



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

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**Minutes of the  
Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday  
February 14, 2018**

**Board members present:** Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Paul Morehouse Sr. and Roberta Fraser. Also present Dale Gray & Rick Meleski.

**First order of business: Public Hearing**

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00pm for a public hearing on Forest Lake Milfoil Management Grant. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. DES has awarded the town a grant in the amount of \$6,243 for the Milfoil Management at Forest Lake. Peter Eisenstadter has some concerns with the lake and the milfoil. At town deliberative he had asked if the campground had to have a permit. Mr. Eisenstadter stated that in the town zoning ordinance pg 53 it does say that every 5 years that campgrounds will be inspected and the permits renewed. Selectman Marsh stated that the campground is grandfathered. Town Zoning was put in place in 1974, the campground already existed. Mr. Eisenstadter asked if we could ask them to contribute to the clean-up. Selectman Fraser said we could send a letter asking for help. Selectman Marsh asked Karey if the Sportsmen Club has signs at the boat ramp. Karey stated yes there are signs there not sure what they say. Selectman Fraser adds that maybe large signs are needed. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to accept the grant. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

**Second order of business: Minutes & New Business**

The board reviews the minutes of 2-7-18 for approval. Selectmen Fraser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-1.

John Hann-Conservation Committee would like to inform the board that Eversource plans to install a permanent bridge over the gorge at Pulpit Rock. Eversource is not asking permission from the Town of Winchester, they are asserting the Transmission Line right-of-way allows it. Winchester purchased the Pulpit Falls land with a deed recorded condition "it to be kept entirely in its natural state" forever. John is asking the board to allow our Attorney to review a deed on property that the town owns near Pulpit Rock and the board how they feel about a permanent bridge being built over Pulpit Rock if the deed allows it. The board is not in favor of a permanent bridge and would like the attorney to review the deed. Selectman Kilanski and John will contact the attorney.

The board will hold a public hearing February 28<sup>th</sup> @7pm to accept an Asset Management Grant for the water/sewer department.

Selectman Fraser approves a raffle permit for the VFW for a NASCAR raffle. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the application for renewal of the groundwater management permit that McKibben Environmental, LLC created and for Karey to sign. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

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

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve from water capital reserve in the amount of \$5,235.50. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Dr Genovese from the Winchester School came to update the board on what has been going on at the school. Thanked Dale for removing the snow piles, which opened up more parking and Rick for coming to their meeting to discuss solar. The school submitted 5 grants applications, security cameras, shades for the windows for a lock down situation, shatter proof film for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows, replace old doors with fire proof doors and rebuild a vestibule that is outside. It will have 2 layers of locked doors and you will have to be buzzed in to enter into the school. The principal is working on an emergency management plan for the DOE. The school hired Ian Spencer the new director of faculties who has started this week. He has been busy going through the school and looking at what needs to be fixed and where money can be saved. A few months ago the school started to recognize our Keene High students that are serving as roll models, excelling in academics and sports. What we are hoping is that they will want to come back to talk to the kids and let them know there is a lot of opportunities to excel once they leave here. Dr Genovese was impressed with the budget committee and the level of detail and questions that were asked. The lighting incentive will be continuing through the school. They are looking at fixed costs and why the revenues have been decreasing from the state. Dr Genovese has invited Kaitlin Davis-DOE to meet on March 1<sup>st</sup>. She will look at Winchesters funding & revenues. Dr Genovese has also invited Senator Jay Kahn. Selectman Fraser asked why the Director of Faculty's position was filled this year. It was budgeted for next year's budget. If you had the money this year, why would you need to add funds to next year's budget. Dr Genovese stated that Donald retired and he was only part time. Also we looked at the grounds position and all the things that were not getting done and put them all into the Directors position. Selectman Fraser added that if you had the money this year there is no need to ask for more money in next year's budget. Selectman Fraser stated that next year when you are preparing the budget for the budget committee, just have the amounts you are requesting. We don't need to see amount that you originally want, not a dream budget where you show where you have cut. Dr Genovese stated that it's not a dream budget and next year we will start that process earlier so when we meet with the budget committee we have already made our cuts and only give you what our proposed budget is.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

N/A

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Peter Eisenstadter has some concerns with the recycling center. No one is paying attention to how things are being recycled. Things are being placed in the wrong containers. Recyclables are being tossed into the house hold trash containers. Selectman Fraser stated that this has been an issue on and off for years. We have spoken to MDS on these issues before and have met with the owner in the past and voiced our concerns. Selectman Kilanski would like to set up a meeting with the owner soon.

**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 (c & e), Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually and the board convenes in non-public at 7:45 pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:20 pm.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to seal the minutes under (e). Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator