

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
August 17, 2016

Board members present: Chairman, Roberta Fraser, Herbert C. Stephens, Jack Marsh, Ben Kilanski and Raymond Williams. Also present the Water/Sewer Superintendent Rick Meleski, and Highway Dale Gray.

First order of business:

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:02pm.

Second order of business: Business and minutes

The board reviews the minutes of 8-10-16 for approval. Selectmen Kilanski *makes a motion* to approve the minutes. Selectman Williams seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski wrote a thank you letter to Friends of Art for all their work on the crosswalks.

Selectman Fraser reminded everyone that Saturday 8/20/16 is the Winchester Jubilee. It will be an all day event and ending with a dance here at the Town Hall.

Selectman Fraser stated that a few weeks ago they had discussed the purchase of the fire truck. We had chosen to go with Savings Bank of Walpole. In order to receive the low price of \$455,089.17 which there is over an \$18,000 discount they are asking for 100% up front. Savings Bank of Walpole will not be able to do this. If we are to use PNC Bank they will pay up front and start to build the truck. Selectman Fraser would like to entertain a motion to revisit financing thru Savings Bank of Walpole. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to revisit. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0. Selectman Fraser stated that the financing difference is .02%. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to go thru PNC Bank @2.83% for 7 years. Selectman Williams seconds the motion. Motion passes 5-0

Barry Bordner would like one more discussion with the board about his assessment. He had sent a letter with a counter offer of what he believes the assessment should be. Barry asked if the board would re-conceder so we could settle it here tonight. Selectman Fraser stated we received the letter and we are going to stand with our decision to deny the abatement and let Barry know he can still go to the BLTA to appeal. Margaret agreed with the board and Avitar. Barry feels that the fare thing to do for himself and the Town would be to go ahead and file an appeal. That way the experts can present the case and let someone decide the outcome. Selectman Fraser respects the information that Barry had given the board but we are not experts and you have the right to take it to the BTLA.

Mark Tigan would like to update the Board with the Stone Mt. Project. This land is 62 acres off Richmond Road which the Town took 8/9 years ago in a tax sale. 4 years ago the WEDC approached the town about helping them with developing this land. 2 years we asked the town for an option to go out and find tenant/buyers to help with the tax burden and increase jobs. 1 year we received a federal block grant to study who would be the right candidate for new business. 11 months ago we received a USDA grant to study the market and the findings were this is a good market for certain types of industry. We have a prospect that came faster than we thought. They are looking to get going as soon as possible. The business is a precision machining company. The USDA report says this is precision machine is a good

targeted employer for this area. Tonight I would like the board to exercise the option to notice agreement. Mark asked to show the board the plans on which lot would be sold 1st. The lot in front of the pond as you enter we are leaving open and last to sell because if the market doesn't develop then maybe we have a park there. Our focus is the next lot after the pond. How are we going to pay for the utilities and the road? WEDC submitted a 1.2 million grant application to the federal government. This would cover road, utilities, and a water tank to help with the pressure for Richmond Road. The Feds came back with we like the application but it's too much money for one little community. So we have a prospect for the 1st lot and the price would be fair market value or they might contribute to the installation of the utilities and the road. Mark is asking the board for their support. Selectman Fraser asked Mark if they are looking for the WEDC to exercise their option right now. Mark states for the lot of the land necessary to close on this property. We would take the title for a minute and sign it over to the new company. We will use the contract that has been drawn up by Bart but he never did an Exercise Option Notice. This is the notice that follows the contract. Margaret also stated she didn't see an option notice from Bart. Selectman Kilanski supports the contract and agrees with having the town attorney look at the option agreement. Mark adds their plan is to go clockwise with selling the lots. We are reserving the lot closest to the Richmond road as the very last lot to sell. The company that is interested in buying a lot prefers the 2nd lot. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the option agreement notice after the town attorney reviews it and giving Selectman Fraser the authority to sign it on behalf of the board. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

Sewer abatement has been received for map 26 lot 67 in the amount of \$130.10. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve this abatement. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

Water abatement has been received for map 19 lot 7 in the amount of \$74.85. Selectman Williams makes a motion to approve this abatement. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

Timber warrant has been received for map 5 lot 70 in the amount of \$367.95. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the timber tax. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

An Intent to cut was submitted by Tim Hill for map 11 lot 13.

An Intent to cut was submitted by Lynn Pickard for map 8 lot 30.

The Conservation Commission requests to re-appoint as regular members: Ben Kilanski, Jon Baldvins, Bonnie Leveille and Paul Hubner. Also to re-appoint as alternate members: Beth Pelton and Thomas Turant. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the appointment papers for all members. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

Selectman Fraser has more information on the additional handicap parking. It looks like we can but we need to have 2 spots and signs. Karey adds we would also need to have the lines on the right hand side of each handicap parking spot too. So it would take up 4 parking spots. Selectman Kilanski doesn't think it's worth losing 4 spots when we have handicap spots by the ramp out front and the phone is by the front door. Selectman Williams is still in favor of making them handicap parking. Selectman Marsh stated the handicap signs we have now are faded and we need to order new ones. Plus, add a sign that shows we have a phone in side to use. Selectman Fraser states we do have a lot of handicap people and I don't have a problem losing 4 spots. Selectman Kilanski adds if we do decide to do it we will need to paint over the one that's in place now. We have to count down 8 spot from the 1st parking spot by the ramp.

Leroy gave us the measurements. We have to measure from the ramp down not from the basement door because its not handicap assessable. Selectman Williams makes a motion to go ahead with 2 handicap parking spots. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. Selectman Marsh would like to ask a question. Can we check to make sure we need to have 2 spots. Karey states that Leroy said because the building hold 150 people we have to have a certain amount. The motion fails 2-3. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to make 1 handicap spot. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1.

A letter from Chief Phillips looking to purchase in-cruiser video systems. 2008 the department was approved a NH Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$7500. Along with \$7520 from police outside detail account we were able to purchase 3 state of the art Watchgaurd in-car video systems. These video systems have served the department well, but are no longer under warranty and the repair of the units is just not cost effective or reliable. The departments plan is to budget for 2 new Watchgaurd 4RE High definition systems and 2 Watchgaurd Vista wearable cameras that will integrate with the two 4RE in-car systems. The cost for the 2 systems would be approximately \$12,860. A 3 unit could be purchased by a Highway Safety Grant a year from this October. Selectman Fraser stated we have not had cameras for almost a year now. This is the 1st time it is being brought to the board. Chief Phillips is asking for us to approve for 2, but paying for one this year and one next year. Selectman Fraser said he should have brought this to us last year because there was money left in his budget. Selectman Williams states that the reason the system is expensive is there is a body camera on the officer and there is video in the cruisers also. This system to me looks as the way to go. I really feel that is it a safty issue and with what is going on in the world today our officers need to be safe. Selectman Fraser adds we need them in all 4 cruisers. This is something that should have been budgeted for and it will have to come from of his line items. Selectman Williams asked how the other board members feel about this. Selectman Marsh asked if the old camera were purchased from taxation or a grant. Selectman Fraser stated a grant. Selectman Marsh adds I think he has some time to do some research before budget season. Selectman Fraser strongly believes that we can wait on this. Selectman Williams informs the board that these units are not available until October. Selectman Kilanski thinks that the Chief could look around for other grants. Selectman Fraser adds that we have a grant writer coming on board shortly and this would be one of their priorities. Selectman Kilanski would like to table this until next week and have the Chief come in to discuss this with the board.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Kilanski ***makes a motion*** to approve the reimbursement to Police Outside Detail in the amount of \$1736.79, Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski ***makes a motion*** to approve the request for Conant Library repairs in the amount of \$858.75, Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to purchase nails & screws in the amount of 305.11 for the cemetery roof project. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser informed everyone there will be a beach party on 8/28/16 @ the Town Beach. Next year we have some fun things in the works.....Pizza night, movie night, volleyball and opening a snack bar.

Selectman Stephens wanted to thank Roberta for all her work she had done for the beach.

Third order of business Public comment:

Robert Spruill wanted to thank Dale & Ben for getting 96 Main St. boarded up so people can't get in there. It was a safety issue. Also if the board would think about doing something with 96 Main St. His property is next to it and is concerned with pipes freezing this winter. The empty house is not being heated and could cause issues for him and his house. Robert asked the board if they could put a loading zone/no parking in on Main St by his business. Selectman Fraser let Robert know she would look into and get back to him.

Barry Montgomery suggests that the board should invite Alex/Ridgeline shooting club to come and look at the industrial park. The industrial park has many merits to it. It's surrounded by the dump, grave yard, Winchester Sand Gravel and a park. There are no meditate neighbors adjacent to the property. This takes me back to my property. They have put majority of their ranges 50 feet away from my residential property. This puts a detrimental effect on my property. I would like to see a different area for them and my 1st choice was the industrial park.

Fourth order of business: Non public under RSA 91:A3119(a)(c)(e)

Selectman Stephens **makes a motion** to enter non public session under (a)(c), Selectman Kilanski seconds. The motion passes 5-0. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually and the board convenes in non-public at 8:00 pm.

Fifth order of business: reconvene

The board reconvenes in public session at 10:05 pm.

Selectman Frazer states the the minutes under (a) do not have to be sealed. We have made Highway & water/sewer department salary positions. Starting September 4, 2016.

Selectman Stephens **makes a motion** to seal one set of minutes under (b) Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually. The motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Williams wanted to let the board know that Mike Tollett made an arrest today. This person was the one who was breaking into the cars in town.

Selectman Marsh would like to get some information on the empty lot across the green bridge that the town owns. Selectman Fraser said it was snowmobile parking, but it was originally blocked off because of complaints. I will pull out the minutes. Selectman Stephens said we use to dump snow there. Selectman Marsh brings this up because Robert Spruill has several apartments o Main Street and we don't want any overnight parking on Main Street and we don't want the parking to stop any of the business. So we should allow parking there and remove the rocks. Selectman Fraser recalls a reason why they put rocks there. so I will pull the minutes. It had to do with how far out the cars were in the road. Selectman Marsh thinks we can clean it up and put a sign saying overflow parking from Main St. Selectman Fraser states that right now it is designated on the map for the state as snowmobile parking.

Selectman Kilanski there is enough room for both snowmobiles and cars. Selectman Fraser stated I will pull the minutes.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

Selectman Kilanski makes *a motion* to adjourn at 10:10 pm. Selectman Williams seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Karey Miner, Interim Administrator

Minutes approved by the board on:

Minutes signed by:



Roberta Fraser, Chairman



Karey Miner, Interim Administrator