

**Minutes of the
September 29, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting
Town of Winchester, Vilas County**

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 8:30AM on Thursday September 29, 2022 at Winchester Town Hall. Attending in person were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Grimmer, Supervisor Whitney, Clerk Wainio, along with John Eppes of Bear Naked Technologies, Planning Commission members Craig VanArk, Lee Stengele, Sulo Wainio and President of the local Realtors' Board Andy Harris.

Supervisor Whitney made a motion to accept the agenda at the discretion of the chair. Supervisor Grimmer seconded the motion which was approved 3-0.

Old Business

1) *Domain Change*: Mr. Eppes explained the state's efforts to encourage all municipalities to utilize the .wi.gov domain for security purposes. Mr. Discianno made a motion to table the matter for more particulars, Mr. Grimmer seconded and the motion was approved 3-0.

6) *Sign Ordinance*: Objections to the removal of real estate and other small business signs after discussion held during the 9/12/22 Town Board Meeting were disputed by Chairman Discianno & Supervisor Grimmer citing the Town's enforcement authority under Winchester Ordinance 2022-01. The board expressed safety issues and inconvenience for the Town's caretakers when mowing. Mr. VanArk expressed his concern that the process for violations in the ordinance was not followed. Mr. Harris will remind members of the Realtors' Board of their responsibilities to remove outdated signs in order to work with the Town. Mr. Discianno voiced his feeling that the ordinance should go back to the Planning Commission. Mr. Wainio requested guidance from the board to the Planning Commission on needed changes. Mr. Discianno made a motion to send the sign ordinance back to the Planning Commission for additional information on temporary signage: number allowed, size and time frame. Mr. Grimmer seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

5) *Firearm Signage*: Mr. Grimmer made a motion to adopt the signage used at the Vilas County Courthouse including the state statute. Mr. Discianno seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2-1; Mr. Discianno and Mr. Grimmer voted aye; Mr. Whitney voted nay.

2) *Cemetery Budget Request*: Mr. Grimmer presented the request from the Cemetery Association as information to consider as the budget is being developed. No action was taken.

3) *Health Insurance for Town Employees*: Mr. Grimmer will continue to explore the options available and verify that HSA eligible plans means high deductible.

4) *2023 Budget*: After further discussion the next date for budget talks was set for 10/19/22 with a plan to hold the Town Electors meeting for levy approval on 11/7/22.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan T. Wainio, Town Clerk