



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

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**Minutes of the  
Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
Wednesday  
July 31, 2019

**Board members present:** Roberta Heinonen, Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Margaret Sharra, Amy Bond, Dale Gray, Chief Tollett, Captain Ford and Rick Meleski.

**First order of business: Minutes**

The board reviews the minutes of 7-24-19 for approval. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

The board reviews the work session minutes of 7-19-19 for approval. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-1.

**Second order of business: New Business**

Lindseigh Picard and Ian Spencer from the Winchester School came to give the board an update on the school projects. The library roof and the office remold are completed. The old boiler has been removed and they are in the process of putting the 2 new boilers systems in. 1 boiler is propane and the 2 boiler is oil. The oil boiler is a Buderus and was purchased used from Vernon School District. Selectman Leustek asked why they replaced it. Ian stated that the school only used it for 4 years before going to a pellet boiler. Selectman Leustek asked if there is a warranty. Ian said no warranty. The warranty is only for the original purchaser. A new boiler would have cost \$10,000 and we only paid \$1,700 for this used one. Ian stated that there will be reduction in fuel cost and with having 2 boilers they can switch back in forth between the boilers. Lindseigh said summer school and the title I program went very well this year. Title I also was able to offer advanced classes. Next year we hope to have the Title I grant again and increase the number of kids. There were teaching opportunities and field trips. Selectman Kilanski said that last week Senator Jay Kahn came to speak to the board to update them on the state budget and funding. The school could receive additional funding, has the school discussed how they plan on using the additional funding? Lindseigh stated the board will be meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup> and they hope to discuss the additional funding. Mary Henry hopefully will have more information for the board.

Water & Sewer Warrant for the 3rd Q billing was received in the amount of \$86,273.30 for sewer & \$124,218.53 for water. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve warrant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion passes 4-0

The board opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of bids for the Main St Sidewalk Project. Pelow-\$69713.10 & Elite Building-\$61,273. Margaret stated that she had reached out to Bart after the 1<sup>st</sup> bids came in to ask what the towns options are. Bart said 1. Refuse all bids, 2. Make up the difference per RSA 32:10 or 3. Change the scoop of work but may not proceed unless it receives the grant funds. Karey, Dale and Margaret will review the numbers for next weeks meeting.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a current use tax for 15 Allen Hill in the amount of \$250.00. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

The Cranberry Culvert project started this week. The week of August 12<sup>th</sup> the road will be closed completely to replace the culvert.

Intent to cut Map 7 lot 47

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a tax abatement in the amount of \$894.95-McCray. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Town Beach water samples for July came back good with low E Coli Bacteria.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to delay the tax deeding until August 9, 2019. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a water abatement in the amount of \$30.00. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve William Truesdell Junkyard permit. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Selectman Stephens stated that Bill did do some clean-up and will be putting a fence up in back by the river.

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

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the request for Mitchell Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$4,776.81. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the request for All State Asphalt in the amount of \$5,160.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Chief Tollett asked the board to increase the detail rates by \$5.00. Current rates are \$56 per hour for an officer with no cruiser and \$71 per hour for an officer with a cruiser. The proposed rate would be \$61 & \$76. Selectman Stephens made a motion increase the rate by \$5. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to sign the deed without covenants for 19 Tamarack Cir. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

Selectman Kilanski stated that Dylan did not finish because Barry met with an engineer.

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Kevin Bazan- Picklefest update. Saturday, September 28, 2019 is Picklefest. Kevin thanked the business community for stepping up with donations this year. This year the committee has brought back Friday Night events with the help of the ELMCC. There will be a band, bonfire and a few food trucks. Kevin asked the board to close part of Parker St & Durkee St. and will be meeting with the Chief Tollett on parking. Selectman Kilanski made a motion to close part of Parker St & Durkee St. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Also, this year there will be a marching band for the parade. There will be a magician and music acts. Selectman Kilanski asked if there could be better communication with the parade on keeping the pace. Kevin will work on it.

Rick Meleski let the board know that in September we will have a GEO Track screw press to pilot next week. Rick is looking at dewatering system pilot for September. Also, updated the board on the sludge disposal. The town received a notice from Casella not allowing the sludge due to the odors. There are other option of disposal that Rick is working on. Merrimack will take the sludge for composting. Waiting for the testing to come back to see if this will be an option.

Captain Ford expressed the urgency with moving forward with the Ambulance project. Just in the month of July we had 64 calls which is the most calls on record for the last 4years. Captain Ford said he has expressed the lack of direction on this project and would like to have a timeline of when the project will be finished. They are worried about the service provided to the community. It was voted on in March to start July 1<sup>st</sup>. We are pace for 616 calls this year which is a record.

Mike Coope thanked Chief Tollett for putting the speed limit sign on Keene Rd. Mike asked any word on the clock being fixed. Selectman Kilanski said he has been in contact with Brian. Mike said the Trustee have concern with money being spent on private property and when the clock is not working. Mike asked Kevin Bazan if they would consider closing the bottom of Michigan St. Kevin stated that he and Chief Tollett could have that discussion. Mike stated that NH is the 3rd highest for tax rates. It has become harder each year to pay property taxes on a fixed income. Mike asked the board to think twice about waiving interest on owners that are gaining the system.

**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, b, c & e). Selectman Leustek 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 8:00pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:14pm.

The board hired Warren Hall to the Ambulance and Matthew Petlock to the Police Dept.


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

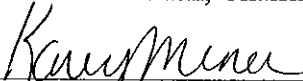
Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 9:20pm. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:

  
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Roberta Heinonen, Chairman

  
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Karey Miner, Administrator