



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the  
Selectmen Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**Board members present:** Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Gloria Leustek and James Rokes Sr.  
Also, present Dale Gray.

**First order of business: Minutes**

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

The board reviews the minutes of 3-17-21 for approval. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

**Second order of business: New Business**

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a raffle permit for Santa's Helpers. Drawing will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Kilanski met with Steve Gassett at the Thayer Library to look at the boiler. Selectman Kilanski stated he asked Steve to give 2 quotes, to repair the boiler-\$912 and a replacement price-\$5,900. The board will review.

The board was invited to the ribbon cutting of the new Dunkin Donuts on March 27<sup>th</sup> @10am. Selectmen Kilanski and Leustek will attend.

The board received an email from Rep Cinde Warmington- Executive Councilor for District 2 introducing herself and letting the town know to reach out with any concerns or questions.

The Select Board will have a meeting next week, March 31<sup>st</sup> @6:30.

Reminder Town Deliberative is April 3<sup>rd</sup> @9am, School Deliberative is April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am and Election Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Both the Deliberative & Elections will be held at the Winchester School.

WEDC Chair Mark Tigan gave the board an update on Stone Mt Business Park. The infrastructure is 95% completed. They are in the Marketing stages and applying for an USDA grant. Recently the WEDC has send out a mailing on the property and looking at possibly listing it with a Realty Broker. Currently there have been 2 prospects inquiring on the lots. Selectman Rokes asked when the topcoat will be done. Mark stated this spring and they are looking at finishing the cul-de-sac with the excess EDA funds. EDA will need to approve it. Mark stated that he has been working with Rick Meleski on the water pressure issue. Late May the WEDC will have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mark thanked all the Departments Heads for the help and support. Selectman Kilanski thanked the WEDC for all their hard work on Stone Mt Business Park.

Dale Gray informed the board that he had received a few new quotes on replacing the loader. The Volvo and John Deere are a smaller loader than we originally had asked for. Dale let the board know he went to Concord

to try out a Cass loader and didn't like the machine. The board asked if he could try out the Volvo. Dale will make some calls.

Lindseigh Picard-School Board Chair gave an update on the school. The school is back running 4 days a week. The School Board has made offers to 2 candidates to fill the Business Managers position and the Psychologist position. The board will announce it at the next school board meeting. The Annual Senior Night will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve payment to Stebbins Painting in the amount of \$8,954.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve payment to Gloria Leustek in the amount of \$196.70 from the RED account. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-1.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the transfers from the Ambulance Billing acct to the operating budget in the amount of \$12,324.72. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the transfers from the Police Outside Detail to the operating budget in the amount of \$697.64-Jan and \$200.23-Feb. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

N/A

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Lindseigh Picard stated that there has been some discussion on the Town Hall hours and did not hear a lot of feedback from the community. Perhaps there is an opportunity to do a survey asking what hours would work best. The board had talked about some parking concerns at the new Dunkin Donuts and putting up some no parking signs. Lindseigh stated she did agree with an evaluation of the traffic patterns at the intersection for safety but maybe consider that putting up a sign will discourage large vehicles from stopping could hurt businesses. We are looking at bring in new business/companies to the new business park, but we are not encouraging big trucks to stop to the Dunkin Donut. Just a thought to think about but the suggestion should not override safety. The community really deserves to hear some conversation about the Chief of Police and what is going on with the Police Dept. There have been some concerns for our youth in the community and as a resident I am used to seeing a police present on Richmond Road everyday but not lately. Also concerned with if any of the new Police Officers have read the schools emergency plan and how will they react to an emergency at the school or in town. Lindseigh encourages the board to talk to the town about what is going on with the Police Dept. Lindseigh thanked Amy Bond for the detailed information on the \$400,000 that was added to the fund balance account and to the town for a great job. There was \$79,000 savings in the Highway Dept. Knowing what the Highways needs are there might have been an opportunity to spend some money. Part of being fiscally solid is looking at the future and the needs of the town. There was an excess of \$160,000 in revenues and actual expenditures were a savings of \$253,000. Lindseigh would encourage the board to review the budget in public along with the weekly manifest report.

Lt Jim Fisher wanted to address the concerns that Lindseigh had on the PD patrolling and the school's emergency plan. Selectman Kilanski recommend that LT Fisher put a report together answering the school's concerns.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "b, c & e". Selectman Leustek 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 7:14pm.

**Adjournment:**

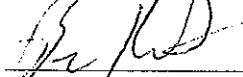
The board reconvenes in public session at 7:51pm.

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

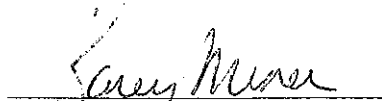
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:  
Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski Chairman

  
Karey Miner