



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday
January 17, 2018

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, Paul Morehouse Sr. and Roberta Fraser. Also present Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Public Hearing

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00pm for a public hearing on a bond/note for a new water tank and water main improvements. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Rick explained that the project is for a new 500,000 gallon water tank that will be on Hawkins Rd, a new water main down to Plumb Pak Rd. and a booster station near Clark Rd. & Old Chesterfield Rd. The cost would be \$3,350,000. Gary Leach from Tata & Howard stated that we have applied for a USDA Grant. Also a draft master plan has been given to the State to be put on the State's revolving list, which will be helpful to the town for other funding for future projects. The booster station will help with everyone's water pressure at that end of town and help protect these older lines from breaks. Ken Cole said he had a 2015 priority list that Tata & Howard has done. Ken stated that Warwick Rd & Main St is listed as the 1st priority. With Dunkin Donuts and Margaret's project will this be an issue and would this effect the sewer. Rick added that Tata & Howard had done a hydraulic study and there were several areas that are priorities. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 1-10-18 for approval. Selectmen Fraser makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve \$8,980 for Headwaters Hydrology stream crossing design for "Jones" culvert on Back Ashuelot Rd. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

James Tetreault sent a memo to the board there is an open seat on the Cemetery Trustees.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve Avitar's recommendation to rebate map 5 lot 63-\$30 and abate \$1568 on map 26 lot 15. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1

Timber warrant has been received for Map 3 Lot 34 & 36 in the amount of \$3116.09. Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the timber tax. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to approve the default budget in the amount of \$3,480,807. Selectman Morehouse Sr. seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Karey asked the board to open the Town Beach Gate. The board agreed to open the gate.

MacMillin will be looking the roof for the Conant Library & Fire Station on Friday @10 am. Then Jancewicz & Sons will be here Wednesday @10 am.

Elisha Jackson wanted to let the board know she has given the School her resignation letter.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

N/A

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski let the board know he has been working on replacing the engine in the #3 police cruiser and hopes to have it done by the end of the week.

Selectman Fraser would like to add the Ambulance and Fire Departments to the \$175 boot policy. The departments should have protective boots. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add ambulance to the town policy and change the amount to \$40 per employee. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion fails 2-3. Selectman Fraser believes the town should help protect our employees.

Mike Coope asked if there was an injury who is responsible. Selectman Fraser said the town. Mike asked would it be cost effective to try to prevent any injury if they have the right protective gear. Selectman Stephens asked Selectman Fraser for a friendly amendment of \$80. Selectman Fraser said she would accept an amendment of \$100. Selectman Stephens seconds \$100. The motion carries 3-2. Selectman Kilanski added that there has to be a policy, if they are not responding to calls they won't receive the boot reimbursement.

Selectman Stephens let the board know there is a meeting for the Brattleboro Bridge project tomorrow 1/18/2018.

Selectman Fraser stated that there is also a HDC public hearing on 1/18/2018.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Ken Cole had a concern with the deadline of the posting of the public hearing. DRA has it as 1/16/18. Karey has spoken to Bart-town attorney on this and he stated it was ok to move forward. The Budget Committee would need to post a meeting and recommend or not recommend. Then if the article passes there will be a 2nd hearing. Karey will call DRA to confirm.

Mike Coope asked if the board had thought about looking at an LChip Grant for the Conant Library roof. Karey stated that she has asked the grant writer to look into a grant.

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

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (c&e), Selectman Fraser 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 8:05 pm.

Selectman Kilanski stated that Lauren Bolduc gave the town her resignation letter. Selectman Fraser made a motion to accept her resignation letter. Selectman Morehouse Sr. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to recommend operating budget \$3,512,598. Selectman Fraser seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to use the same wording for the Conant Library article as last year. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

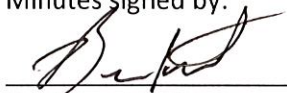
Selectman Fraser makes a motion to not recommend petition article #26. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Fraser makes a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm. 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