



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
May 16, 2018

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

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7 pm he board reviews the minutes of 5-9-18 for approval. Selectmen Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Second order of business: New Business

Water & Sewer Warrant for the 2018 2nd Q billing was received in the amount of W-\$64,770.85 & S-\$82,275.91. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the warrant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0

Dale asked the board to approve 2 projects: #1 is requesting sealed bids to mill approx 1 ½ inch depth, Approx. 7,521 square yards of Swan St., Union St. & Parker St., tack minimum of .02% gallons per sq yard, pave approx 650 tons of ½ top, traffic control & sweeping. Bids by 4:00pm on June 4, 2018 and Bids opened during the Select Board meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00pm. #2 is requesting sealed bids to Reclaim, Chloride, Fine Grade Approx. 17,700 square yards of S. Parrish, S. Scofield Mt. & Broad Brook Rd. Bids by 4:00pm on June 4, 2018 and Bids opened during the Select Board meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:00pm. Selectman Fraser asked what Dale had in his budget. Dale stated that as of July \$331,000 and these 2 project are well under that. Rick added that if the project on Union St is approved Dale and him spoke about putting a new water main in at the same time. The estimated cost would be \$25,000, Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Dale's 2 projects. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Dale let the board know is also getting prices for shimming Old Westport Rd.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve All States contract to lock the price in at \$1.16 per gal for calcium. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to lock in the price and sign the contract. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve Forestry Payroll in the amount of \$66.64. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1

Gravel tax was submitted by map 15 lot 20 in the amount of \$20. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Intent to excavate for map 15 lot 20.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve the sewer abatement in the amount of \$31.07. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Firework permits have been received for: Mike Thibodeau –Bolton Rd on 7/7 @9:00-11pm. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the firework permits. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion passes 5-0.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve Avitar's recommendations for Charitable, Religious & Educational Exemptions for United Church. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

N/A

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Fraser stated that last week the board voted to line the race track for Larry and was informed that it is not being done. Selectman Stephens stated that the highway department was having a fit that we were doing a private job on private land. So Selectman Stephens told Dale to forget it. He didn't want turmoil and negativity out at the highway. Selectman Fraser stated that the board made the decision, it's not up to the highway department whether they do it or not. Selectman Stephens stated that he ask to have it done. Selectman Fraser said you can't cancel it because the highway said they weren't going to do it. It is not up to the highway dept. Dale did the highway department say they were not going to do it. Dale said they did not say they weren't going to do it. Selectman Fraser asked were they complaining about it. They can bring their concerns to the board. The board as a whole made that decision. Selectman Stephens added that there is a lot of discontent out at the highway and other boards. Everyone is negative and they find ways to create problems. Selectman Fraser stated that it is up to the supervisor to bring it to the board. Then the board can discuss it in non public. When the board makes a motion to do something it is up to the highway to do it. Selectman Marsh stated that he has been a supporter of not doing work on private property and voted against the project on Main St. In this case, I didn't look at it as work, but as volunteer, like when the Fire Dept fills up pools for a donation to the Fire Dept. Selectman Fraser asked if this something we need to discuss in non public. Is there an issue with personnel at the highway dept, because we will not discuss it in public. Dale said I think you know the answer to that. Selectman Fraser said then we need to take into non public. Selectman Kilanski asked Selectman Stephens if Larry had found anyone to do the job. Selectman Stephens said that he hadn't told Larry the board approved it because this all erupted. So I said forget it. Selectman Fraser said you can't make that decision as a board member. Larry could ask us not to do the line. Selectman Stephens said that he asked not Larry. Selectman Fraser said so you ask on Larry's behalf. Selectman Kilanski said it

sounds like he is also canceling on behalf of Larry also. Selectman Fraser said on his own decision. It was not brought to Larry. It was because you didn't want to deal with the highway dept. Selectman Stephens said he did bring it to Larry and he knew why we weren't going to do it.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Stacy Corliss has a couple of issues. One being the painting of the race track. Stacy stated that they are a business in town and didn't realize that we are in the business of lending out our equipment for private jobs. For Chan to come to the board is a conflict, you work for the race track. Jack your son races at the track. Roberta I believe you have taken free tickets to get into the race track. That is a gratuity and that shouldn't happen. When I come and vote for a budget, I don't expect that my tax money is going towards private places. My tax money is to run the town. I don't understand why the town feels they have the right to use the tax payer's money for private jobs. Selectman Stephens asked why all these years we have been filling up swimming pools for people and that's towns equipment we are using. Stacy said the Selectman didn't do anything about it. Selectman Stephens asked why are you separating the two. Stacy said I'm separating the two because in case you don't realize the tax rate in this town has gone sky high. People can't afford it. You guys are irresponsible spending. Who is going to fix it if it breaks? Dale how much was that, \$7,000 that the tax payers paid for that equipment to use on town jobs not personal jobs. I would think that the board would be a little more responsible with the tax money goes in this town. If you start adding all the small jobs up people would see a difference in their taxes. My second question, the water & sewer department is that tax funded by tax payers or by user fees. Selectman Kilanski stated that is user fees. Stacy said that she just heard that a water/sewer project will be done and I am assuming that the highway will be helping on that. Dale confirmed they would help. Stacy asked if there is a swap in funds between the 2 departments. The highway department is strictly out of tax money and water/sewer you just told me is out of user fees. Stacy asked Karey to please have that noted in the minutes. Is there a monetary transfer between the 2 departments when one dept helps another dept.? Are funds transferred? Selectman Fraser stated no, we have has an legal opinion on that. Stacy said its tax payer money. Selectman Fraser said we do not have to. Selectman Kilanski added that our auditors are aware of it, especially when plowing and they don't have an issue. Stacy said she doesn't see how that is appropriate. The tax payers vote on a certain amount of money. I would think if the highway is working with the water/sewer with tax payer's money that the water/sewer would have to reimburse the highway and vice versa. Selectman Fraser that it had been done like that in the past and then our auditors and attorney agreed that it is all beneficial to the town as a whole, so we didn't have to break it out. Stacy said she doesn't understand that and would do some research on it. Its two separate funds, tax payer and user fees. Selectman Fraser stated she wasn't going to agree, but if you have a concern and you think we are doing something wrong we would absolutely fix it. Stacy stated the issue right now is using tax payer money on private property. For you to single out the highway department, I am sure Dale heard it from the highway dept because he told them what the board had decided to do. But it's not just the highway dept. Selectman Fraser asked Stacy what she meant by it's not just the highway dept. Stacy said I'm not here to represent the highway, my husband works for the highway department. I'm here as a taxpayer. Selectman Fraser said we have listened to your concerns. But the personnel issue at the highway is a personnel issue. Stacy said for you to sit and make it out as a personnel issue when it is really the point of the board approving person things. Selectman Fraser asked as an employee for the town do they have the right to say no when the board had made a decision. Stacy said are they tax payers. Selectman Fraser said they are also an employee. Stacy asked if it was going to be done during working hours or after hours. When was the order given to do this? Selectman Stephens said after hours. Selectman Fraser said it wasn't the whole highway dept. We approved Brandon to go

do it using the equipment and Larry was going to pay him. Stacy now there is another issue, so now we have town property being used for personal job and someone will benefit from that. Selectman Fraser that was explained last week and we gave the approval. Stacy stated it was a very pore decision and you are spending irresponsibly. Selectman Stephens added that the track helps supports the town. Stacy said so doesn't Kulick's Market, A-1 and other businesses in town. Selectman Stephens said if they came and asked maybe we would do it for them. They have to come and ask. Bonnie Class asked if Larry came in and asked? Selectman Stephens said that he came and asked for Larry. Bonnie added that Larry should have come in and asked and you shouldn't be acting as 1 selectman. Selectman Stephens said that Donald works for the highway dept. Stacy asked did he ask to have the track lined. Selectman Stephens said no. Selectman Fraser asked was the highway told to line the track. Stacy said yes. Selectman Fraser asked if the whole highway dept. Selectman Stephens said of course not. Stacy stated that it still is using town equipment on private jobs. Selectman Fraser said that the whole highway dept. wasn't asked to do that. Stacy said it was Brandon that was going to be paid personally to use the town's equipment. Selectman Fraser asked what does that have to do with the rest of the highway dept? Stacy said I don't know ask Chan he said my husband works for the highway dept. What was your point on that? Selectman Stephens said if he wanted to do something it would be ok. Stacy said she didn't know he did private jobs. It is a business if you are in the business to do private jobs you should have Karey start a list. Selectman Stephens stated that it's made out to be a big thing and it nothing because it's not going to happen. Stacy stated that Roberta doesn't seem happy about the decision that it has been stopped. Selectman Stephens said he wasn't happy about it. Selectman Fraser said it's not that she wasn't happy about it being stopped. I just don't know how it happened when the board made a motion. Stacy asked did the board vote. Selectman Stephens said yes the board voted. Stacy asked how did everyone vote. Selectman Kilanski said 4 yes and 1 recued. Selectman Fraser stated her issue was not that it was right or wrong, but that it was stopped a when it was a board decision to do it. Stacy asked why was it going to be brought into a no public, so you have more of an issue. Selectman Fraser stated that she was told that the highway dept said no. Selectman Kilanski stated what Roberta said earlier was if it is a personnel issue we would discuss in non public. We didn't say we were going to discuss the painting project in non public. Stacy said she understood that, but Dale said she knows what the problem is. As a department head Dale should be protecting his equipment. He know when it's right to say no as well and he's not doing that either. Selectman Kilanski said we will discuss personnel in non public. Stacy said she was appalled that tax payer's money is being spent on private property. Selectman Fraser said as for your comment on taking tickets or gratuity I'm not sure what you mean by that. Stacy said she has seen Roberta at the track after she has paid her \$25 to get in. Selectman Fraser said she has been once when it was Selectmen's day when they lead the parade. I don't go to the race track.

Mike Coope asked the board last year to look at the towns Master Plan/CIP & long term projects so the Trustee's could have Charter Trust reevaluate the trust funds. The next meeting is in July. Selectman Kilanski stated that he would let them know before their July meeting.

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

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a & c & e). Selectman Leustek 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 8:04 pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:54 pm.

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

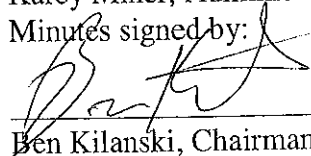
Selectman Kilanski stated there was no non public under e.

Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 8:58 pm Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

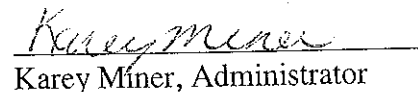
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator

