

Town of Winchester
Minutes
Board of Selectmen
3-18-20

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes, Sr., and Gloria Leustek. Others present, Margaret Sharra, LUA.

This meeting is being streamed live and Selectmen Marsh & Stephens did not want to be filmed.

First order of business: Election of officers. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to keep the same as last year: Ben Kilanski as Chairman, Herb Stephens as V. Chairman and Planning Board Rep, Ben Kilanski to Budget Committee, Gloria Leustek to the RED Committee and add Ben Kilanski to the Beach Committee. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion for Jack Marsh to be the Selectman's rep on the HDC. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Selectman Kilanski informs the few residents present that the town is here to help in this time of emergency. They have taken public comment off the agenda. They ask for residents to email or call in their questions and comments. Other boards and committees will only meet for time sensitive projects. The Town Clerk is offering curb side service, online registration or by mail and payment of bills. This cuts down on public traffic. The Business office will only be entered by department heads and the BOS. All other documents can be left at the table by the door. Please call prior to drop off.

The town is keeping track of any purchase regarding the virus. There is a file started where the Federal government will be partially reimbursing these expenses. He also explains how the town's attorney recommend no public comment and some type of public broadcast. This is why he asked Natalie to come and stream the meeting live. Mike Coope offers to bring trustees document to Ken when necessary. Selectman Kilanski welcomes James Roke's Sr. on as the new Selectman.

The Health Officer Sharra gives a report. In summary; the Governor has broad powers. Info was given to law enforcement relating to enforcement procedures. It is clear let's educate person and only if necessary enforce civil and criminal charges. The state is working on the issue with the homeless population with COVID-19. There were more discussions on 91-A and to limit meetings or postpone when you can. More info should be released tomorrow. She suggests holding BOS outdoors when the weather is good and changing the time to an earlier start. The state is working on protocol changes for the first responders and there are very limited supplies of PPE's and test swabs. The Governor has issued 7 orders to date including closing schools, bars and restaurants (take out only), and limiting gathering of persons to 50. COVID-19 updates will be posted to the town website, and the PD & Winchester Star facebook. The town did send out a mailing to all residents on Tuesday which she believes was helpful. Some residents have asked for more information.

Third order of business: Minutes

Selectmen Leustek makes a motion the approve the minutes of 3/11/20, Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 4-0-1. Selectmen Rokes abstains.

Fourth order of business: Business

Timber tax levy for map 7 lot 42 is \$441.77. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve, Selectman Leustek seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

State of NH Forest Fire reimbursement in the amount of \$139.15. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve, Selectman Leustek seconds. The motion carries 4-0. Selectman Kilanski recuse himself because he is a fireman.

Requisition for the Ambulance fund to pay Rescue Inc. in the amount of \$350. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve, Selectman Leustek seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Requisition from Monadnock Fire Alarm to do repairs to the mother board and smoke detectors in the amount of \$4088. The alarm system is not operating as it should. Selectmen Kilanski says the building must have working fire alarm panel. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve and for it to be paid from General Government Buildings. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Fifth order of business: Other

Selectman Marsh has said over the last few weeks that he would like Mike Coope to help the board with their technology decisions. Mike agreed. Selectman Marsh makes a motion for Mike Coope to be the town's liaison to technology. Selectman Leustek seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek asks for an update on the steeple. Selectman Kilanski says there is no update since last week.

Selectman Rokes asks if we are going to change the time and location of the BOS meetings as suggested. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to hold the BOS meetings at 5pm and be outside, weather permitting. Selectman Leustek seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Margaret asks the board their opinion about WSP practicing with less that 50 participants. They have no problem signing the permit. WSP will needs to comply with the regulations as set by our Governor. Selectman Kilanski thinks it is a good idea to discuss this with town counsel.

Selectman Kilanski announces that our restaurants will be offering takeout and delivery and asks residents to support local businesses. He also announces that Pastor Worrall will be conducting a prayer service on Sunday afternoons by the gazebo.

The Health Officer asks the board to discuss about nominating a deputy health officer. They will discuss that in non-public.

Sixth order of business: Non-public under RSA 91-A:3II (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to enter non-public session under (a)& (c). Selectman Marsh seconds. The motion carries 5-0. A roll call vote is taken, and all members vote yes individually. The board convenes in non-public at 7:44pm.

Seventh order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:15pm. As motioned by Selectman Marsh and Seconded by Selectman Stephens. The motion carries.

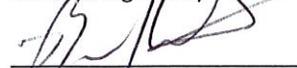
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to seal the minutes under (a), seconded by Selectman Stephens. A roll call vote was taken and all voted yes individually.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Leustek. Motion carries 5-0. 8:17pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Margaret Sharra, LUA 

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chair