



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
January 10, 2018

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

First order of business: Work Session (present: Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens & Paul Morehouse Sr.)

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:00pm for a work session with Comcast- Eileen Leahy. The work session is to go over the town's contract with Comcast. Selectman Kilanski asked if the town could have courtesy internet instead of cable. Eileen stated that she had asked and how the franchise works will not allow that. Selectman Kilanski asked if we were to use the peg channel to broadcast our meetings what would the cost would be. Eileen would research the cost and let us know. It would be more cost effective if we upload to YouTube and it can be watched through Xfinity. Eileen looked into the high speed internet issues that were stated at the last meeting. The engineer saw no issues but Eileen said she would look at it again. We also asked if there were some areas in town where Comcast could add lines for our residents. Old Chesterfield, Manning Hill and Burt Hill were reviewed but done not meet the density requirements....20 homes per mile. Eileen looked at several areas to add lines. Her recommendation was part of manning Hill and Curtis Rd totaling 1.7 miles with 31 homes in that area. The cost to Comcast would be \$77,000. Selectman Kilanski asked if S. Parrish Rd area would qualify if the lines came from MA. Eileen would look at it but is concerned with the state laws/regulations from state to state. The contract itself had very few changes. Karey confirmed that the town will still receive courtesy cable for the town buildings and Eileen stated yes. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to extend the cable lines on Curtis Rd and part of Manning Hill totaling 1.7miles. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0. Eileen will add the line extension to the draft copy of the contract and will have it back to us soon to approve.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

John Corliss looked at the Fire Stations leaky roof and pointed out some of the issues. The pitch of the roof is not enough. The roof ripples and in between the ripples the snow & water/ice build up. The screws have been sealed, which is a waste of money because the metal expands and contracts and breaks the seals. The gutters are backing up which causes the water to go inside the building. John stated that it needs a new roof and depending on which way the board decides to it would range from \$50,000 -\$75,000. Selectman Stephens said the roof needs to be cleaned off. Selectman Kilanski stated we should start a capital reserve fund for maintenance and he is working on getting a few firemen to shovel the roof off tomorrow. Chief Kellom added that the roof has had issues for many years and we can keep putting it off. The board agreed.

Selectman Fraser let the board know the Budget Committee added the Selectmen Salary back into the budget. Any Selectmen can choose not to receive the pay.

Selectman Fraser made a motion to remove the Highway Block Grant from the budget. These funds are given to the town and are not appropriated by taxation. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to recommend the ELM Centers petition warrant article in the amount of \$50,000. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to recommend ACCESS petition warrant article in the amount of \$40,000. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to recommend the Winchester Historical Society petition warrant article in the amount of \$5,000. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The last petition warrant article is not a money article; the board did not recommend or not recommend this article. " Are you in favor of the town maintaining ownership of lots 15,16,17 and 20 of map 6 (aka "Perry's Pit") in order to maintain connectivity with other town-owned properties and to develop these properties in a manner that provides renewable energy to town-owned facilities and for other municipal uses in order to reduce the citizen's property tax burden. Costs of said development shall be through various means including appropriations, grants, gifts, sales or lease of town-owned property and other means that will not increase the tax burden.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve placing a warrant article adding \$50,000 to the Conant Library Roof Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Denis Murphy- Conant Trustee stated that the repair would be around \$150,000. Selectman Fraser asked Karey to call and have 3 quotes done.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve establishing a new Emergency Management Building Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve establishing a new Town owned Building's Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,000. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Reminder School Public Hearing is Thursday 1-11-18 at 7pm and the Town's Public Hearing is Tuesday 1-16-18 at 7pm.

Margaret Sharra has given the engineers plans for the sidewalk replacement on Main St. The cost came back as \$90,000. Dale, Rick & Margaret have gone over the plans and were able to cut back some cost and the town will do some of the work. There might be some funds available from Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST). Margaret will submit an interest letter. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to start a sidewalk capital reserve fund with \$90,000. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1

Headwater Hydrology has submitted a proposal for the stream crossing design and permitting assistance for the "Jones" Culvert on Back Ashuelot Rd. Colin Lawson with Trout Unlimited informed us that there might be some NRCS funds to help with the 2 culvert on Back Ashuelot Rd "Cranberry Bog". There is an Aquatic Mitigation class that Margaret and Dale will be attending. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to add \$20,000 to the culvert capital reserve fund. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Wednesday, January 17th at 7pm there will be a public hearing for a bond/note for a new water tank and water main upgrades. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to place a warrant article for a bond/note for a water tank and water main upgrade. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Intent to cut Timber, map 1 lot 52.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Avitar's recommendation to rebate 52 Warwick Rd-\$7,969, 57 Warwick Rd-\$8,303 & 68 Warwick Rd-\$7,545 and Woodcrest Dr. a supplemental Tax for \$10,000. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Avitar's recommendation to rebate 27 Forest Lake Cir-\$110, 3 Connor Ct-\$155 & 26 Kapper Dr-\$446 and deny abatements for 28 Old Scotland Rd, 17 Clark Rd. & 281 S Parrish. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Volunteer Interest Forms for Jane Beauchamp as a RED Committee member and Dave Beauchamp as an Alt RED Committee member. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

The board reviews the minutes of 1-3-18 for approval. Selectmen Fraser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Fraser makes a motion pay the TAN in the amount of \$500,947.91. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the Ambulance billing fund to pay Qued Med in the amount of \$1,498.00. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectmen Kilanski Thanked the Water/Sewer Dept & Highway for fixing the water break this past Saturday night. Also had many positive comments about the Highway Dept. on how well the roads & sidewalks have been taken care of.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Gloria Leustek asked the board to approve RED Committee to hold another Earth Day Clean-up on April 21, 2018. The board approved. The Farmer Market thanked the Board for allowing them to be inside during the winter and asked if they could set up the day of Deliberative Session. The board had no issue with it but they would need the ask Jim Tetreault.

Mike Coope stated that Nov 22, 2010 minutes say the Historical District Commission would ask to have the property cards note if they were in the Historical District. Selectman Fraser said that this came to the board and they were asked to have Avitar to note property cards that were in the district. It had stemmed from issue with building permits. Mike states it affects the sale of these marked homes. There have been homes on the market for years that have not sold. Also affects the insurance rates and assessments. Mike asked the board to have it removed from the property cards. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve removing the Historical District notes from the property cards. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

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 Marsh 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 8:23 pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

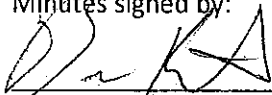
The board reconvenes in public session at 9:05 pm.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to adjourn at 9:08. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

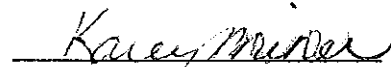
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator