



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Board members present for the meeting: Ben Kilanski, Lindseigh Picard, James Rokes, Herbert Stephens, and Theresa Sepe. Also, present Rick Meleski, Margaret Sharra & Dale Gray.

First order of business:

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “ e ”. Selectman Sepe 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 6:31pm.

The board reconvenes in public session at 6:50pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under “e”. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

Dave Johnson & John Danahy, President-Forest Lake Assoc.(FLIA) gave the board an update on monies raised and paid towards the dam repairs/maintenance. FLIA has raised \$133,108 over the past 3years and has paid \$86,482 towards Phase 1 H&H report, engineering, design, site evaluation & permitting. FLIA has asked for the Towns help with approving a non-lapsing fund in the amount of \$150,000 over a 2year period and to support & apply for a FEMA Grant. The board agreed that a warrant article for \$75,000 will be placed on the ballot and a letter sponsoring a FEMA Grant.

The board reviews the minutes of 10/13/21 for approval. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0

Karey asked the board to start Nov 3rd meeting at 6pm to review few more budgets. The board agreed.

Reminder Budget Committee meeting 11/9 @6pm with Health Agencies. Selectman Kilanski stated that the Budget Committee had a meeting Tuesday night went through several budget and chose officers. Also scheduled the school budget review for 12/7, 12/14 & 12/21. Selectman Picard asked if they would change the 12/21 date to 12/16.

Savings Bank of Walpole will be opening on Tuesday 10/26 and would like to have someone from the Town at the opening.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the VFW raffle permit. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the annual NHMA letter authorizing legal services. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board received a letter from the Winchester learning Center requesting the support of the board in securing a Community Development Block Grant. The Board would like to invite Winchester learning Center to a BOS meeting to discuss their needs and the grant.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve to payment from Exotic Species Capital Reserve to Aqualogic in the amount of \$770.00. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the WWCS in the amount of \$1,088.00 from the Computer Capital Reserve Acct. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve payment from the Cemetery Building Donation Fund in the amount of \$181.59, Aubuchon- \$21.59 & Richmond Clapboards- \$160.00. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve payment to Diluzio Ambulance in the amount of \$11,012.00 from the Ambulance Billing acct. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve to payment from Water Capital Reserve to Ferguson-\$12,371.04 & Kerry Tyler-\$8,000.00. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve to payment from Sewer Capital Reserve to Hach in the amount of \$5,600.44. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve a withdrawal from the water acct. amount of \$18,037.50 and deposit into the Charter Trust Water Capital Reserve Acct. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the PO to Pete's Tire in the amount of \$5,100(and change) for backhoe tires Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Dale gave the board and update on the paving projects. Michigan St. & Town Beach Rd. will be start next week. Back Ashuelot Rd. Dale asked the board to wait until spring and the reclaim the road 1st then pave. Mitchell will hold the paving price. The board agreed to wait until spring.

The Board went over the ARPA fund and Selectman Sepe gave her thoughts on where to spend the funds. Karey informed the board originally, she was told no public hearing was needed but now is being told that a hearing is necessary. The Hearing is scheduled for Nov 10th @6:30. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to use \$42,102 of the ARAP funds to purchase 6 SCBA for the Fire Dept. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. The board will revisit requests on how to spend the ARPA Funds after the hearing.

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Kilanski informed the board of a situation that happened on Sunday with the lantern light show at Monadnock Speedway. The paper lanterns were all over a resident's lawn, home and in the trees. Monadnock did come over to clean up the paper lanterns, but after more research the State of NH has banned the lanterns in NH.

Selectman Rokes asked if we could reach out to the Post Office to have them fix the potholes.

Selectman Picard has a few RED Committee reminders. The wooden stakes for the Scarecrow contest are available for pick at the Town Hall. 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. Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 5-8pm. Selectman Picard asked where we were with the livestreaming equipment. Karey stated that she has been working with our IT to help find a laptop and whether or not we need one with 2 drives. Selectman Picard stated that she will be asking the board to approve training for everyone that will be using the equipment.

Selectman Sepe stated there is a youth dance at the ELMMCC on 10/22/21.

Karey updated the board on the Emergency Management meeting. Matt Hill Facility Director from the School received 2 quotes for a generator. Margaret and Karey had a call with the State Hazard Mitigation team on the letter of intent for 2 grants for a generator & culvert. Karey had a call with DES, Ransom & JB-SWRPC on an EPA Grant for a cleanup at the AC Lawrence site. Applications are due Dec 1st.

Fourth order of business public comment:

Natalie Quevedo thanked Karey for connecting her with Renelle L'Huillier from Devine, Millimet & Branch to discuss a bond for the broadband project. Natalie stated that the bond would only be for 50% of the total cost of the project. There will need to be a public hearing in December. Natalie introduced the new ACCESS Director Danielle August. Danielle said that she is working on staffing and programs and hopes to have ACCESS up & running the week before Thanksgiving.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "c & 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 7:56pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:44pm.

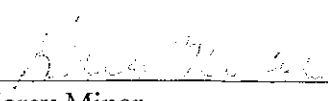
Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under "e". Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Karey Miner, Town Administrator
Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner