ADA requirements they will need 26' in total space.

*Motion That the Select Board authorize the Climate Action Advisory Committee to use, for the purposes of the grant, parking spaces at the Jenks Town Hall lot and/or the Stop & Shop lot for charging stations and to work with the Treasurer/Collector Department as well at some point new collections will be taken through the processing.

Verdicchio - Goluboff

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

8. **Draft Warrant Articles** – The Select Board reviewed the very draft list of the Warrant Articles for Fall Town Meeting.

9. **Committees & Commissions Appointments** – The Select Board reappointed the following committee members.

*Motion That the Select Board reappoint Walter Hubbard to the Cable Advisory Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board reappoint Roger McPeck to the Capital Planning Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board reappoint Mark Scott to the Education Facilities Planning & Building Committee for a term to expire March 1, 2024.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

CONSENT AGENDA

*Motion That the Select Board approve the Inter Fund Borrowing in the amount of \$350,000 advanced from the General Fund for the North Reservoir Dam.

Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion That the Select Board approve Juli Riemenschneider as a Special Municipal Employee for FY2021.

Verdicchio - Welch

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1 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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3 *Motion That the Select Board approve the minutes for February 8 & 22, 2021.
4 Verdicchio - Welch

5 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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7 **COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

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9 1. **Letter from the Winchester Chamber of Commerce regarding parking in**
10 **Winchester Center.** – At the request of the Town Manager the Winchester Chamber
11 Downtown Planning Committee submitted recommendations for immediate parking
12 mitigation action in Winchester Center to alleviate the loss of spaces from the MBTA
13 construction project and the outdoor dining.
14 2. **Memo from Staff in response to Chamber of Commerce parking recommendations.**
15 - In consultation with staff from DPW, Engineering and Planning Departments, Ms. Wong
16 commented on the recommendations. She will be meeting with Chamber members and the
17 Town will also work with Toole Design to develop a scope of work/costs before moving
18 forward.
19 3. **Letter from David Gauthier, WinCam Executive Director, requesting Select Board**
20 **support legislation, “An Act Relative to A Streaming Entertainment Operator’s Use**
21 **of Public Rights of Way (HD 1440, SD 834)”** – Chair Bettencourt is adding Mr. Gauthier’s
22 request to the March 22nd agenda so that the Select Board can vote.
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24 **ADJOURNMENT: 9:20 PM**

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26 *Motion: That the Select Board adjourn for the evening.

27 Verdicchio - Welch

28 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

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30 Respectfully submitted,

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32 Lisa Wong, Town Manager
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Verdicchio – Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

*Motion: That the Select Board adjourn from Executive Session to Public Session, to return to Executive Session at the end of the Public Session.

Verdicchio – Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED

NOTIFICATION OF MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

1. Monday, April 5, 2021 – Regular Session
2. Monday, April 12, 2021 – Regular Session

COMMENTS

Select Board member Ms. Welch was recognized by Chair Bettencourt, the entire Select Board and Town Manager Wong for her many years of service and commitment to the Town of Winchester. Ms. Welch decided not to run for another term and tonight was her last meeting. She served on the Planning Board before being elected in 2018 to the Select Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

**Monday, March 22, 2021
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- 1 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, in kind donation from the
2 Palladino Family to the Recreation Department of 45 cubic feet of
3 soil to be used to create a teachable garden for the new planting and
4 horticulture program.
5 Verdicchio - Welch
6 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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8 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, in kind donation from
9 Winchester Together to the Recreation Department of eight \$25 gift cards
10 to local businesses to be used as prizes in the Recreation ESports gaming
11 program.
12 Verdicchio - Welch
13 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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15 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, donation of \$3,000 from Jay
16 Crawford to purchase a memorial bench and tree to be placed at Wildwood
17 Cemetery.
18 Verdicchio - Welch
19 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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21 *Motion That the Select Board accept, with gratitude, a Cultural District Initiative
22 Grant of \$7,500 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to the Town of
23 Winchester for the Winchester Cultural District.
24 Verdicchio - Welch
25 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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27 **TOWN MANAGER REPORT AND COMMENTS**

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29 1. Town Manager's Updates: Ms. Wong reminded everyone that there will be a COVID testing
30 clinic for Winchester residents and employees this Thursday, March 25th from 3:30-5:30 pm
31 in the Town Hall.
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33 **MATTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

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35 **COMPTROLLER'S REPORT**

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37 The Select Board acknowledged the receipt of the Comptroller's FY21 Financial Report as of
38 January 31, 2021.
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40 **LICENSES**

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42 **HEARINGS**

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44 **BUSINESS**

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46 1. **Comptroller's Contract Update** – Stacie Ward, Town Comptroller, informed the Board
47 that her original 2013 contract has had many amendments over the years. She submitted a
48 performance update and a new contract for the Select Board to authorize.
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- 1 *Motion That the Select Board reappoint Stacie Ward as Comptroller according to
2 the contract as presented and go ahead and authorize that contract.
3 Verdicchio - Welch
4 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 6 2. **MBTA Deadline Extension** – Angel Donahue-Rodriguez, MBTA Deputy Chief of Staff,
7 updated the Board about the demolition work at the Winchester Center Train Station. They
8 have completed Phase 1 – Mobilization (bringing equipment on site, installing temporary
9 fencing etc.) and Phase 2 – Abatement. Due to unanticipated delay in the mobilization
10 completion, Mr. Donahue-Rodriguez is officially requesting an extension to complete the
11 project to May 31, 2021
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- 13 *Motion That the Select Board approve an extension to the license for demolishing
14 the Town Center Train Station to May 31, 2021.
15 Verdicchio - Welch
16 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 18 3. **Swim Winchester** – Amanda Lewis, Swim Winchester, presented to the Board that Swim
19 Winchester has completed an analysis of design and programming for the community
20 aquatic center. Plus, they have been meeting with focus groups to talk about the project
21 concept, design elements and to hear what residents need for programming.
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- 23 4. **Transfer Station Update** – Lee Koska from Weston & Sampson reviewed the changes to
24 the current facility layout. They will go to Spring Town Meeting for the 3.5 million dollars
25 in design & engineering costs. Due to the present demand and cost increases for construction
26 supplies they are waiting till Fall Town Meeting to request construction costs.
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- 28 *Motion That the Select Board authorize Mark Twogood, Assistant Town Manager,
29 to work with Bond Counsel to draft a motion for Town Meeting seeking
30 authorization for the design and engineering costs for the Transfer Station
31 Project.
32 Verdicchio - Welch
33 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 35 5. **Water & Sewer Update** – Matt Abrahams from The Abrahams Group, gave a review of
36 their analysis of the recommend rates for the next five fiscal years for Winchester’s Water &
37 Sewer Enterprise Fund. He submitted three rate options for the Board to choose and they
38 chose Option 3; a 3% rate increase in FY22 & 23, then a 5% rate increase in FY24, 25 & 26.
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- 40 *Motion That the Select Board approve Option 3 on the Water & Sewer rate
41 increase as presented.
42 Verdicchio – Welch
43 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 45 6. **Finance Council OPEB Presentation** – Enzo Rascionato, Finance Committee, reviewed
46 with the Board the Town’s OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) and the Contributory
47 Retirement funds and how these will impact the Town in the future. This will be an ongoing
48 discussion between the Select Board and Finance Committee.
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**Monday, March 22, 2021
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- 1 **7. WinCam Live Streaming Resolution** –David Gauthier, WinCam Executive Director,
2 submitted a letter requesting the Select Board support legislation, “*An Act Relative to A*
3 *Streaming Entertainment Operator’s Use of Public Rights of Way* (HD 1440, SD 834)”.
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- 5 *Motion That the Select Board vote this resolution in support of legislation for an
6 assessment for live streaming services.
- 7 Verdicchio - Welch
- 8 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 10 **8. Appointment of Town Counsel** – Ms. Wong informed the Board tonight’s reappointment
11 of Anderson & Kreiger as Town Counsel is a yearly formality.
- 12
- 13 *Motion That the Select Board appoint Mina Makarious and Arthur Kreiger of
14 Anderson & Kreiger Town Counsel for the period starting April 1st
15 through the end of June 30, 2021.
- 16 Verdicchio - Welch
- 17 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 19 **9. Outdoor Dining Applications** – Ms. Wong reviewed the applications and suggested that
20 the curbside takeout spots be moved at least a block away to free up the parking spaces
21 downtown. She will work with Town staff to choose the spots, which will be clearly marked
22 as 15-minute parking spots.
- 23
- 24 *Motion That the Select Board approve the outdoor dining applications for A
25 Travola, Black Horse Tavern, China Sky, First House Pub, Lucia’s
26 Ristorante, Swanton Street Diner and The Spot as presented.
- 27 Verdicchio - Welch
- 28 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 30 *Motion That the Select Board authorize the Town Manager to walk with Town
31 staff to adjust curbside takeout, Town Hall lot and Mystic Valley Parkway
32 spaces to increase consumer parking for the downtown.
- 33 Verdicchio - Welch
- 34 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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- 36 **10. Town Day & WHS Promenade** – Town Day is scheduled for June 5th with a rain date of
37 June 6th. The Winchester High School graduation, to be held at Manchester Field with the
38 graduates processing from the High School to the field, is scheduled for June 6th with the
39 rain date June 5th. Staff worked together and believe that both events can happen on the
40 same day if necessary. Ms. Wong informed the Board that they need to approve the street
41 closures for the High School
- 42
- 43 *Motion That the Select Board allow the closure of the streets outlined in the
44 memo presented including Shore Road, Main Street and Mystic Valley
45 Parkway for the purposes of the Winchester High School promenade and
46 commencement for June 5th and 6th.
- 47 Verdicchio - Welch

Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt

VOTED

11. Warrant Articles – Chair Bettencourt did a brief review of the articles and there were no questions.

EQUITY AND ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE

1. Select Board response to Anti-Asian American Violence – The Select Board members addressed the continued violence and attack on Asian Americans especially what happened the week before in Atlanta, Georgia. There will be a vigil held tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. behind the library. Vice Chair Verdicchio then read the following resolution statement:

The Town of Winchester stands in solidarity with its Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in response to the recent attacks in Atlanta.

We want to raise awareness of the dangerous historic increase in incidents and assaults directed against AAPI communities since the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic, and to acknowledge the pain and fear that is so palpable right now.

We also want to acknowledge that anti-Asian racism existed in the US for centuries before the pandemic, and that the historic power of white supremacy has created structural hierarchies which can divide communities. By continuing to treat the fight against white supremacy as separate battles, by isolating the AAPI community as experiencing different impacts, outside the discrimination faced by others, we allow the system to continue to divide us. We really have one common enemy – the racism that is embedded in our culture and society. By being in solidarity with each other, against all forms of racism, we are asserting our shared humanity and creating a space for healing.

Last summer, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the flood of grief and protests across the country, the Town of Winchester penned a joint statement on racism and police brutality, reaffirming our core values and our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and pledging to become a more anti-racist community.

Since June, many actions have been taken: the Select Board committed to acknowledging the original Indigenous inhabitants of this land; communities of faith have discussed and reflected on the origins and impacts of racism and have created book groups to enhance awareness; local nonprofits have brought in social justice educators, and have offered community conversations on anti-racist practices.

We appreciate these actions AND we must commit to continuing this work, including addressing anti-Asian racism and xenophobia.

We must start by calling out anti-Asian language, including any references to COVID 19 that encourage blaming and shaming Asians. We must commit to learning and practicing allyship. We can also commit to learning about the long history of anti-Asian discrimination and oppression in the US, to challenging stereotypes, including the myth of the model minority, and to learning more about Asian cultures. We must report incidents of threats or harassment. As Town Manager Lisa Wong and Police Chief Daniel O'Connell noted in their recent statement, "Winchester is not immune" to incidents of bias-motivated conduct, and "many hate crimes against Asians can go unreported." The web site STOP AAPI Hate has an easily accessible reporting mechanism in many languages and important recommendations for action: <https://stopaapihate.org>

Now is the time to fully realize our responsibility as individuals and as a collective to address this epidemic of racism.

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1 The Winchester Select Board invites community leaders and town residents to join us as we move
2 forward; together let's imagine what is possible when we act in solidarity as collaborators against
3 hate.
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5 *Motion That the Select Board support the statement and issue it as a press
6 release.

7 Verdicchio - Welch

8 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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10 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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12 *Motion That the Select Board approve the staging permit for Viewpoint Sign &
13 Awning for Starbucks, 542 Main Street, to replace the damaged awning as
14 soon as possible.

15 Verdicchio - Welch

16 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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18 *Motion That the Select Board approve Winchester Farmers Market request to use
19 the Town Hall parking lot as the site for the Market, June 12 – October
20 30, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

21 Verdicchio - Welch

22 Roll Call: Verdicchio, Welch, Shapiro, Goluboff, Bettencourt VOTED
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24 **COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING GROUP REPORTS**

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