

Winchester Weekly

Report from Winchester Town Manager, Lisa Wong

Legislators pass FY22 budget



The \$48.1 billion state budget has been sent to the governor on July 9th, and the Governor has 10 days to approve, veto or return items. The current budget version includes a few earmarks for Winchester that would be used for Winter Pond improvements and public safety.

COVID NEWS

Unfortunately there is some concerning news in the latest report from the MA Dept of Public Health.

www.mass.gov/doc/county-level-positivity-rates-july-14-2021/download

The positivity rate has increased in 10 counties, meaning that the number of new cases in the current two-week period is higher than the number of new cases during the last two week period.

The Delta variant, a more contagious strain, is now the dominant coronavirus strain in the U.S. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

SELECT BOARD

The next meetings will be August 2 and 23 at 7:30pm Click on the Government Calendar at winchester.us.

TOWN JOBS

The Town is seeking applications for a Human Resources Director and a Sustainability Director. Apply at <https://www.winchester.us/jobs.aspx>

ICE CREAM!

National Ice Cream Month is celebrated each year in July with the National Ice Cream Day celebrated on the third Sunday in July. Support your local ice cream shop!

Waterfield Lot Redevelopment

The Select Board voted to create a Waterfield Task Force to seeking community input to help it set priorities as it enters into renegotiation of the LDA including the significant terms of the Ground Lease. The Board plans to complete negotiations and present a revised LDA for consideration at the Fall Town Meeting. Interested residents especially with a background/experience in multi-unit affordable residential real estate development or multi-unit residential real estate finance in general can submit their letters of interest and resumes to pmihelich@winchester.us by end of day on July 21.

Duties and Responsibilities

To meet as often as needed (may be weekly) in order to provide timely advice to the Select Board in their negotiations;

To attend a briefing and review materials provided to the Task Force on the issues and concerns surrounding the development of the Waterfield lot, the availability of affordable housing in Winchester, the financing of mixed income housing developments, the costs of garage parking facilities, and the CIVICO proposal;

To hold at least one public meeting for community input and consider input from the public that is received by the Town Manager's office;

To work with an independent financial analyst to provide information that would be helpful to the Select Board and general public's understanding of the project;

To supply the Select Board with a written report by September 15, 2021, stating the Task Force's recommended priorities from 1-6, with 1 being the highest priority and 6 being the lowest, of the following aspects of the LDA and proposed development (listed below in alphabetical order) OR stating the Task Force's recommendation as to the relative weight (from 1 - 3) the Select Board should give to each of the following:

- Availability of Public Parking
- Design of the project including building height, public spaces, sustainability features, commercial spaces
- Length of the Ground Lease
- Long-term Town oversight of management, maintenance, affordability, building ownership
- Mix of Affordable and market rate housing units
- Revenue to the Town

BUSINESS SURVEY

LET THE TOWN AND THE CHAMBER KNOW HOW TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS NOW

Donate today!
www.winchesterchamber.com
to access the survey link

Business survey!

The Winchester Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Winchester have partnered on a survey of businesses to understand how to better serve their needs.

These questions help us know how COVID-19 has impacted your businesses and what kinds of assistance would help your business.

The link can be found by going to the WinchesterChamber.com website or clicking on the link below:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ei647q8skq8bwl77/a0145kr6bcz5p/questions>