



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

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**Minutes of the  
Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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

**First order of business: Minutes**

The board reviews the minutes of 10-2-19 for approval. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

**Second order of business: New Business**

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the 2018 Audit and have Karey Sign it. Selectman Stephen seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The Health Agencies will be asked to attend the Budget Committees meeting on 11/12/19 @ 6pm. The BOS are also welcome to attend this meeting.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the Jones Rd Infrastructure-CDGB claim #8. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm is a public hearing for the progress on the Jones Rd project.

Intent to cut was received for Old Spofford Rd and a supplemental for Keene Rd.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a water/sewer abatement for 116 Keene Rd. in the amount of \$105.00. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The RFP is ready for the Ashuelot Fire Station. The board agrees to place an ad in the Keene Sentinel Saturday & Monday.

The BOS will have a budget work session on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. Karey will schedule department heads.

The divers from Aqualogic were on the lake last Thursday and Friday. They pulled the milfoil plants identified by State DES. They did an extensive evaluation and found no other plants. Selectman Marsh asked if they will need to dive next year and what the cost will be. Karey will reach out to Aqualogic.

Planning Board has a meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm for a boundary line adjustment.

Wednesday Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Health Trust & Colonial Life will be here to meet with the employees to go over their services. The board agrees to close the Town Hall from 8am to 10 pm.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a timber tax for Ruth- \$1,455.33 Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Raffle permit was submitted by Abigail Sprague for her Italy trip. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the raffle permit. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve the Avitar 5 year contract. Selectman Stephen seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve the Avitar's 2020 revaluation. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

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

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the Ambulance reimbursement to the general fund in the amount of \$3,454.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. The board asked Captain Ford to put together a budget with the increase necessary to operate as paid part-time.

Selectman Heinonen asked the board what their thoughts were on a buyback program for employees that don't take the Town Insurance. Selectman Marsh doesn't agree with a buyback program. Selectman Kilanski would like to look at the budgets before making any decisions.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve capital reserve culvert repair fund in the amount of \$3,288.80. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the deed release back to Mullins-Wetherby Dr. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Trick or Treat will be October 31<sup>st</sup> 5-8pm.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

Selectman Marsh said that he had found some granite post for Main St. and he had a call into David Gail- owner of the Diner to see if he would be willing to purchase them for the town. There would be a total of 45 posts. Dale stated that he is not in favor of placing the posts on the sidewalk. During the winter months the snow will not be able to be plowed off the sidewalk. Then there will complaints about having to climb over the piles of snow in between the posts. The snow will be shoveled back into the road that was plowed. Amy stated that any donation over \$600 will have to have a public hearing. Karey added that there is not enough time to post a hearing before the projects starts. The board agrees there not enough time for a hearing. The granite post will not be added to the project.

Selectman Kilanski thanked the highway for the great job they have done on the dirt roads.

Selectman Stephens thanked the Water department for the great job on Jones Rd.

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Jason Koerber-RED Committee thanked the Board for their support of the Dinner on the Bridge and Dale for the suppling the cones. This year they were able to give both the ELMCC & Historical Society \$1500.00. Jason asked the board permission to move the Farmers Market in to the Town Hall now that the weather is changing. The board agreed. They are discussing closing the farmers market from Jan-Apr. The RED Committee is

working on a brochure and the Holiday Bazaar-Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Also looking at making Main St more festive for the Holidays.

Captain Ford let the board know they had 4 applicants, 2 accepted and waiting for an answer on 1. The start date will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

Rick gave an update on Jones Rd. Hook ups are done on the right side. Waiting on the PFA testing on the wells. The testing is request quarterly. If the 1st & 2nd quarters come back good the town can apply for a waiver for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters. Tata & Howard let Rick know that there was an increase to the water tank project for the paving. DOT is requiring the project to do additional paving. Rick said that he is waiting for Tata & Howard to draft a letter to DOT with the concerns on the cost. Rick visited the facility in Merrimack, and they will accept our sludge at \$68 a ton and looking for cheaper trucking. Also, working with Tata & Howard on a feasibility study for a screw press and dryer.

**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 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 8:17pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

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

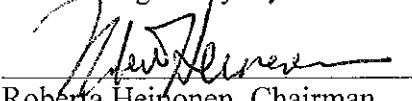
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to seal the minutes under (a, b & e). Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and members vote "yes" individually. The motion carries 5-0.

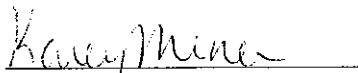
Selectman Leustek makes a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by: ,

  
Roberta Heinonen, Chairman

  
Karey Miner, Administrator