



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

The board reviews the minutes of 10/20/21 for approval. Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0

Second order of business: New Business

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the All States contract for reclaiming of Back Ashuelot Rd. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Roberta Royce from the Winchester learning Center came to ask for the board support and apply for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant. The Winchester learning Center will purchase the land next to the center and demo the existing building & construct a new 1 classroom building. Roberta also stated that she will applying for other grants. The board is in support of the project and applying for the grant on behave of the Learning Center.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Tata & Howard amendment to the Richmond Rd water main/water tank agreement. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Hamlet 600amp upgrade for the solar project in the amount of \$17,250 and funds to come from the ARPA Funds. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the Stryker power cot in the amount of \$24,959.46 with a 7 year warranty and funds to come from the ARPA Funds. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve Chief Kellom request to have a 12hour paid shift on Saturday, Dec 25th. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the MS-535. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

~~Comcast has almost completed the line extension on Verry Brook Rd. to 50 homes.~~

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Picard made a motion to approve a TD Bank credit card for the Police Chief with a limit of \$2,000. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the July floods Insurance claim for the Town Hall in the amount of \$26,961.53. Selectman Picard seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Kilanski stated that Savings Bank of Walpole open on Tuesday and asked Selectman Stephens and Karey how did the opening go. Both Selectman Stephens and Karey said it went very well.

Selectman Rokes asked if the board should consider donation the Town owned land on Old Westport Rd to the Snowmobile Club. Selectman Picard would like to have more info on the property, whether or not it is a buildable lot.

Selectman Rokes asked if water/sewer paid half for the tires for the backhoe. Rick stated that he did pay half.

Selectman Rokes asked the board if they were ok with him working with Mike Coope on looking for other IT companies. Selectman Sepe stated that she spoke to Amy and Karey and they are happy with current service. Selectman Rokes said that we need to look elsewhere, \$56,000 is a lot of money.

Rick Meleski stated that he and Karey met with Tata & Howard to look at the water tank design. We discussed USDA funding and rate study for the sewer rates.

Fourth order of business public comment:

Todd Kilanski asked Rick what are the cost saving on the solar. Rick said based on 40 years \$1.2 million. Todd asked about if the broadband passes would the current residents that already have the service have to pay for it again. Selectman Kilanski & Picard said no, the taxes payers don't pay for the broadband the is paid by the user fees.

Mike Coope let the board know that he will be taking the clock out of service for cleaning for 10-14days. Water is still coming in on the Northwest side. The Trustees of the Trust funds met, and the Town trust accounts have done very well over the past couple of years. Mike thought if there are any big projects that maybe we could liquidate some accounts.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under " b & c ". 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 7:33pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:15pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under "b&c ". Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 8:17pm. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

~~Karey Miner, Town Administrator~~

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman

Theresa Sepe, Vice Chair



Karey Miner