



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Work Session**
Monday
March 15, 2021

Select Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes, Gloria Leustek and Jack Marsh
School Board members present: Lindseigh Picard, Tina Perkins and JR Rokes Jr.
Moderators: Denis Murphy and Henry A'L Parkhurst
Town & School Clerk: Jim Tetreault

Selectman Stephens calls the work session to order at 6:30pm to discuss the upcoming Deliberative Sessions and Election.

Jim Tetreault stated that we already have a process in place for the Election in May. We will run the election just as we did for the Primary and General election at the school. Same rules and same setup. We need to look at how the Deliberative for the Town & School will be run. Lindseigh Picard stated that the School Board has secured 2 tent rentals for the Schools deliberative. There have been concern with anchoring the tent and putting hole into the new pavement in the back-parking lot. The tents will be in the front of the school. Selectman Stephens asked the sizes of the tents and how many can fit into the gym. Jr Rokes said 40x80, 40x40 & 20x30. Lindseigh stated that the gym will hold 140-150 people with the bleachers out. There was around 170 people for last year's School Deliberative. Jim said the town deliberative historically there are 100 people that attend so the gym could work. Selectman Marsh stated that has a couple issues, one we should not be putting holes in the asphalt and two is the weather. 9am in April is still cold in the morning. Denis asked if there were sides on the tent. If so, we should just have it in the gym. Weather is also a concern. The Secretary of the State will allow us to spread out into other rooms, like the cafeterias. We could tape it and use a projector/tv's for people to watch from other rooms. Selectman Marsh would like to know the size of the 2 cafeterias & the library and how many they could hold. Do we have enough volunteers. Jim said that he rather hold it inside. Possibly we could rent equipment to place in addition rooms for people to watch. Lindseigh said it sounds like it could cost more by needing to hire volunteers, rent equipment, additional cleaning staff. The school doesn't have staff to come into clean additional rooms. Selectman Marsh said the elderly are not going to want to come out and sit under a tent and be cold. Selectman Stephens asked about bathrooms. Lindseigh said they will be using the school bathrooms. Henry Parkhurst want it on record that he hasn't been notified about anything or any discussions. 671:28-a allows the School Board or Select Board to appoint a person to fill their position if they are not able to attend. The moderators will then swear them in for the day. Denis said the State requires a quorum from each board to present during elections. In the past the Select Board has over seen the elections, but both boards should be. It is unclear if the school board years ago granted the authority to the Select board. The School Board will have to decide how it will be handled in the future. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to hold the town deliberative at 9am in the school gym. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Denis will reach out to Principal Carey and Ian with the details. Selectman Kilanski would like to see both boards helping each other out on their deliberative sessions. Lindseigh added that the school still has a mask mandate in place at the school.

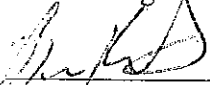
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn the work session at 7:35 pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

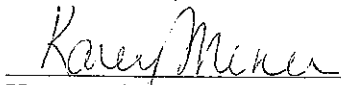
Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes approved by the board on:

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator