

Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting

Wednesday April 25, 2018

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Roberta Fraser, Herbert Stephens and Gloria Leustek. Also present Dick Lapoint Sr. and Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm. The board reviews the minutes of 4-18-18 for approval. Selectmen Fraser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Second order of business: Public Hearing

Selectman Fraser opens the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0 Notice is hereby given that the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Winchester Town Hall for the purpose of accepting the renewal on the Comcast Franchise Agreement. Mrs. Baker asked Eileen Leahy from Comcast about a senior discount. Eileen stated that it is not in the contract because Comcast does not offer a senior discount anymore. But last week Comcast has rolled out some new packages with reduced rates. Eileen said she would happy to help Mrs. Baker. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to sign the Comcast agreement. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business: New Business

Avitar made a recommendation to deny the PSNH abatement. Selectman Marsh made a motion to deny the abatement. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve the abatement for map 15 lot 34 in the amount of \$4,216.62. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Friday May 4th at 9am Jack Munn, Jeremy Miller and a Rep from the State Historical Office will be meeting to discuss the church steeple and the LCHIP Grant.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve a sewer abatement for map 20 lot 7 in the amount of \$24.61. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

J.B. Mack-SWRPC and Rodney Bartlett would like to have a 3-4 hour workshop using the AC Lawrence property as a case study and invite other towns to come. The board agrees to the workshop.

WEDC has asked the board to approve signing a letter that endorses the WEDC USDA application for a grant to market Stone Mt Business Park. Selectman Frazer makes a motion to approve signing the letter. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Leustek let the board know that the RED Committee also received a letter from WEDC and approved to sign it.

John Hann sent a letter to the board updating them on the Eversource wetland permit application. At this time they have removed from the application building a bridge over Pulpit Falls for now and hopefully will be seeking other routes.

An Intent to Excavate was submitted for map 4 lot 72-2, 9-36, 9-39-1 & 4-3.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve a Timber Tax for map 9 lot 11-10,11,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,23 in the amount of \$1,349.14 and map 6 lot 15 in the amount of 1,612.45. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Tata & Howard- Gary Leach would like to have work session on possible ways to increase the water/sewer rates and discuss taking aerial photos of the area for the possible waterline upgrades on May 2nd @6:00pm.

The Board tabled the MDS contract until next week.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the reimbursement of the Police Detail account in the amount of \$6,114.86. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0

Fourth order of business Board comment:

Selectman Leustek let the board know that Food Festival severed 170-180 people and Town Clean-up had more volunteers with a bag count of over 120. It was a huge success and the town hall was packed all day.

Selectman Kilanski was looking to find a donated basketball hoop for the Town Beach, but the person who had them has given them away.

Selectman Kilanski stated he had researched the part for the generator and thinks that Dick should go ahead and have it fixed by the person he has been in contacted with. The board agrees.

Fifth order of business Public comment:

Mike Coope asked about last week's letter the board received on dangerous trees on Richmond Rd. Where are they on Richmond Rd. Selectman Kilanski stated by George Whittle house and by Ronnie's Garage. Mike reminded the board that last year Jeremy Miller was going to remove the 3 large trees by the church. I'm not aware of why they were never taken down but at some point the Heritage Commission could help promote them being removed. Selectman Kilanski stated that the issue with the trees on Richmond Rd. is that they are on public property and they are in the State right of way. Mike asked would it be up to the building inspector to get involved if it a safety issue. Selectman Kilanski said because it is a State Road it would be an issue for the State.

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

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (c & e). 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 7:33 pm.

Seventh order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:00 pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve Mitchell Sand & Gravel tax abatement. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator Minutes signed by:

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Ben Kilanski, Chairman

Karey Miner, Administrator