



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes Sr. and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Chief Kellom & Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Public hearing- \$250,000 donation to the Fire Dept.

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm. Selectman Kilanski reads the public hearing notice. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Chief Kellom stated that an anonymous donor donated \$250,000 to be used to purchase equipment for the Fire Dept. The Department has a Rescue truck that they have looked at and are interested in purchasing. Along with a Cascade system to fill the Scott air paks. John Riedell asked if there were any conditions on the donation. Selectman Kilanski said the money is to be used for purchasing equipment for the dept. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to accept the donation. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes for 7/22/20. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve the oath of offices for Thayer Library Trustees: Janet Marsh-Alternate & Paul Taylor and Heritage Commission: Mike Coope, Val Cole & Denis Murphy II. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the 3 raffle permits for the Jenny Rhodes- Smith & Wesson Gun on 8/13, VFW- Quilt on 11/11 and Santa's Helper- picnic table on 8/18. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a current use tax for map 11 lot 10, 86 Lake Shore Dr. in the amount of \$4,300. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Intent to Cut for map 7 lot 17-Old Hinsdale Rd.

A thank you letter was sent to the Dale Gray & Highway Dept for a quick response to a washout on Fiddle Hill.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

The board signed a thank you letter to the anonymous donor and signed a letter to the trustee of the trust fund to open an account for the \$250,000.

The board tabled the purchase order from the PD for a new radio for the cruiser. Selectman Marsh would like to know how long the radios are good for and what other expenses will be coming from the radio maintenance line this year?

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the water capital reserve fund to Lawrence Excavating in the amount of \$31,657.80. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the payment from the Culvert capital reserve account to Frank Lucius in the amount of \$4,688. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the payment from the Assessing & Reval capital reserve account to Avitar in the amount of \$19,470.00. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Cemetery donation account to Hamshaw Lumber in the amount of \$3,102.75. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the RED account to Casper Bemis-\$300, Julio Del Sesto-\$300, Jody Blake-\$300 & Devon Snikeris-\$346. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the NYHART contract for part of the audit. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

The board reviewed the 2020/2021 heating fuel quotes:

Barrows & Fisher	Fuel Oil-\$1.699 per gallon Kerosene-\$2.649 per gallon
Bob's Fuel	Fuel Oil-\$1.49 per gallon Kerosene-\$1.63 per gallon
Discount Oil	Fuel Oil-\$1.499 per gallon Kerosene-\$1.639 per gallon
Davis Oil	Fuel Oil-\$1.75 per gallon Kerosene-\$1.99 per gallon
Ciardelli Fuel	Fuel Oil-\$1.649 per gallon Kerosene mix-\$2.199 per gallon

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to order fuel from Bob's Fuel. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve Ambulance billing fund to CAG in the amount of \$1,296.62. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Dean Beaman-ATV Club asked the board if they would entertain the idea of using Jantti Road to Old Westport Road to Howard then to Elm Street? There is no reason to spend the club's money to send out certified letters to the abutters if the board is going to say no. The last mailing cost \$490. Selectman Marsh would like to have a meeting with the State- Chris Gamache to look at using the railroad beds. Dean asked the board to come up with some question to give to Chris. Karey and Dean will work on setting up a meeting.

Third order of business: Public Hearing- Social Media Policy

Selectman Kilanski reads the public hearing notice. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski stated that there 2 drafts the board reviewed, Town of Swanzey's and one that South Regional Planning Commission created. Selectman Kilanski like the SWRPC policy. Selectman Leustek asked if that included the RED Committee for

posting events. Selectman Kilanski said yes that the Town Administrator would be in charge of the postings for all departments and committees. Natalie Quevedo said that there were things missing in the policy to protect the employees and had pages of edits. Nat listed several items missing for the towns/SWRPC version of the policy and is willing to share her edits and believes a committee should be formed to create a policy and then present to the board for review. Todd Kilanski said the post are to inform the town of things going on in town with no comments. We need to trust our Town Administrator and department heads to post information. Jennifer Riedell said we should be able to trust the departments heads to create a post. The way the policy is written they have to send the post to Karey to approve it and then post it. So you are not trusting the Police Chief to post is own post. Selectman Kilanski said that he didn't say he did trust the Chief. I stated that the Town Admin would be the one to access and post. It has nothing to do with trust. It will be easier to have 1 person that will maintain the page. There will be 1 page for the town. Jennifer said the policy stated its for all departments. So technically the Thayer Library will have to take our page and run it through Karey. Selectman Marsh stated no, the Thayer & Conant Libraries Trustees are in charge of running the libraries and their contents, the town owns the building. Jennifer asked which version will be the final SWRPC or the Towns, because there is a huge difference between the two. Selectman Kilanski stated SWRPC. Jennifer stated good because SWRPC policy does have it written in that they are protecting race, color, religion. Lindseigh Picard asked if the social media policy is for all 23 departments. Its should be listed in the policy the departments/committees that will be included. Also recommends a committee being created. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to recess the hearing for 3 weeks to August 26th. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1. Selectman Stephens asked Natalie if the copy of edits she draft could be sent to SWRPC. Natalie stated yes as long as she was cc'd in on the email.

Denis Murphy II- Town Moderator gave the board an update on the September and November elections. The School Board voted on 7/16 to allow both elections to be held at the school. The Select Board will need to post a notice that the elections have been moved to the school. Selectman Kilanski made a motion to move both elections to the school. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Denis will be looking to purchase a 10 x 20 tent for curbside voting. The State of NH will be providing PPE for all city & towns. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to that for the September & November election mask shall be worn. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to hire 603 Roofing to replace the shingles at the Ashuelot Fire Station. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to purchase 8 new Tablets up to \$600 with the GOFERR Grant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion fails 3-2.

Fourth order of business Board comment:

Selectman Marsh stated that the Town Beach was tested last month, and the result were good. Selectman Marsh asked Lindseigh if the School was meeting to discuss the reopening of the school year. Lindseigh stated that they are meeting Friday 8/7 to review the draft guidelines the reopening committee have put together. Selectman Marsh stated that the Governor has set aside 50 million dollars for broadband and has asked Karey to reach out to SWRPC for assistance. Selectman Marsh would like to get a legal response on how to move forward on the old fire truck the town sold over 2 years ago. Karey stated a certified was mailed along with a check refunding his payment. There has been zero response.

Selectman Rokes said that Peter from Monadnock Disposal asked if they had authority to turn people away if they don't have a sticker. The board agreed that they do have the authority. The board would like to see a glass container back. The container was removed because it was being contaminated with other material. The board feels that it needs to be monitored.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

John Riedell asked if the board can help taxpayers by putting their property in current use. Selectman Marsh stated that there is a minimum of 10 acres to qualify. John said that you could group owners' properties together. Selectman Marsh stated no, current use doesn't not allow different property owners to group their properties together. John asked how the hiring process was going for a new officer. Selectman Kilanski said that the PD is doing background checks. John asked if the pay range for an officer was low compared to other towns or closer to the middle. Selectman Marsh stated closer to the middle.

Lindseigh stated where we were on the COVID spending. I asked 6 weeks if you weren't going to go with some of the recommendation of the town employees' that you put together a list of what you would do with those funds. How much have we spent and if the board talked about what they could do to protect the community. Or do you plan on leaving \$100,000 on the table. Karey stated that Rikki tracks the money spent. The 1st reimbursement request was for \$1,700 and the 2nd was around \$3,800. Lindseigh asked the total that the town was given. Karey stated \$102,000. Lindseigh said that it sounds like the board could come up with some additional opportunities to protect the citizens and the employees. I am concerned that if you haven't taken any advantage of the funds or enough of the funds it possibly looks like we don't need them, or you might not receive any funds in the future. Lindseigh asked what the cost of the Ashuelot Fire Station roof replacement was and if the funds were coming from the encumbered funds for the Ashuelot Fire Station. Karey stated \$13,000 for the roof and yes, the encumbered funds will be used.

Jennifer Riedell said that you are looking at broadband, but it will take 2 years before its in place. You just can turn it on. It's the same with anything that you are purchasing you will be waiting for it. The long you put off the technology we need to work meeting remotely the longer you will be waiting. We will not have it. Selectman Marsh said we are just learning about the broad band and we trying to get our name on the list. We have to start somewhere.

John Picard stated it's not just about what the select board wants, its about what the town wants. They have spoken multiple times.

Amanda Lunt asked the board about the upcoming school year with remote learning and the busing issues. Selectman Kilanski stated that these questions are for the School Board.

Natalie Quevedo asked if the board called in people for a meeting with back taxes. Selectman Rokes stated that it is non-public. Selectman Kilanski said a few weeks ago we had meeting with residents. Natalie asked how many. Selectman Kilanski asked the ones that were scheduled, all of them. Selectman Rokes said there was 3 or 4. Natalie asked how many are paying their agreement. Selectman Kilanski said the people who feel behind on their payments were the ones that came in. Natalie stated that's not what she has seen.

Mike Coope asked if Selectman Marsh would sit on the Heritage Commission as the Selectmen's Rep. Selectman Kilanski made a motion to appoint Selectman Marsh as Selectmen's Rep to the Heritage Commission Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Mike Coope suggested that the board not use Chromebooks. Selectman Kilanski said that a few weeks ago he changed it to tablets. Mike stated that he could get a list of recommendations.

Rick Meleski gave the board an update on the end of Richmond Rd project and that it is was finished. The week of Aug 17th the Richmond Rd water main project will be starting. Lastly, they will be doing some paving next week to repair the areas where there were water breaks. Selectman Stephens thanked the water dept for a great job and thanked Leonard Lawrence Excavator's.

Fifth order of business: Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under c & e. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. A roll call vote was taken, and members vote "yes" individually, and the board convenes in non-public at 8:42pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:00pm.

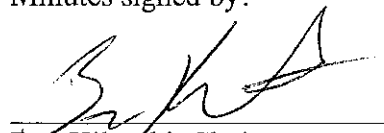
Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to seal the minutes under a & e. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

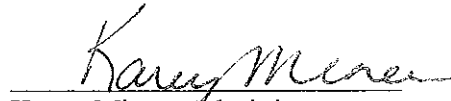
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 9:03pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator