



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes Sr. and Gloria Leustek.
Also, present Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 10/28/20. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

The week of November 9th the Cemetery will have dumpsters delivered for demo of the old building. The board agreed to move the safe to the Conant Library.

November 17th the BOS and Budget Committee have a joint meeting with the Health Agencies @6pm.
November 18th BOS meeting the board will review Conant Library, Water & Sewer and Town Beach Budgets.

Intent to excavate map 7 lot 13-S Old Hinsdale Rd.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve signing the annual letter to NHMA giving certain employees permission for legal services. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The board agreed no BOS meeting on November 11th due to the Veterans day and the Town Hall is closed.

The board received a quote to have the AC Lawrence property cleaned up by mulching & mowing the brush in the amount of \$9,800. Selectman Marsh would like to table until the board has time to look at where it could be funded from.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a payment to the State of NH from the sewer capital reserve in the amount of \$27,312.08 paid to Maher. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a payment to Lawrence Sign in the amount of \$437.61 from the Cemetery Building Donation Acct. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Gloria makes a motion to approve Ambulance billing fund to CAG in the amount of \$878.25. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The board discussed funding the Capital Reserve Funds:

- Selectman Marsh asked to table the Highway fund until they see the prices Dale receives on a new loader.
- Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add \$13,000 to the Police Cruiser Fund. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add \$16,522 to the Assessing & Revaluation Fund. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add \$5,000 to the Computer Fund. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- Selectman Marsh asked to table the Fire Apparatus fund and talk to Chief Kellom.
- Selectman Rokes makes a motion to add \$10,000 to the Town Owned Building Fund. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add \$5,000 to the Ambulance Fund. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0. The board would like to have Chief Kellom get the 1st year numbers together to review how the Ambulance did.
- Selectman Marsh makes a motion to add \$5,000 to the State/Town Bridge Reconstruction Fund. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- Selectman Stephens makes a motion to add \$10,000 to the Town Beach Fund. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski thanked everyone who worked the Election Poles. Everyone did great job.

Public comment

Claudia Harvey thanked Selectman Rokes and Selectman Stephens for cleaning the roof on gazebo.

Natalie Quevedo congratulated Selectman Kilanski on his win. Natalie asked what the computer fund is. Selectman Kilanski said it is a capital reserve account. Karey add that the fund is for if a computer or server crashes, we have funds to replace equipment. Natalie asked if the COVID grant still available. Karey stated that it ended in October. Selectman Leustek said the funds won't be available until July 2021. There is no need for anything at the moment. These funds are for future needs. Natalie asked should we purchase computers now instead of the future. Selectman Kilanski said that the capital reserve is used for maintenance or if the server crashes, we have the money to replace it. There is no need at the moment. Natalie said wouldn't purchasing computers with the COVID grant for backup incase a computer crashes. Karey said the COVID money spent was due in for reimbursement by October. Natalie said the COVID money was go thru January. Karey said no.

Natalie asked if the board was able to find funds for the broadband committee to do a mailing to the residents. Selectman Kilanski stated that Emergency Management could be used. Once the committee has the draft mailer ready send the mailing to Karey for review. Selectman Rokes said that the school sent out a questioner and 86% didn't return it back. There were very few people that filled it out. Natalie said that it is classified information so we can't obtain that. Selectman Rokes stated that you won't get a good return on your investment. Natalie said we still need to try for the purpose of the whole town to get broadband.

Natalie had a statement for the board that the town is very divided. The votes were split right down the middle. I would hope that our Selectman and our new State Rep can focus on trying to bring the 2 sides together. I would like if the select board would increase the 15-minute public comment and back to just open

comment. Selectman Kilanski said that it has always been posted as 15 minutes of public comment. 99% of the time there is only 5-10 minutes. The meetings were getting to where 45 minute to an hour. Natalie stated that she feels that the public needs to be heard and the board should do more to cater to them. We are still using my data to live stream. We need to encourage people to get involved.

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

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under c. Selectman Leustek 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 7:32pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

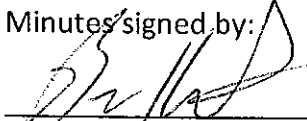
The board reconvenes in public session at 8:05pm.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

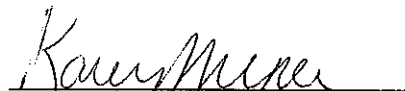
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator