



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470
**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, June 3, 2020

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

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 5/27/20 & 5/29/20. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a sewer abatement for map 25 lot in the amount of \$44.18 and a water abatement for map 19 lot 8 in the amount of \$175.39. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the firework permits for the 215 Scotland Rd. for June 10th and July 4th. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Board added an end time of 11pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the TAN form Savings Bank of Walpole in the amount of \$1,000,000. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve NE Sweetwater & Distillery permit for outside seating until the Distillery can reopen to allow seating inside. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-1-1. All items will be removed at the end of the day, all items will not impede the sidewalk & all items will presentable.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the Evergreen Expendable Care Fund capital in the amount of \$1,000-Town of Winchester and \$290-Kathryns Florist. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to purchase 40cases of paper @27.25 each =\$1,090 and to store it at the school. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Ambulance Billing fund to CAG in the amount of \$637.86. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Ambulance Billing fund to DiLuzio Ambulance in the amount of \$13,656.29. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the cleaning of the wet wells at the sewer plant in the amount \$4,000 by J & S Development. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the Tax Deed back to map 20 lot 7. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to re-open public comment starting 6/13/2020. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski read a list of questions that were received by email.

1. How long will the Select Board continue to prohibit public comment at their meetings?
Selectman Kilanski stated this will be the last week.
2. And why? The Select Board members do not wear masks, they don't sit 6 feet away and they have not made an effort to introduce telephonic or live meetings for public involvement, why continue to not allow live public comment. Selectman Kilanski stated the board members are around each other daily and just like the Governor's recommendation with families and we can't make them stay 6ft away with people you live with or work with. It's all a recommendation at the end of the day and your comfort. We have kept the chairs 6ft apart for the public. Karey had done research on livestream the meetings. Up until this week and last week we haven't found any other volunteers to help us out and we don't have money to hire someone. Last week we saw the sound quality from taping with a cell phone is terrible. The meeting has been open to the public and with the approval from our legal council we closed the public comment to shorten the meetings and to shorten the time that people were inside the building.
3. With the recent assessments returned I have heard from several people noting their assessment is higher than their appraisal; how will the Select Board address this issue? Selectman Kilanski said the letters that were received state that it is a preliminary. The town contracts with Avitar to do a town wide assessment every 4 years. There is an option to setup a time to ask question/concerns on their assessments.
4. What actions might you take to help raise the appraisal value of our properties so that residents may actually be able to sell their homes for the value the town is taxing them on? Selectman Kilanski stated what the Select Board can do is help promote things that can lower the tax rate such as businesses. The board has fully supported the Stone Mt Business Park and any business that come before the board. Also, members of the public that have applied for the 79E the board has approved all of those. Not sure what else the board can do to help a homeowner with their home appraisals to match the assessment.
5. Will the Select Board be doing any kind of year-end review of their budget? There have been several items recently purchased, such as a new police cruiser, and comments about lettering the police cruisers, how are these purchases being addressed in the budget? Selectman Kilanski said the board does a week review of the budget. Amy-finance dept sends copies to the board and dept heads. This week's budget shows 3 weeks left we should be at 5.76 % and we currently are at 9.21%. The cruiser was a donation from Swanzey and will need to be painted. The PD is short and Officer so we will be using that line item to pay for the painting and lettering. This way we can have it in service now instead of waiting until next year.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Rokes would like the board to start looking at the reviews. Selectman Rokes asked for another Selectman to go with Dale and himself to Verry Brook Rd to inspect the road. Selectman Kilanski stated he would go. Selectman Rokes stated that he would like to purchase 2 new 42' custom doors from Perkins for the Highway. \$1056 for the doors and \$150 for the hardware. The 2 doors that were purchased are only 36' house doors not industrial doors. Selectman Rokes made a motion the purchase the doors. Selectman Kilanski 2nd the motion for discussion. Selectman Marsh said the doors need to be replaced because they are not energy efficient. The 36' doors would work we would just need to frame them. Why spend the extra money on the doors when we have road projects that need to be done. Selectman Leustek asked if we had a 2nd quote. Selectman Rokes stated no. Selectman Marsh said lets table it and get another quote.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to reopen the Town Hall on Monday June 8th with guideline, 6ft markers on floor, one way in and one way out and still offer curbside. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh asked Chief Kellom to set up a time to meet with DiLuzio to revisit the contract. Chief Kellom stated that he would schedule a meeting. Also added that as of November 11th there should be no charges for transports. Only for Intercepts and non-payments. Selectman Marsh asked to see the call volume. Chief Kellom stated he could get that number from CAG.

Karey stated that Aqua-Tech Compliance Services contacted the town about testing Forest Lake again this year. The board agreed to test June, July and Aug.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

N/A

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 b & c. 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 7:35pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:34pm.

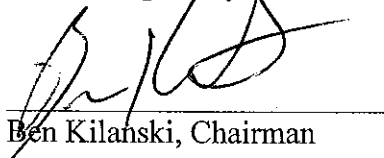
Selectman Rokes makes a motion to seal the minutes under c. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to adjourn at 8:36pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

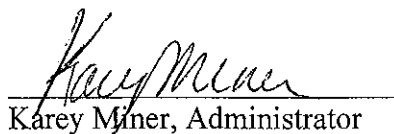
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator