



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday April 17, 2024

Board members present at the meeting: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh Jr., Chan Stephens, Natalie Quevedo, Theresa Sepe.

Department Heads Present for the meeting: Chief Rice, Amy Bond, Dale Gray, Rick Meleski Sr.

First order of business – Minutes:

Selectman Marsh made a motion to accept the minutes from 4/11/24. Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Second order of business - New Business:

Intent to cut signed by the Selectmen for Map 4 Lot 22 & Map 4 Lot 25

Selectman Quevedo asked that the intent to cuts go to the Conservation Commission before coming to the Selectboard to be signed so that someone from the Commission could go out with the forester and look over their plan.

Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve taking .16 acres from Map 9 Lot 11-23 out of current use which would come to \$3.21. Selectman Marsh 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve the Gravel Tax on Map 15 Lot 20 in the amount of \$20. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Intent to Excavate was signed by the Selectmen for Map 15 Lot 20

Selectman Quevedo asked that the intent to excavates go to the Conservation Commission before coming to the Selectboard to be signed so that someone from the Commission could go out with the operator and look over their plan.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the request to credit overpayment from SWCS in the amount of \$19,114. Selectman Kilanski 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the 2 permits for the Winchester Speedpark (both locations). Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Quevedo asked that this go to the Conservation Commission before coming to the Selectboard to be signed in the future so that someone from the Commission could go out and look at the area prior to use.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the permit for Monadnock Speedway. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the lease agreement between the Town of Winchester and Winchester Speedpark. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Head of Finance/HR Amy Bond asked for approval on internal transfers totaling \$48,745.61 and including 6 different departments. Mrs. Bond answered 3 questions the board had as follows: The amount of \$40,198 was explained as transferred within the Transfer Station to cover just the transfer station employees. The amount of \$30,566 was explained as being transferred within the Police Dept to cover the overtime of the officers due to shortage. The amount of \$10,036.87 was explained as being transferred within the Ambulance to cover payroll. Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve all internal transfers. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Any other business before the board:

Old Swanzey Rd. – Selectman Marsh advised the board he had done some research on the history of Old Swanzey Rd and advised the board that he found an article in 1946 mentioning the subject to gates and bars. Selectman Stephens advised the board that it would be important to keep it open in case of an emergency that an alternate route. Selectman Sepe made a motion to hear what Charlie Lawrence had to say about the road. Selectman Marsh 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0. Mr. Charlie Lawrence advised the board that in 1974 his father, Mr. Leonard Lawrence rebuilt the road with both Winchester & Swanzey's permission and the stipulation that locked gates be installed. In the 1980's an accident on the Winchester side resulted in someone being pierced by one of the gates so the gates were taken down. Mr. Charlie Lawrence advised the board that as far as he has ever known the road in question has always been a Class 6 Rd. subject to gates and bars. Selectboard Chair advised the public that it was the pleasure of the board to table this until more information was gathered.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Rick Meleski Sr. advised the board of roots obstructing 100 Main Street water main /service in the front of the property; the connection will have to be excavated to be fixed. Dig Safe will be contacted and a state permit will be required. He is expecting an 8' excavation at least. Mr. Meleski asked for the board's approval to proceed. Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve of the Water/Sewer Dept proceeding with the project and split the cost. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens thanked Lawrence's for cleaning up the remnants of the old Mr. Mikes Parking lot on the Winchester Bank Property. Selectman Stephens advised the board that it looks great outside and after the clean up last Saturday the inside is looking good too. Selectman Quevedo out a shout out to Chan for being the early bird on Saturday and doing a great job getting started before everyone got there. Selectman Kilanski thanked Leonard Lawrence Excavation for the wonderful job on the Bank Property.

Selectman Sepe asked Selectman Quevedo why the Conservation Commission needed to have the intent to cut and intent to excavate before the board of selectman signed off on them? Selectman Quevedo thought Conservation Commission looked at the intent to cut/intent to excavate before the Selectboard signed them. A member from the Commission would meet with the forester or operator to go over their submitted plan. Selectman Sepe asked again why since it is a public document. Selectman Kilanski said most involve private property. Selectman Quevedo said the property owner would be contacted and asked permission before going on to the property. The board agreed that nothing should change in the way the forms are submitted and signed.

Selectman Quevedo reminded the public about the Earth Day Clean Up happening Sunday 4/21 from 10am to 2pm.

Selectman Marsh welcomed the local Girl Scout Troop #58611 and advised the board he would like them to speak before the Town Dept Heads. The board agreed.

Girl Scouts Troop #58611 announced they are holding the annual 'Senior' Prom on Friday April 26th, 2024, from 6pm to 8pm at the EMM Center, 21 Durkee St., Winchester, NH 03470. This event is an evening of dancing, refreshments & fun for Senior Citizens. For more information, please call #603-239-4316 or email: elmmcenter@comcast.net

T.A. Miner updates the board:

-Kevin Bazan, Kiwanis Member asked for permission to use the Town Hall Parking Lot for the Annual Bike Rodeo on Sunday, May 5th from 10am to noon.

- 30% design completed for the Bio Solid Project
- J&G's testing by the DES & MTB with no cost to the town next week.

Highway Superintendent Dale Gray advised that the department is starting to grade the travel lanes of the roads and ditching will follow.

Water/Sewer Superintendent Rick Meleski Sr. advised the board that the town wide flushing has been completed.

Fourth order of business Public Comment:

N/A

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "a, c". Selectman Marsh 2nd the motion. The motion carries 5-0. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted "yes" individually, and the board convenes in non-public at 658pm.

Selectman Quevedo left at 7pm.

The board reconvenes in public session at 718pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to seal the minutes under "c" Selectman Marsh 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

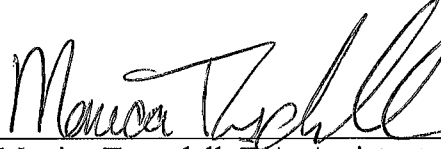
Adjournment:

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 720pm. Selectman Kilanski 2nd the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Selectboard Chair

Minutes respectfully submitted:


Monica Truesdell, T.A. Assistant

