



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470
Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting
December 2, 2020

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes Sr. and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Chief Tollett.

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 11/24/20. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Missy Calderwood-ACCESS Director came to give the board an update on the program. Summer camp had 32 children, 6 leaders and 4 youth leaders. Many activities throughout the summer: swimming at the town beach, crafts, kayaking, karate lessons & Police academy. . ACCESS was able to give 14 scholarships. The Fall program started Oct 6th Monday-Thursday 3:30-6pm with 12 children. Due to COVID ACCESS has been doing weekly activity boxes with books, crafts, homework sheets, outside games & coco. Starting December the activity boxes will be Christmas themed. ACCESS is working with the school helping with remote learning. Missy stated that ACCESS will be submitting a petition warrant article for funding.

Town of Winchester was awarded a CDFA Grant for a feasibility study on the town beach ramp in the amount of \$23,500.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to sign an agreement with Winchester Economic Development to reimburse the town from the EDA grant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve Tax Warrant in the amount of \$4,602,730. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

May 2019 the board approved the new water user fees/rates. The rules & regs were not updated. The board signed the rules & regs.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve & sign the certificate of completion for the Richmond Rd watermain project. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve the timber tax for map 15 lot 53-Keene Rd. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to sign the Revision Solar agreement for the wastewater treatment plant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Primex drafted a policy and agreement for personal tool storage. This will allow employees to bring in their personal tools into work. The board agrees to hold a public hearing on Dec 30th @ 7pm.

Selectman Kilanski stated that December has 5 Wednesdays. Would the board be ok with moving Dec 23rd meeting to Dec 30th. The board agrees.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Amy-Financial has informed the board that the town will need to take out a \$1,000,000 Tax Anticipation Note. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a TAN in the amount of \$1,000,000. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve payment to CAG from the Ambulance billing in the amount of \$489.07. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Cemetery donation account totaling \$1860.03: WB Mason-\$399.99, Main St Mini Mart-\$210.00, Home Depot-\$477.92, Aubuchons-\$53.12 & Hamshaw-\$719.00 \$3,102.75. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve water abatement for Scotland Rd-map 24 lot 10-1 in the amount of \$100. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a water abatement for Mechanic St- map 34 lot 33 in the amount of \$50.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a water/sewer abatement for Mechanic St- map 28 lot 66 in the amount of \$1368.31-water and \$1629.36-sewer. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-1.

Dylan Eastman business owner/resident is asking the board to look at a solution to enforce the 2hr Parking Ordinance and the winter parking. Being a business owner there are cars parked on Main St at all hours and the parking signs stated 2-hour parking. Selectman Kilanski said it has been an ongoing issue year after year. Chief Tollett stated that it has always been an issue. It's about educating and reminding the tenants and landlords. The law has been changed and we are not allowed to chalk tires anymore. The PD can start with educating everyone, then issue tickets and tow if needed. Chief said that then you have people who won't pay the tickets, which turns into a warrant where extra time and paperwork. There is no easy answer. Selectman Kilanski asked Chief Tollett to look at Keene's parking Ordinance to see if we can make ours better.

Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski stated that the Budget Committee had their 1st budget meeting with the school board, and it went well. There were good questions and answers. Next school budget meeting is next Tuesday. Dec 8th @6pm at the Town Hall.

Public comment

Natalie Quevedo had a suggestion on the parking issue that maybe go to a paid parking spot. This way everyone has a parking spot that is theirs.

Lindseigh Picard asked the board to explain how there was an increase of \$400,000 from 2019 to 2020 and what the process is. Why was there no conversation in public about the amount and that was not going to be returned back to the tax rate. Selectman Kilanski stated that the board didn't have any conversation on those numbers.

Karey added that the number is based on number of things, assets/liabilities and comes from the MS-5 that the auditors generate. Lindseigh said that the boards doesn't know where you saved \$400,000 in your budget. I'm not clear how that number is there with no conversation. It is concerning you don't understand where that number comes from.

Chris Steadman asked the board to look at G&G and the activities that are going on there. It is no longer a junk yard, but they are still dismantling cars there. Selectman Kilanski stated that they have been sent a letter and DES is involved.

Mike Coope asked the board to consider community parking in the Mr. Mikes area once the building is removed.

Natalie Quevedo thanked Chief Tollett for putting the speed sign out on Ashuelot St. Also, thanked the board for wearing masks and social distancing. But would ask that the board make a mask mandate for the town with the increase of COVID numbers. Having more safety measures so more people can attend public meetings.

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

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under a, c & e. Selectman Rokes 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 7:57 pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:55pm.

The board accepted Denis Murph-RED Committee and Gregory Stoughton resignations.

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

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

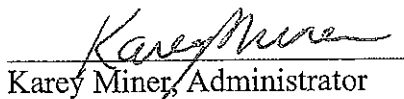
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator