



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday
September 26, 2018**

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, Roberta Fraser and Gloria Leustek. Also, present LT Tollett, Margaret Sharra and Dale Gray.

First order of business: Work Session

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:34 for a work session with Mark Tigan-WEDC. Mark gave the board an update on the progress of Stone Mt Business Park. WEDC should hopefully know if they were awarded the US EDA grant by the end of the month. Solar Garden's project has been delayed due to several issues, including the Governor's veto of legislation clarifying/expanding the 1-megawatt cap per "premise". Also the developer is in an on-going dispute with West coast investors. Depending on the US EDA grant, WEDC has a plan B with NH Community Loan for a mortgage loan to fund infrastructure to the first lots and market the lots. Another option would be market the property as is without the infrastructure with commercial brokers. The board thanked Mark & WEDC for their hard work.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 9-12-18 for approval. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the deed release back to the owners for map 36 lot 3 and map 25 lot 16. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Leustek made a motion to approve Granite State Mineral for winter salt in the amount of \$60,000. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Just over 1000 ton.

Intent to cut was submitted for 8/69-1, 69-1-1 & 69-1-2.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve a tax abatement for map 3 lot 31 in the amount of \$316.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Encore Renewable Energy sent an email thanking the board for meeting with them. Encore would like to move forward with the solar on AC Lawrence property even though the veto was not overridden. Karey had asked if they would look at using the 2nd AC Lawrence lot for a solar array. They stated that would be happy to look at it and let us know if there is a possibility for solar on that lot. Margaret added that the board could subdivide the 1st lot to add a bigger array.

Budget Committee will meet October 2, 2018 at 7pm @ the Town Hall.

The board approved to post the Highway position for 2 weekends and applications are due 10/10/18.

The board approved the request for proposal bid worksheet for the Conant Library roof and to post.

The Cranberry Bog Culvert wetlands permit was approved by DES.

Margaret is asking the board to consider accepting 2 acres of land from the Waldschmidt's on Old Spofford Road. Mr. Waldschmidt's met with the Planning Board last week to discuss a subdivision. During discussion the Waldschmidt's offered land to the town. The Planning Board supports the proposal. The property abuts the town road where there is a sharp narrow curve on a hill. The offer is so the town can upgrade this section of road. Dale has expressed his issues with the area and would like to be able to work on widening, straighten and fix the drainage on this section to make it safer and passable for 2 vehicles. This would be a large project but could be worked on over the several years. Margaret added that this land would be a benefit to the town and the property owners that live on Old Spofford Rd. The board would hold a public hearing to accept the land. The board agreed to have Bart review the offer and draft a contract. The board is in favor of this acquisition.

The board read Dick Thackston letter of support for repairing the sidewalk. Margaret and Dale had spoken to Mr. Thackston and he stated that he would like to do some repairs to his own foundation while that section will be open, and the town has no liability if there is damage to the building. Selectman Kilanski asked what the cost would be to repair this section. Dale stated \$2,000. Selectman Fraser made a motion to repair the section of sidewalk with a signed contract from Mr. Thackston releasing liability from the town. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1 with Bart's approval. Selectman Marsh would like the contract to also state, "any loss income that may occur".

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

N/A

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski attended the NH Fire & EMS Committee of Merit award ceremony for Dick Lapoint in Concord. Both Dick Lapoint and Leonard Lawrence received awards for 55 years of service.

Selectman Leustek reminded everyone the Bridge Dinner is this Saturday 29th. Jason asked Dale to Clean the bridge. The bridge will be closed Thursday 9/27 from 9-12 for cleaning.

Dale informed the board the grader is broken and is being shipped out for repairs.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Mike Doherty asked the board where they stood on hiring a Police Chief. The board stated they are in the process. Mike said that the board would be doing a disservice to the towns people and themselves if they don't hire Mike Tollett as Chief.

Chris Steadman would like the board to know that he supports Mike as Police Chief. He has worked with Mike on emergency scenes and was impressed. Also, wanted to speak on how important it is to promote from within. Chris stated that he had been to meetings where it's been talked about how difficult it is retaining qualified police officers. When you are promoting from within you giving your current employees a career track.

Ken Cole stated that it's hard to hear everyone when they speak and would like to hear what Dale has to say.

Mike Coope asked Margaret a question on the definition of "premise" and is there anything in writing from Eversource stating what it is. Margaret said I don't have a document to clearly answer your question. But the definition is one lot. Whether it's 1 acre or 10 acres. Mike last week asked about bagged leaves being disposed at the Transfer Station. The bags at Home Depot are compostable leave bags. Mike has sent the information Karey to pass along to Dale to review. Dale said that there is no way to regulate the type of bags are being used or what is in the bags. It would be up to the board. Selectman Kilanski stated he would look at the information Mike had given Karey.

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 (a, c & e). Selectman Fraser 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 7:27 pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:17 pm.

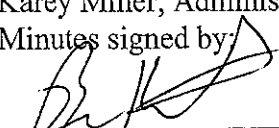
The board hired Bryan Jalava on as full-time.

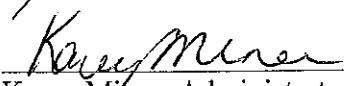
Selectman Fraser makes a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator