



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the  
Selectmen Meeting**

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

**Board members present:** Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Chief Kellom.

**First order of business: Minutes**

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 11/18/20. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

**Second order of business: New Business**

The Newsletter and Broadband Survey went out Monday. Selectman Kilanski stated that you should have them today. Please take the survey that is inside the newsletter and return them back to the town.

Intent to cut map 1 lot 17-1-Mine Rd.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve the timber tax for map 7 lot 17-Old Hinsdale Rd. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

RED Committee is putting together a holiday decorate your house contest.

Winchester School Boosters has asked to place a thank you banner by the Kiwanis sign for a few weeks. The board agrees.

Cemetery Sexton-Sherry Willard is asking the board for approval to give Keene Monument a key to the unlock the gate, so they can enter during the winter to work on lettering or installation of cornerstones. The board has no issue with giving a key to Keene Monument.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a transfer from the Road Maintenance capital reserve in the amount of \$7,822.34. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a payment to Stebbins Painting in the amount of \$4,090.50. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Amy-Financial has given the board a breakdown of the Cemetery Donation Fund and the balance as requested.

Chief Kellom has reviewed the Ambulance number for the 1st year completed and is recommending that the Ambulance Department continues as a paid part-time service. The Ambulance had a total of 732 calls and only missed 15 due to both ambulances were already on a call. 2018-2019 there were 650 calls and 224 were

missed due to no personnel. Selectman Marsh would like to have Diluzio come down to go over the contract. The board will revisit continuing the Ambulance Dept. as is next week when there is a full board.

Todd Kilanski-School Board member came to give the board an update. The School Board will be revisiting on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> the schedule and what the COVID numbers are. The school board will at what the appropriate number is and whether they open back up and do a hybrid or stay closed and go fully remote. The school budget will be ready to be signed next week. The free and reduced lunch forms that are given out whether you think you qualify or not please fill them out and return them back to the school. The school can qualify for \$1900 per child.

Dylan Eastman would like the board to visits the Parking Ordinance. Being a business owner there are cars parked on Main St at all hours and the parking signs stated 2-hour parking. It is not being enforced. Selectman Kilanski would like to have Chief Tollett come the meeting next week and continue the discussion on the parking ordinance.

Selectman Kilanski announced the tax rate \$28.77. A \$6.87 decrease with \$639,000 in the unreserve balance account. DRA recommends that the unreserve acct is at 5%. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the tax rate @ \$28.77. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Chief Kellom asked the board to approve placing 2 no parking signs at the Pisgah State Park entrance on Old Chesterfield Rd. There was an issue a couple of weeks ago when the Ambulance were called to an accident at the park and the ambulance could just make it through with all the vehicles parked on both sides of the road. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to place 2 no parking signs on one side of the road. Selectman Leustek second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Mike Coope asked the board to look at painting the Ashuelot Covered Bridge roof. Possibly have a fundraiser. Selectman Marsh stated that there could be a preservation grant for historical bridges. Karey will ask the grant writer.

#### **Board comment:**

N/A

#### **Public comment**

Kevin Bazan asked to see a history of the unreserve balance account. Kevin is asking the board for some leadership from the Selectman on the upcoming election and warrant articles. For a petition warrant article you are required to have 25 signatures and with the COVID in the county it doesn't warrant approaching people to sign a petition. Has the state been talking about delays or what will happen. Selectman Marsh stated they asked the Moderator last week and he has heard nothing for the Secretary States Office. Karey said that she has not heard any updates on elections or town meetings. Selectman Kilanski stated that it is the Secretary States Office that controls rules/regulations on elections.

Kelly Kilanski has a concern with the parking on the sidewalk and blocking the fire hydrant at Mr. Mikes. Selectman Kilanski said that we will ask Chief Tollett to talk to the manager again.

Lindseigh Picard asked the board to have copies of the ambulance totals next week for audience to review. Lindseigh wanted to clarify the free and reduced lunch forms is a part of the adequacy aid.

Natalie Quevedo asked the board how to go about petitioning the board to add a speed bump on Ashuelot St. The cars use it as a short cut and speed down the road. Selectman Marsh said that a speed bump would not work due to the highway plowing, but we could ask the PD to place the speed sign on the street.

Barry Kellom asked the board to send a letter to the owner of the apartment building asking their tenants to clean up after their dogs. Selectman Kilanski said that we could put up some signs.

**Fifth order of business: Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)**

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under c. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. A roll call vote was taken, and members vote "yes" individually, and the board convenes in non-public at 7:40 pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:20pm.

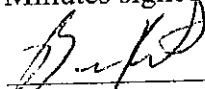
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to seal the minutes under e. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

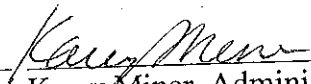
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 8:21pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:

  
Ben Kilanski, Chairman

  
Karey Miner, Administrator