



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Board members present for the meeting: Ben Kilanski, Lindseigh Picard, James Rokes, Herbert Stephens, and Theresa Sepe. Also, present Rick Meleski, Sherry Willard, Jenny Rhodes, Dick Lapoint & Amy Bond.

First order of business:

The Vice Chairman opens the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Dan Flores with SFC Engineering presented 3 options with estimates for the ADA ramp at the Town Beach. Option A- \$325,000 aluminum ramp on the outside of the existing wall, Option B-\$435,000 concrete ramp & Option C-\$201,500 install an elevator (\$41,500). The Board agreed that they were not in favor of option B. Selectman Kilanski asked about warranties for both the aluminum ramp and elevator. The board would also like to see the installation cost of the elevator. Dan stated that he would look at the warranties and installation cost. James Weatherly-SWRPC asked Dan if he has seen an increase in project cost due to COVID. Dan said he had. Selectman Picard asked when would we be meeting again for a follow up. Dan stated early November to finalize the plans.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the **Cemetery** budget for \$71,559. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the **Emergency Management** budget for \$15,267. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the **Welfare** budget for \$58,252. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 10/6/21 for approval. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a timber tax for map 9 lot 42 in the amount of \$2,846.61. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve water/sewer helping Highway with plowing. Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The Town will be working with St Jean Auctioneers to hold an auction on Dec 4th. The 3 properties are 510 Old Westport Rd., 19 Elm St. and 319 Manning Hill.

Emergency Management meeting Monday. Oct 18th @6pm.

Karey stated that we have a few more budgets to review. We are waiting for Insurance rates and for the libraries to hand in their budgets. Hope to have them in the next couple weeks.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve an Oath of office for Jeny Levissee-Conant Library. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 5-8pm.

Budget Committee meetings: 10/19 @6pm, 11/2 @6pm (if needed), 11/9 @6pm with Health Agencies and 11/20 @9am with Department Heads.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

N/A

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Rokes stated that the board needs to discuss the ARPA fund because the Fire Chief quote for SCBA's was only good thru Nov 2nd. The board agreed to discuss the ARPA funds next week.

Selectman Picard had a RED Committee update. The wooden stakes for the Scarecrow contest will be available for pick at the Town Hall starting Friday. Scarecrows are due back on Oct 30th at the Farmers Market from 9-1pm. The Farmer's Market is canceled for Oct 16th. Winter Wonderland house decorating contest is still moving forward with bigger prizes. More information to come. Selectman Picard announced that the School Board meeting for 10/14 has been rescheduled for 10/28.

Selectman Sepe stated they had 65 kids at last week teen dance and A-1 Pizza donated food. There is a youth dance at the ELMCC on 10/22/21.

Rick Meleski gave an update on the Water/Sewer Dept. The Solar project is still waiting on the cost for the upgrade of service. The dept will be paving the open trenches tomorrow. The Water Dept replaced 3 fire hydrant this week and will be working on manhole repairs next week.

Fourth order of business public comment:

N/A

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "c & e". Selectman Rokes 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 7:24pm.

Adjournment:

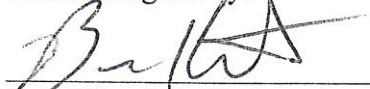
The board reconvenes in public session at 8:03pm.

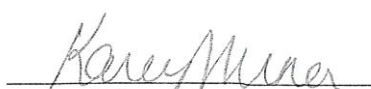
Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under "e". Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:05pm. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner