



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
June 12, 2019

Board members present: Roberta Heinonen, Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Captain Ford, Chief Tollett and Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Minutes

The board reviews the minutes of 6-5-19 for approval. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Stacy Cibula with The Monadnock Conservancy is here to speak to the board and their support. The Monadnock Conservancy is working with Bruce and Jenny Wooster of Picadilly Farm in Winchester to permanently conserve their farm. Picadilly Farm is a 74-acre vegetable operation on South Parrish Road. This certified organic farm provides Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares to 1,000 households in NH, MA, and VT and sells produce from their farm store and at other local retailers. A conservation easement would be in place to protect Picadilly Farm. This is a permanent deed restriction which limits future development of the land, but allows it to be used for agriculture, forestry, and recreation. The land remains in private ownership and is still subject to property taxes. The conservation easement "runs" with the land forever, meaning that the Wooster's and all future owners must abide by its terms. In essence, the easement will prevent the land from being developed for residential purposes. We are exploring a variety of public and private funding sources, including LCHIP, to cover these costs. Selectman Marsh asked if solar would be allowed on the property. Stacy stated that yes, any renewable energy is permitted. John Hann Thanked the board, Monadnock Conservancy and the Wooster's for being receptive to the project. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion that the Town of Winchester, enthusiastically supports the Monadnock Conservancy's efforts to conserve the 72-acre Picadilly Farm on South Parrish Road in Winchester and encourages the LCHIP Review Board to provide funding support to this project. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the firework permits for:

Barb Porter	35 Snow Rd	6/22	8:30-11pm	
David Boisvert	401 Keene Rd	7/4 & 7/6	Dusk-11pm	
Chris Steadman	89 Back Ashuelot Rd	7/4	8:45-9pm	7/5
Forest Lake Campground	331 Keene Rd	7/5	9:30-11pm	7/13
Mike Thibodeau	140 Bolton Rd	7/6	6-11pm	

Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a sewer abatement for pool filling for Smith-\$43.61, Eddy-\$21.99 & Gusan-\$15.77 and 116 Keene Rd. for a over charge on flat fee water-\$30 & sewer-\$55. Bills were

paid at the time the Tax deeded property was redeemed on Tamarack Cir-\$144.41/water, \$345.11/sewer & \$211/taxes. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the reimbursement from the State of NH Land Division for the Pisgah State Park in the amount of \$8,146.50. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a tax abatement for town owned land in the amount of \$19.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a tax abatement for map 32 lot 13-19 in the amount of \$273.00 and approve the elderly exemption. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

NHDES informed the town that Beach Program will not be performing the yearly testing for the months of June, July & August. Forest Lake is identified as a "clean criteria" freshwater beach. The board agreed to test the water for the months of June, July & August and hire EAI Labs.

The board reviewed the proposal for the Conant Library roof from Arnold Fish Contracting. The total submitted was for \$13,700.00. \$2,800 is for the granite stairs on the side facing the park. Selectman Heinonen stated it is low compared to the others. The board tabled to review the other proposals together to make sure they are apples to apples.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve M&L Paving in the amount of \$5,000 & Mitchell Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$4,200 from the water account. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a request from Church Steeple capital reserve account in the amount of \$4,500- Scully Architects. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Amy asked the board to move with-in the budget the following lines: Backgrounds Checks to Personal Admin, Drug Testing to Personal Admin, Town Report to General Gov't, Audit to General Gov't, Cemetery water to General Gov't and Landfill water to General Gov't. Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve Amy's request. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Leustek let everyone know the Music in the Park Series Thursday. Due to the rain it will held at ELM Center.

Selectman Heinonen asked if the plans are finished. Selectman Kilanski stated that he and the Architect went Sunday to the Ashuelot Fire Station to review the space. Drawings should be done at the end of the week.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Mike Coope asked if there was any movement on the Solar for the Tannery Site. Karey stated that she spoke with Encore and sent changes/concerns on the agreement. Mike ask about Dunkin Donuts. Selectman Heinonen stated the appeal was denied but now has 30 days to file with Supreme Court. Mike brought up a point on why fund the church steeple project if the clock is not working. Selectman Kilanski said he has spoken to Brain.

Rick reminded the board that the screw press is at the plant if anyone would like to come over to see the process.

Mike Coope asked the board if they could announce or display the awards that the departments receive. Possibly an open house or the farmers market. Selectman Heinonen and Selectman Kilanski said at town deliberative they could announce them. Karey stated that she does put them on the website.

Captain Ford let the board know that the SOG's are finished. Also asked if the board considered running the PT Ambulance as of July 1st. The board will look at the motion.

Chief Tollett let the board know the New Police Vehicle will be delivered June 28th. Then will be dropped off to be outfitted. The DARE program held their 5th grade graduation. The County Office is very pleased with the Winchester's PD cases. Selectman Leustek asked when would the traffic study be available. Chief was not sure how long for them to put a report together.

Mike Coope asked if the board consider the Internet/cable for the Ashuelot Fire Station. Selectman Heinonen stated no not yet. We need to have the plans 1st.

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

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a, 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 7:46pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:10pm.

Selectman Heinonen makes a motion to seal the minutes under (e). Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

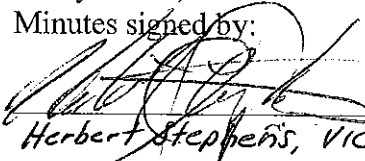
The board approved hiring Tanya Bushey-Ambulance, Brendan Bosquet-PT Police Officer and Sherry Willard-Deputy Welfare Director.


Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:


Herbert Stephens, Vice Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator