



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, April 28, 2021

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

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

The board reviews the minutes of 4-28-21 for approval. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a 2day operation permit for Northfield Drive-In for a Family Circus Day on July 2nd & 3rd. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve tax abatement for map 9 lot 58, 12/23-1 & 9/58-1. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the Oath of Office for Kristen Bagster-RED Committee. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Intent to excavate map 6 lot 4 & map 4 lot 2.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a gravel tax for map 6 lot 4 & map 4 lot 2 in the amount of \$119.24. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve raffle permit-Santa's Helpers for a bed race and carnival on Aug 21st @ ELMCC. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve tax abatement for map 8/119-H5 in the amount of \$178. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve 1 Blind and 3 Elderly Exemptions, map 8 lot 20, map 29 lot 16, map 20 lot 23 & map 1 lot 20-13. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a payment to Aubuchon's in the amount of \$181.33 & Home Depot in the amount \$166.20 from the Cemetery Building Donation Acct. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski asked the board to review Karey's newsletter on the warrant articles & candidates for office.

Selectman Kilanski thanked everyone who help with the clean-up day on Saturday. 1400 pounds of trash was picked up. Thank you, Dana's Containers, for the container.

Selectman Leustek stated that the Farmers Market will be opening May 8th in the park from 9am to 1pm and Music in the park will run from June 10th to August 12th.

Selectman Rokes stated that the board received 7 applications for the Chief's position. Selectman Kilanski asked the board to review the applications and then we will send them to MRI to interview & complete backgrounds checks.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Lindseigh Picard asked the board if they have considered an interview committee with members of the community that have direct relationships with the police dept. Also there has been some appointments within the town hall such as the Welfare Dept. What is the process for hiring. I never heard that the position was open. Lindseigh asked the board to have a few minutes next week at the BOS meeting to give an update on the school. The board agreed. Selectman Kilanski said that MRI-Municipal Resources Inc. will do an in-depth background, interview, and a psychology valuation, which is something we cannot do. The last time we hired MRI they were recommended by the Attorney & the NH Municipal Assoc. especially for the Police Chief position. I believe the cost was \$5000. Selectman Stephens said that the final interviews will be with the board and a few community members.

LT Fisher gave an update on the Police Dept as of 4-1-21: 193 call to service, 18 arrests, 6 traffic accidents and 23 incidents. Officer Edson, Fox & Merkle completed the NH OHRV driving course. All Officers will be completing a 1hr Cultural Awareness & Diversity training and a 2hr de-escalating & minimizing use of force training.

Mary Ganon appreciates Selectman Stephens follow up with bring in the community members for the search on the Police Chief. It will give the search a lot more integrity and allow the community to feel that they had some input. Will MRI vet through the pool of candidates? Selectman Kilanski said yes and then the committee will interview the final applicants. Mary thanked the board on the process. Mary also happy to hear the PD has a professional development training on cultural awareness.

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

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "b, c, & e". Selectman Stephens 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 6:50pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 7:50pm.

The board hire Jean Ford to the Cemetery.

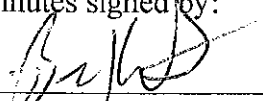
Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to seal the minutes under e. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

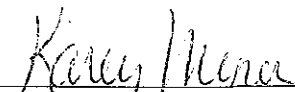
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner