



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

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**Minutes of the  
Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
Wednesday  
April 17, 2019

**Board members present:** Roberta Heinonen, Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens & Gloria Leustek. Also, present Dale Gray, Margaret Sharra, Captain Ford and Rick Meleski.

**First order of business: Minutes**

The board reviews the minutes of 4-10-19 for approval. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-2.

**Second order of business: New Business**

Roberta Royce from the Winchester Learning Center & Stacy Cibula from Monadnock Conservancy were here to ask the Board of Selectmen to support their interactive "learning forest" project. They will be applying for a grant through SWRPC-Brownfield program to fund a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment. The site is located on Keene Rd and Lawrence St. It has been said that this was the old tannery 100 years ago. The assessment is to insure it is safe for the public. The board is in favor of the project. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to sign the letter of support. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. John Hann stated that this is a tremendous opportunity for the town. Monadnock Conservancy is doing something out of their normal mission and partnering with the Learning Center to develop the park. It is also a tribute to this board to the forward thinking that has been taking place in Winchester over the last few years, which encouraged Monadnock Conservancy to take part in this project. Special thanks to everyone.

WEDC will be advertising for an engineer to finish the plans: drainage and bid documents. In order to move forward the WEDC needs to own the property per EDA requirements. The board will need to transfer the property to the WEDC with a clause stating that if the WEDC does not produce the infrastructure the ownership will revert back to the town. The board approves reaching out to the attorney and to draft the paperwork if the attorney agrees.

Margaret asked the board if they would consider a solar project on our capped landfill. New England Solar Garden would pay for the 3 phase power to the transfer station. The total cost would be upon NHSG and this would also assist in getting 3 phase power to Stone Mt, along with improving the power at the transfer station. The board agrees this would be a good idea and would like to meet with NHSG and discuss it.

Margaret stated that the Planning Board reviewed an application for land dedication & subdivision of Waldschmidt property on Old Spofford Rd. The PB approved the 3 lot & land dedication subject to: no building permits for 5 years or until the section of road is expanded an additional 12ft in width and the information is given to the BOS so a public hearing can be scheduled to accept this property. The Waldschmidt have already invested money by clearing the land they are donating to the town. The board agrees to hold a hearing on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a timber tax for E. McGrath- \$45.95 Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the abatement for 7 Ashuelot St.-Tax deeded property. The abatement is for both taxes & w/s. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the oath of office for ZBA members: Ken Cole & Rebecca Roy. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the oath of office for RED Committee: Jason Koerber and Cherri Rowe-Alt. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board agreed to re-post the Cemetery position in the paper.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the raffle permit for the VFW pitch tournament on 4/20/19.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a gravel tax for Michell- \$521.14. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the water connection application on Hemlock Ave. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

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

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve increasing the mileage rate to .58 cents. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the internal transfer in the amount of \$245.19. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve RED Committee request to pay the music in the park bands, Food Festival music & Jason Koerber. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

Selectman Kilanski stated that Karey, Paul and he met with Jancewicz & Son for the preconstruction meeting on the Fire Station roof. They project will start in 2-3 weeks.

Selectman Heinonen asked Selectman Kilanski if had heard anything on the Ashuelot Fire Station yet. Selectman Kilanski said no.

Selectman Marsh stated that he spoke to his friend that looked at the Conant Library roof and he is having a hard time finding the VT slate to match what is existing. Some areas were repaired with PA slate which is softer and won't last. Margaret said she might have some slate that would match.

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Mike Coope asked if the board heard from Comcast on when they would start the extension on Curtis Rd. Karey stated she would look back at the email.

Bonny Class asked why there was no intent to cut filed for the timber that was cut on Old Spofford Rd. She had spoken to Rick Evans-DRA Timber division. Karey stated that she also spoke to Rick Evan and was told that there are 4 exemptions in which all 4 could apply: Town owned land, Homeowner will be using the wood for heating or building, the trees would cause damage to surrounding building and land conversion- under 10,000 board ft, 20 cords of wood or 100 tons of chips. Karey spoke to the logger and received the amounts of timber cut from this property. Then gave the information to Rick Evans, who stated that they are under the volume limits, so they are exempt. Bonny stated that's not what Rick told her and seems to me that the owner should have filed a permit. The area should be stumped too if he is going to turn it over to the town. Selectman Stephens stated that is not a town issue it up to the homeowner.

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

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a & 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 7:30 pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:04 pm.


The board accepted Donald Class resignation. We will post the position for 2 weeks.  
The board hired Justin Ruskowski for the w/s department part-time.

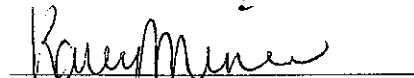
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:

  
Roberta Heinonen, Chairman

  
Karey Miner, Administrator