



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
January 24, 2018

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, Paul Morehouse Sr. and Roberta Fraser. Also present Rick Meleski, Amy Bond Chief Kellom and Dale Gray.

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens meeting at 7:12 pm. Selectman Kilanski address the board about last week's meeting and the outburst. 1.) Going forward the arguing, shouting & finger pointing needs to stop, it's unprofessional. 2.) There are times where you might not know what is being discussed and need to ask some questions, stop and ask before we vote. 3.) If you feel you need recues yourself please do or you don't have enough information recues yourself from the vote.

The board reviews the minutes of 1-17-18 for approval. Selectmen Marsh makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Elisha Jackson sent a letter to the board letting them know she has resigned from the school. Elisha informed the board that all the school audits are complete including 2017. Also thanking the town for their support.

Margaret gave the board a report on the culverts. January 30, 2018 & February 6, 2018 Trout Unlimited will be hold a workshop at the Town Hall from 4-6pm.

The Town was awarded a DES matching grant in the amount of \$15,000 for Asset Management Planning. Rick stated that these funds will be for mapping the water/sewer system, finding areas for weakness and improvement. Jack Munn (grant writer) helped Rick with this grant.

Robert Patton-Spruill sent an email to the board supporting the Main St sidewalk project. He requested that there be a curb cut at the loading zone between 130 & 136 Main St.

Comcast has sent the contract for a signature. Very few changes were made and the line extension was added from Manning Hill & Curtiss Rd. Selectman Marsh would like the town attorney to review the contract. The board agreed.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Avitar's recommendation to rebate map 5 lot 119-\$90. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Rick sent a letter to the City of Keene and the Town of Hinsdale for their help on 2 water breaks the town had. Rick also thanked the Highway for their help too. Selectman Stephens asked Rick if he had looked at pricing for a jack hammer. Rick stated that he has 1 price from CAT of \$20,000 and will be

asking John Deer for a price also. Rick and Dale spoke about splitting the cost between both departments.

Chief Phillips asked the board to destroy out dated files for 2009-2010. Selectman Fraser made a motion to approve the request. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Tri-Town will be meeting 1/27/18 @9:30am at Pamela's Pantry and have asked the Selectmen from each town to come.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve water request from capital reserve in the amount of \$7,490 for Tata & Howard. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to revisit last week's motion on the adding Ambulance & Fire to the boot policy. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski had done some research and stated that there is a line item in the Ambulance budget for uniforms. Several years ago there was an article asking to raise the billing collection percentage to 80% Ambulance & 20% Town and in return going forward the Ambulance budget would decrease. Selectman Kilanski said their budget has increased each year and feels they could use the uniform line item to purchase the boots. Selectman Fraser said that her intent was not to cause issues and have this blow up like it has. She believes that the EMS should have the right gear. Selectman Marsh asked what's the balance in the Ambulance capital reserve account. Selectman Fraser stated around \$129,000. Chief Kellom said he will be creating a policy on the use of town equipment. Selectman Kilanski would like Selectman Fraser to amend her motion. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to remove her motion from last week adding Ambulance & Fire to the boot policy. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Chief Kellom asked the board to review the 80%/20%. Selectman Fraser would like to see the ambulance budget lowered.

Town Deliberative is Saturday, Feb 3rd and the School's Deliberative is Thursday, Feb 8th.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Mike Coope asked if the board would allow the Historical District Committee recommendation for the warrant article abolishing the Historical District be on the warrant. The board agreed to allow their recommendation.

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 5-0. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually and the board convenes in non-public at 7:50 pm.

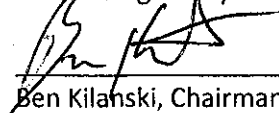
Sixth order of business: Adjournment

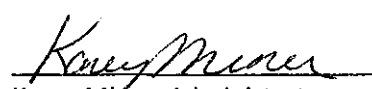
The board reconvenes in public session at 9:17 pm. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to seal the minutes under (c & e). Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken and members vote "yes" individually. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator