

APPROVED AS AMMENDED: April 21, 2025

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

Township Clerk Sheehan called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Weiss, Whitfield

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet on December 27, 2024; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads as well as the Township website.

ATTENDEES: President: Mandel; Council: Gawas, Geevers, Weiss; Whitfield; Mayor: Marathe; Business Administrator: Schmid (absent); Assistant to Administration: Giammetta; Township Attorney Representative: Herbert; Township Clerk: Sheehan

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Sheehan led the salute to the flag.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2025

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ms. Sheehan called for nominations for Council President.

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Mandel to serve as Council President.

Councilmember Gawas seconded the nomination.

Ms. Sheehan asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to closed nominations: Geevers

Second: Gawas

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Abstain Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Ms. Sheehan called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Mandel as Council President.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Abstain Weiss
Aye Whitfield

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Councilmember Mandel, with her husband Richard by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

Ms. Sheehan turned the meeting over to Council President Mandel.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

President Mandel called for nominations for Council Vice President.

Councilmember Gawas nominated Councilmember Geevers as Council Vice President.

Councilmember Whitfield seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to closed nominations: Gawas

Second: Whitfield

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Abstain Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Geevers as Council Vice President.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Abstain Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Councilmember Geevers, with her husband Neil by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Mandel called for nominations for Affordable Housing Committee Member.

Councilmember Whitfield nominated Councilmember Gawas to serve as Affordable Housing Committee Member.
Councilmember Weiss seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Weiss

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Gawas as Affordable Housing Committee Member:

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Councilmember Gawas was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

President Mandel called for nominations for Emergency Management Council Representative.

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Gawas to serve as Emergency Management Council Representative.
Councilmember Whitfield seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Whitfield

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Gawas as Emergency Management Council Representative.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Councilmember Gawas was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

President called for nominations for Planning Board Class III Member.

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Whitfield to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.
Councilmember Weiss seconded the nomination.

President asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to closed nominations: Weiss

Second: Gawas

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Whitfield as Planning Board Class III Member.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PLANNING BOARD CLASS III
MEMBER

Councilmember Whitfield was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

LIAISONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NOMINATION OF BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Councilmember Gawas nominated Councilmember Weiss to serve as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.
Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Gawas

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Weiss as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

NOMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for Environmental Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Mandel to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.
Councilmember Whitfield seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Weiss

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Mandel as Environmental Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

NOMINATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for Human Relations Council Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss nominated Councilmember Whitfield to serve as Human Relations Council Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Gawas

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Weiss as Human Relations Council Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield
Aye Mandel

NOMINATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for Parking Authority Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss nominated Councilmember Gawas to serve as Parking Authority Liaison.
Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Weiss

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Gawas as Parking Authority Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

NOMINATION OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Whitfield nominated Councilmember Geevers to serve as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to closed nominations: Gawas

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Geevers as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

President Mandel called for nominations for School Board Liaison.

Councilmember Gawas nominated Councilmember Weiss to serve as School Board Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Mandel asked for any further nominations. Seeing none, she asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion to close nominations: Gawas

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President Mandel called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Weiss as School Board Liaison.

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

President Mandel asked for Councilmember comments:

Councilmember Geevers wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She stated she is looking forward to working with Councilmembers, the Mayor, and staff this year, and to continue as a non-partisan form of government under the Falkner Act. She explained this year the Township determines its obligations under State law for the Fourth Round of Affordable Housing and provided information on the Council's role. Councilmember Geevers also noted the upcoming Council budget meetings in March. She noted bicycle and pedestrian safety as one of the priorities in the budget. Councilmember Geevers thanked West Windsor's Police, Fire Fighters, EMTs and volunteer Fire Fighters and Fire Police at the West Windsor Volunteer Fire Company #1 and the Princeton Junction Volunteer Fire Company #1 and for their service to the community. She encouraged residents to attend Township Council meetings, make public comments or correspond with Council this year and to get involved.

Councilmember Whitfield wished everyone a happy and New Year. He congratulated the Councilmembers on their new positions and stated he looks forward to working with everyone to make this a great and wonderful year. Councilmember Whitfield expressed his support for

those affected by the wildfires in California and noted it is great when people in communities come together to help one another and he hopes 2025 will be a great and positive year.

Councilmember Wiess congratulated Council on their new positions. He noted he agrees with Councilmember GeEVERS on the top priorities for the Township this year and he looks forward to working with Council and the public to get things done.

Councilmember Gawas wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Council on their new positions. She noted she looks forward to working with everyone this year.

President Mandel thanked everyone who came to the Reorganization Meeting and she thanked Council for electing her as Council President for 2025. She noted Council has the duty to make informed decisions for the good of the Town and she is proud of the Council. President Mandel pledged to work with Council to represent all of the people of West Windsor. She thanked Councilmember GeEVERS for leading Council in 2024 as President and for serving as Vice President for 2025. President Mandel thanked Council, Mayor Marathe and the Township Staff and volunteers for helping to keep our Town running smoothly and she noted she looks forward to working together with everyone for a productive year.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2025-R001 Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2025
- 2025-R002 Legal Newspapers for Calendar Year 2025
- 2025-R003 Establishing Procedural Guidelines for the Council of West Windsor Township
- 2025-R004 Municipal Holidays for Calendar Year 2025
- 2025-R005 Cash Management Plan Authorization for West Windsor Township
- 2025-R006 Establishing the Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and 6% Year End Penalty
- 2025-R007 Authorizing the Cancellation of any Property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00
- 2025-R008 Authorizing Temporary Municipal Budget Appropriations for 2025
- 2025-R009 Appointing Janis DiNatale as Affirmative Action Public Agency Compliance Officer through December 2025

- 2025-R010 Authorizing the Reappointment of Kenneth W. Lozier as Municipal Judge for a Three-Year Term from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027
- 2025-R011 Authorizing Lorraine Jones, Tax Assessor, the Authority (in conjunction with Special Tax Counsel/Township Attorney) to Set, Adjust, Defend and Prosecute Matters on Behalf of the Township Involving Tax Assessment, Property Tax Exemptions as Per Chapter 4; Section 31 E of the Code of the Township of West Windsor
- 2025-R012 Authorizing the Reappointment of Jyotika Bahree as a Member of the Affordable Housing Committee with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2028
- 2025-R013 Authorizing the Reappointment of Yan Mei Wang as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2027
- 2025-R014 Authorizing the Reappointment of Achutan Raghushri as a Student Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2027
- 2025-R015 Authorizing the Appointment of Pramod Ramdasi as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2027
- 2025-R016 Authorizing the Reappointment of Helen Rancan as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2030
- 2025-R017 Authorizing the Reappointment of Michael Schuit as an Advisor of the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2026
- 2025-R018 Authorizing the Reappointment of Andy Lupo as a Member of the Parking Authority with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2030
- 2025-R019 Authorizing the Reappointment of John Roeder as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2029
- 2025-R020 Authorizing the Reappointment of Daniel Marks as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2029

2025-R021 Authorizing the Reappointment of Eugene Fridkin as an Alternate II of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2027

Motion to approve resolutions 2025-R001 through 2025-R021: Geevers

Second: Gawas

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

Aye Whitfield

Aye Mandel

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Andy Bromberg, 24 Providence Drive, thanked Mayor Marathe and Council for having the foresight to cancel the fireworks display at the Township Tree Lighting Ceremony considering the fire restrictions that were in place. He also expressed his support to keep West Windsor non-partisan.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, congratulated Council on their various appointments and recognized them on their hard work.

Ms. Silvia Ascarelli, 27 Melville Road, thanked Council on behalf of the West Windsor Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance and noted she looks forward to more upcoming Township bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers

Second: Gawas

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.


Allison D. Sheehan
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township


Andrea Mandel
Council President
West Windsor Township