



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470  
**Minutes of the  
Selectmen Meeting**  
December 9, 2020

**Board members present:** Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens, Jack Marsh and James & Rokes Sr. Also, present Sherry Willard and Rick Meleski.

**First order of business: Minutes**

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 12/2/20. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-1.

**Second order of business: New Business**

Selectman Stephens made a motion to close the Town Hall at 1pm on Christmas Eve- Thursday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Jim Tetreault gave the board a memo informing them that Denis Murphy-Moderator will be at next weeks BOS meeting 12/16 to go over options of the upcoming Deliberative Session.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to revisit the Southwest Community Services budget. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-1. SCS has requested a decrease from \$10,000 to \$9,472. Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the new budget of \$9,472. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-1.

Selectman Kilanski stated that the Budget Committee will have a budget zoom meeting with the School Board next Tuesday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @6pm. Budget Committee will hold the public hearing Jan 14<sup>th</sup> @6pm (snow date-Jan 19<sup>th</sup>) and Jan 5<sup>th</sup> for review of Town & School Warrant Articles.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve the Current Use tax for map 9 lot 21-Naramore Rd. in the amount of \$2,020. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 3-0-1.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve the Oath of Office for Kim Valcourt-Thayer Library. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes made a motion to approve the Timber tax for map 1 lot 39-Bolton Rd. in the amount of \$551.06. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the TAN-\$1,000,000. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Chief Tollett sent a memo to the board asking to remove the public parking signs near 78 Main St. The signs will cause an issue with what the ordinance states and for the PD to enforce. Selectman Stephens made a

motion to approve remove the signs. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve Avitar's Mapping agreement 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2021. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Reminder Public Hearing on Dec 30<sup>th</sup> @7pm for creating a policy on Employee's using their tools.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a Haluch Water-\$427,855.62, Tata & Howard-\$24,786.00 and Town of Winchester-\$13,261.22 from the Water Tank funds. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Cemetery donation account in the amount of \$450.00 to Rainflow. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Robert Leustek Clock account in the amount of \$450.00 to Brian Tanguay Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

The Board agrees that the Thayer Libraries Rental Agreement needs to be reviewed by the Attorney.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to put the Old Mack Fire Truck back to bid with a minimum bid of \$500 on Muni Bid for 2 weeks. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

**Board comment:**

Selectman Kilanski asked the board to start to think of someone to dedicate the Annual Town Report to this year.

Selectman Stephens stated that he has been working with Dani on Keene road with his issue of the water coming out of his driveway onto the sidewalk & Rt 10, which is turning into ice. Dani has dug a ditch to try and divert the water. But, doesn't seem to be working. Dale and the State of NH also have talked to Dani. Board asked to have Dani to speak to the board.

**Public comment**

Lindseigh Picard asked the board if they have thought about billing taxes quarterly. This could help with the cash flow and the board might not need to take out a TAN. Selectman Marsh stated that they have talked about it in the past. It is something that needs to be looked at again.

Jonathan Gallup let the board know that Michigan St has the same issues with water and ice in the road. Selectman Marsh said that it has been an issue for a lot of years and the problem is it is all ledge up on the hill. It would need to be blasted.

Lt. Penny Witherbee let the board know she has resigned from the Winchester PD last day 12/21/20. But has asked the board to waive the 2week notice and her last day would be today 12/9/20 @9pm. Penny also stated that she would like to do an exit interview. Selectman Marsh made a motion to waive the 2week notice and 12/9/2020 is Lt. Penny Witherbee last day. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Natalie Quevedo asked Lt. Penny Witherbee to elaborate on why she is resigning. Lt. Penny Witherbee said she was not willing to.

**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 a & 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 7:41 pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:45pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 8:48pm. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

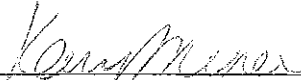
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator