

Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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

First order of business: Public Hearing

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Kilanski reads the public notice "Notice is hereby given that the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:30pm** in the Winchester Town Hall for the purpose of accepting & expending American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$442,418 and the Cheshire County ARPA Municipal Supplement Funds in the amount of \$36,586.79." Selectman Rokes makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. No questions from the board or the public. Selectman Picard makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Picard makes a motion to accept and expending. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 11/3/21 for approval. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Kilanski the board will hold a public hearing on November 17th @6:30 for the review of the draft proposal on an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant on the AC Lawrence site.

Selectman Kilanski on December 8th Dan Flores with SFC Engineering will present the 2 options for the Town Beach.

Monadnock Region Rail Trail Collaborative has reached out to surrounding towns to see if they have anyone would be interested in becoming a representative and join the MRRTC. The board agrees to ask for volunteers and post the request.

The State Education Tax rate for year 2022 is \$1.23. Winchester portion is \$375,661. 2020 rate was \$1.68.

The Town received an USDA Grant in the amount of \$26,321 for improvements to sections of the Ashuelot Rail Trail. The estimated have increased by \$2355. There are funds in the capital reserve account to cover the difference. We asked for RFP on the project and only received 1, Jay Roy Excavating. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to use \$2355 from the capital reserve account. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve Jay Roy Excavating. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the water & sewer connections for 81 Ashuelot St. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to increase the PD detail rate to \$65. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Finance Dept asked to readdress the on call pay for the PD. January 2021 the board approve \$25 on call pay. Amy asked for clarification, the PD has been paid the \$25 every 2hr. The board tabled to ask more questions.

The Budget Committee and the Select Board had a meeting on Tuesday with the Health Agencies to review their requested amounts. The board wanted to wait for a full board. The Budget Committee approved all but 1 budget, Red Cross. They asked for more information. The Budget Committee increased Casa and decreased CVTC. Selectman Picard makes a motion to approve the Health Agencies except for Red Cross in the amount of \$80,250. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Other:

Jorden Hubbard came to the board with a concern with Town Beach Rd. and the water that is now going onto his property after it being recently paved. Dale stated that All State Material pitched the road so the water would sheet evenly off both sides of the road. The water is not gushing onto the property. Dale stated that Selectman Rokes & Stephens and Jorden met to discuss the paving and said that we would watch it and if there was an issue it could be fixed. Jorden said that the water is coming from the beach parking lot and Rt10. Dale said that the water is not coming from Rt10. Both Dale & Jorden have videos of it raining. Karey asked that they send the videos to her so the board can watch them. Selectman Kilanski & Sepe said they would take a ride out to Town Beach to look at how the water is being disbursed.

Selectman Sepe stated that the budget is 6% overspent as of last week and asked the board to watch the operating budget. Selectman Sepe said she had spoken to Amy and part of the 6% is due to the flood which the town has not been reimbursed from FEMA yet. Also there are contracts that have been paid for up front. Selectman Picard asked there is a benchmark, is based on the last 3 years? Selectman Sepe said no it based on the current year and the percentage of the budget we have spent.

Selectman Picard stated that the School Board has selected February 5th as the School deliberative session but want to know if the Town would like to hold their deliberative session on the same day. It would be held at the gym. The board would like to make sure that the Arlington Grange would be able to have their fundraiser at the school. Selectman Sepe makes a motion to hold deliberative session on Feb 5th same day as the school deliberative session. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Picard announced that Southwest Community Services stated at the budget meeting that SCS attended Tuesday night, SCS stated they have a robust fuel assistance program that consist of all types of heat and can help with utilities.

Fourth order of business public comment:

N/A

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “ a, & c ”. 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 7:18pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 7:48pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes from 11/3/21 under "c, d & e". Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

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


The board announced that Mike Doherty resigned from the ZBA and Steve Hammond as Health Officer.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:


Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



~~Ben Kilanski;~~

James Rokes,



Karey Miner