



Town of Winchester
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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting of Town Electors

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Chairman Discianno called the annual town meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Tuesday April 21st, 2026 at Winchester Town Hall. Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Newton, Supervisor Silvis, Clerk Newton, Treasurer Grimmer plus 20 additional electors attended at Town Hall. One person attended via Zoom.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Chairman Discianno verified that the agenda was posted in three physical locations (Town Hall, Transfer Station, and Library) as well as on the town website. Chairman Discianno informed attendees that they are able to participate in discussion, but not able to vote.

Steve Budnick made a motion to approve the agenda. Danny Dye seconded the motion, and the motion passed in a voice vote.

Chairman Discianno reviewed the powers of the annual town meeting based on wis stats 60.10, 60.11

1. *Old or new business:* Discussion and review of annual reports including annual financial report, treasurer's report, library report, fire department report, Northwoods EMS District report. Discussion about fire inspections of businesses, indebtedness, fiber internet install, Xcel energy power line work, transfer station changes, ATV/UTV ordinance/traffic, storm damage cleanup, meeting room improvements, partnership involving Scholl Impact Group having an all-terrain wheelchair available for rental, internet services at town properties and Point and Pay system to allow credit card payments to the town. Galen Brownwell made a motion to approve the financial reports. The motion was seconded by Darrell Smith and the motion passed in a voice vote.
2. *Grant the Town Board authority to sell or dispose of old equipment or property:* Discussion about items that have been sold or disposed of in the past and potential items for future sale/disposal. Steve Budnick made a motion to grant the Town Board the authority to sell or dispose of equipment or property up to \$10,000. Deb Silvis seconded the motion and the motion passed in a voice vote.

3. *Change the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position:* Discussion on reasons for changing the Town Clerk position to an appointed position and the resignation of current town clerk. Discussion on plan to select an appointed clerk and the requirements to do so, term length, ability to change the position back to an elected position in the future. Teresa Schmidt made a motion to change Winchester's town clerk from an elected to an appointed position. Deb Silvis seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-10 in a raised hand vote.
4. *Change the Town Treasurer from an elected position to an appointed position:* Discussion on reasons for changing the Town Treasurer position to an appointed position. Teresa Schmidt made a motion to change Winchester's town treasurer position from an elected to an appointed position. Steve Budnick seconded the motion and the motion passed 17-6 in a raised hand vote with 2 abstaining.
5. *Set 2027 Annual Town Meeting date for the 3rd Tuesday in April (4/20/2027) or 10 days after:* Deb Silvis made a motion to set the 2027 annual town meeting date for April 20, 2027. Danny Dye seconded the motion and the motion passed in a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm on April 21, 2026.

Erin Newton, prior Town Clerk for Winchester
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