

# Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

## Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday October 10, 2018

**Board members present:** Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, Roberta Fraser and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Amy Bond, Rick Meleski, Dick Lapoint, Margaret Sharra and Dale Gray.

### First order of business: Budget Work Session

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:10 for a work session with Thayer Library, Cemetery and Emergency Management. Selectman Stephens & Fraser will be late.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the **Emergency Management** budget for \$16,221. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

Sherry Willard & Bill McGrath were present on behave of the Evergreen Cemetery. The labor line increased based on a 30-hour week, the phone line increased due to adding internet at the cemetery, the water line increased to cover the yearly bills and uniforms increased because the new employees are using the service. Bill asked if the board will be hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> laborer for next year. Selectman Marsh stated that the board would need to discuss that. Sherry stated that it would be better to break out the labor line to show each employee. The board agreed. Selectman Kilanski stated that the board will review the labor line and have Cemetery back to finalize the budget.

Thayer Library Trustee present their budget. The budget has increased due to repairs to the build. Selectman Marsh stated that the building is owned by the town and any repairs to the building are not put into the operating budget. It would be a warrant article. Selectman Kilanski asked why the propane line increased so much. Kim stated that last year was the 1<sup>st</sup> full year with the new system and the total cost was \$5,700 last year. Selectman Kilanski asked the trustees to look at other companies for pricing on propane. The board asked the library to make some changes on the budget and let Karey know when its complete and we will revisit the budget.

## Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 10-3-18 for approval. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Margaret was asked by the board to consult with legal-Bart on whether the town should consider accepting a "gift" of land from the Waldschmidt's on Old Spofford Road. Bart did draft a contract but want to remind the town that we do have the right to expect the developers to pay for road improvements. The Waldschmidt's are not in that position. The estimated value of the land, the Waldschmidt's having it logged and subdividing the land is about \$30,000. Bart did state that impact fees for any building permits for new homes past the section on Old Spofford Rd. could be assessed. Margaret said that in her research the original subdivision from 1978 was never recorded. The town has recognized the subdivision at least since 1986. The planning board minutes from 1978 stated that the PB made a condition that no building permits would be issued until the road was improved. The Waldschmidt's understand the town's position but are limited on what they can do financially and the capability of doing the road themselves. We know that it would be cheaper for the town to do the work than hiring a company. Acquiring this land is a benefit to the town. Margaret asked the board to continue to support this gift of land and for the highway department to do the job. The PB will still need to review the plan and make a decision. The board agreed to support the project.

The board will hold a public hearing on 4 Police Grants totaling \$7,364 on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to sign the State of NH letter acknowledging Nov 6<sup>th</sup> as an Election Day. Selectman Stephens second the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski, Fraser & Stephens will be present for the election during the day and Selectman Leustek will come in the afternoon.

Trick-or-Treat will be Wednesday 10/31/18 from 5-8pm.

Encore Energy has looked at the option of adding a solar array on the 2<sup>nd</sup> AC Lawrence property. They are concerned with the closed landfill and the wooded area could add some cost. But thinks it could be possible to add 400KW, to make the total project 1.4KW. Selectman Kilanski asked Karey to call and let Encore know that the area is not wooded and see if it could be made larger.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to sell 40 & 41 Kapper Drive to the park owner after the outstanding taxes are paid. Selectman Marsh second the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Stephens added that the 1 property is in very bad shape and it would cost more to remove the mobile home.

#### The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve to hire Jeff Carter to do the concrete work to the wastewater treatment plant garage in the amount of \$7,250 from sewer capital reserve. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

#### Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski said Saturday October 13, 2018 is Touch a Truck at Market Basket. Selectman Fraser added that there is also will be trick or truck that benefits the Hundred Nights Shelter.

#### Fourth order of business Public comment:

Mike Coope handed out a list of all the street lights that are not working. The board thanked Mike for helping. Mike also asked about the stop sign on Duso Rd. There was a discussion several months back, what was the board's decision? The board stated that they will not be removing the stop sign.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (c & e). Selectman Fraser 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 7:30 pm.

## Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 7:55pm.

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

Budget Committee will meet October 16, 2018 at 7pm @ the Town Hall.

The board agreed no merit or cola increases for 2019-2020.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by

Ben Kilanski, Chairman

Karey Miner, Administrator