



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Lindseigh Picard, Herbert Stephens, Theresa Sepe and James Rokes Sr. Also, present were Officer Fisher, Dale Gray & Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Public Hearing

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm. Selectman Kilanski reads the public hearing notice. "Notice is hereby given that the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 6:30pm in the Winchester Town Hall for the purpose of accepting and expending OHRV Law Enforcement Grant from the NH Fish & Game for \$2160.00. Questions may be addressed to the Winchester Town Hall." Selectman Stephens makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. The board and the public have no questions or concerns. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the OHRV Law Enforcement Grant from the NH Fish & Game for \$2160.00 and allow Officer Gary Phillips to be the grant signer. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) President Mark Bodin and SR. VP of Retail Administration came to the meeting to announce the wonderful news that SBW will be opening a branch in the old TD Bank building. They are hopeful to be open on September 7th. The board thanked SBW for coming to Winchester.

Last week the board discussed RFQ for the Town Beach Feasibility Study. Selectman Kilanski announced the board received 1 RFQ from SFC Engineering. James Weatherly from SWRPC needs the board to appoint Karey as the grant administrator. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve Karey as the grant signer. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to award SFC Engineering. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. The next step will be SFC providing the board a proposed contract and scope of work.

The board reviews the minutes of 6/9/21 for approval. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Forest Lake/Town Beach was recently tested, and the results came back that levels are very low.

Rick Meleski requested that the board to approve temporarily changing the total number of units for 15 Ashuelot Main St. due to the fire that occurred and displacing all the tenants to 1 unit, until the owner & Insurance company know the status of the building. Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve temporarily changing it to 1 unit. Selectman Rokes seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

The board agreed no Select Board meeting June 30th.

Intent to Excavate for map 1 lot 81.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve sewer abatement for map 25 lot 12 for a pool fill in the amount of \$29.74. Selectmen Stephens seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve tax abatement for map 8 lot 119-H14 in the amount of \$414.00 and map 4 lot 16 in the amount of \$213.00. Selectmen Stephens seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

The board received letters of commendation for Sergeant Fox, Officer Joshua Edson, and Officer Howard from Officer in charge LT Fisher & Officer Phillips. LT Fisher also sent letters to the City of Keene and State Police thanking them for their assistance at a call last week.

The Board signs the Police Chief Hiring Committee oath of Office for Val Carey, Trevor Croteau, Colleen Duquette, Steve Aivaliotis & Stephanie Tommila. The board gave some direction to the committee members on how the process will work. The committee will meet back with the board with a timeline the 1st part of July.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

The board discussed incumbering the funds from last year for the Ashuelot Fire Station in the amount of \$13,170.00. Chief Kellom would ask the board to incumber the funds . Selectman Stephens makes a motion to incumber the funds. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve a purchase from water dept. account to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$5,685.09. Selectman Rokes seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Chief Kellom is asking the board to purchase from Firematic Supply for 7 SCBA 4500psi air paks with all the components total amount of \$46,477.00 with \$35,000 coming from the firemen's association account and \$11,477 from the fire dept operating budget. Selectman Picard makes a motion to approve a purchase \$11,477 from the fire dept. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve a purchase from Firematic Supply for 5 additional SCBA 4500psi air paks with all the components in the amount of \$36,147. Selectman Picard seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe wanted to correct a statement that she had made last week about the amount that was in the budget. Selectman Sepe said \$43,000 it should have been \$433,000.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve year end line transfers for Cemetery- \$1,141.70, PD-\$3,791.83 and Highway \$3,093.73. Selectman Rokes seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the request from the Evergreen Expendable Care Fund in the amount \$9,451.45. Selectman Stephens seconds. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Rokes asked the board now that Savings Bank of Walpole is coming to Winchester, we should ask Amy Bond & Margaret Curtiss to start the process of moving our accounts. Karey will talk to them.

Selectman Rokes wanted to thank the Garden Club for all the work they do.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the firework permits. Selectman Picard seconds. The motion carries 5-0. A complete list is posted on the website.

Anthony Gobbi	858 Keene Rd	7/3/21	8-11pm	Rain Date
Kevin Bazan	7 Swan St	7/3/21	9-11pm	
Sharyn Rennie	265 Back Ashuelot Rd	7/3/21	9:30-11pm	7/4 or 7/2
Deb McNamara	512 Keene Rd	7/3/21	Dusk-11pm	
Doug Hayward	253 Back Ashuelot	7/3/201	9-11pm	

Fred Parody	3 Headlands Rd	7/3/21	9-11pm	
Forest Lake Campground	331 Keene Rd	7/3/21	9-11pm	7/10
Felicia Howard	7 Melvin Bridge Rd	7/4/21	8-11pm	
Richard Horton	215 Scotland Rd	7/4/21	8-11pm	
Jonathan Tyler	196 Old Hinsdale Rd	7/4/21	9-11pm	
Stephen Lawrence	270 Old Westport Rd	7/4/21	9-11pm	
Tracy Paquette	699 Keene Rd	7/3/21	8-10pm	7/4

Selectman Sepe stated she would like to look at other ways to help with coverage at the PD and possibly contract with other law enforcement, but we would not be able to encumber funds from this years budget unless there was a contract in place by June 30th. Selectman Sepe asked the board if they would like her to reach out to law enforcement agencies to get information so the board can discuss the option. Selectman Picard made a motion to have Selectman Sepe to reach out to law enforcement agencies. Selectman Kilanski second the motion. The motion carries 3-2.

Fourth order of business public comment:

Colleen Duquette thanked the Board and Highway for cleaning up 19 Elm St. Colleen asked for a job description for the Chief position and thank the PD.

Conor Hill invited everyone to a community forum Saturday, June 26th @ 2pm in the park by the Police Station. Conor commented on the Social Worker position that passed in May that the pay was too low, and we might not get anyone to apply because of the pay rate. Conor stated that possibly the town could use the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) monies to increase the pay rate. Karey stated that the ARPA fund is specific in how the money can be spent. The fund is mostly gear towards COVID related items. Conor informed the board that there is a grant awarding 15million from HUD to combat homelessness and the Elm St property could be used as a shelter or temporary housing.

Claudia Harvey asked if the board said it would take 6months to hire a new chief. Selectman Sepe stated that the board did not say that it was LT Fisher who stated that. Selectman Kilanski said they would like to hire as soon as possible. Claudia asked when did the time change from 10 to 11pm on the firework permits. Karey said since she has been taking minutes it has been 11pm The board was unclear when it changed. Claudia asked what was going on with the burnt building on Main St. and who will be monitoring the construction to make sure there is not debris in the street. Selectman Kilanski said the owner has been waiting on their insurance company and the building inspector will be inspecting the project.

The board recessed for 5 minutes @ 8:16.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II (c)

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “b & c”. 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 8:22pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:45pm.

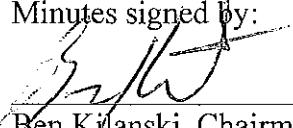
Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under a for 2 weeks. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to seal the minutes under "c." Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

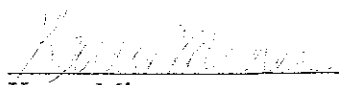
Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 9:49pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner