



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470
Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes Sr. and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Barry Kellom & Rick Meleski

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The board reviews the minutes for 6/10/20. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes.

Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Winchester ATV Club-Dean Beaman came to speak to the board asking for their consideration of shared road access. Dean presented a map of the locations where they would like to gain access, Old Spofford Rd, starting at the intersection of John hill Rd to the intersection of Old Westport Rd, to Howard St, onto Elm St. ending at the parking lot at the corner of Ashuelot St & Elm St. A public hearing will be required, and all abutters will need to be noticed by mail. The club would post various signage on the necessary roads. Selectman Marsh made the motion to allow the club to notice the abutters and hold a public hearing July 8th. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski would ask that the Police Chief and the Fish and Game officer be at the hearing.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the firework permits for July 3rd & July 4th:

- 3 Headlands Rd
- 7 Swan St
- 89 Back Ashuelot
- 60 Acorn Dr
- 14 Parker St
- 5 Acorn Dr
- 401 Keene Rd
- 7b Ashuelot St
- 19 Jones Rd
- 699 Keene Rd
- 512 Keene Rd

Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the Industrial Discharge Permit for Plumb Pak. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a tax abatement for 7 Snow Rd in the amount of \$42.56 for a pool filling. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board agreed to a work session with the DRA at 6pm on either June 24th or July 1st.

The board reviewed the Conant Library re-opening plan for June 22nd. They had no concerns or questions.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the surveying, setting centerlines and benchmarks for Stone Mt Business Park and the funds to come from Land Use. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the Fund Balance Policy. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Town Building capital reserve fund to Key Hydronics in the amount of \$4,050.00. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the water capital reserve payment to Denis L Maher in the amount of \$4,629.50. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the sewer capital reserve payment to Tata & Howard in the amount of \$3,450.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the purchase order for the water capital reserve fund in the amount of \$4,500 to Finnell Roofing. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a purchase order from the water dept. to M&L Paving in the amount of \$3,125.00. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the purchase order to Firematic Supply in the amount of \$4,500.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Jennifer Rhodes asked the board to consider bringing the Housing Standards Ordinance back and would like the boards support. Jenny would ask the board to review the Housing Standards Ordinance over the next few weeks and make some notes on how we could reinstate the ordinance. Then have a work session to discuss the changes. The board agreed to hold a work session on July 15th at 6pm.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski stated that last week he made a statement on racism, hate and discrimination. If there were any issues or examples that people would like to share to email the town. Karey stated that she received no emails. Selectman Kilanski stated that he had someone reach out directly to him, but the incident happened at the school, so asked them to reach out to the school. Selectman Kilanski again stated that racism, hate and discrimination are not welcome here.

Selectman Marsh had concerns with the local racetracks opening to race. The Governor has lifted the stay at home order and is allowing the tracks to open with 50% spectators. Selectman Stephens stated that the track did make some changes to the pit and parking lot. Chief Kellom stated that on their place of assembly it states only 50% occupancy. Selectman Kilanski said that the Police Dept is hired for security they can keep an eye on the amount of people and give us a report next week.

Selectman Marsh asked if the Conservation Commission got back to us on Musterfield Park. Karey stated no, but they do have a meeting Thursday night at Musterfield Park.

Selectman Rokes said that he and Selectman Stephens went to the Ashuelot Fire Station and there are some shingles that are gone and need replacing. The board asked Karey to get quotes on fixing the roof. Also, Selectman Rokes would like to get the cost to re-letter the Winchester Fire Station Doors. The board asked Karey to get quotes on lettering the doors.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Kevin Bazan asked the board how much in back taxes are owed. Selectman Rokes stated \$1.75 million. Kevin asked if the board had a plan to collect all this money. Karey stated that the town can't tax deed a property until they are 3 years behind. We lien the property every year when taxes are outstanding. Selectman Kilanski said the board has worked on reducing the outstanding amount by setting up payment plans with residents. The only thing the town is allowed to do is put a lien on the property. Kevin said if you could get even half of that you wouldn't have to take out a TAN for \$1,000,000. Selectman Marsh said that 5-6 years ago it was 2million. The board has worked on reducing the outstanding amount by setting up payment plans with residents. Kevin stated that the town can go after the property owners after 3 years, is that just here in Winchester or everywhere? Selectman Kilanski said it's the State law. Kevin said maybe you could reach out to other towns to see if they have other ways, they handle it. Selectman Kilanski said they have. Selectman Marsh said that there are properties that the town doesn't want because of contamination. The Tannery is a prime example. The town has spent thousands and thousands of dollars cleaning it up and its till not clean. Every year we are required to monitor and test the site. Kevin asked the board to put your heads together and think outside of the box. We are going to be heading into the worst recession that this country has seen since 1920's. You are going to be getting less tax money. People are not going to be able to pay taxes if we are in a recession. Selectman Marsh said the board will meet with the Town Clerk and will ask for a 6-week window on the revenue to keep track. We are thinking that are revenues will be low due to the virus and the economy. We want to see where we are in 6-weeks not 6-months and we might need to make some drastic changes. Tyson Frazier asked if the list of names is available for the public. Selectman Marsh stated that its on the website. Tyson said on the website you have to look it by individual names but what about a list where is shows who is delinquent. Selectman Marsh stated the Town Clerk. Tyson asked if there any privileges to the people who pay their taxes get that the ones that don't pay lose out on as a result of not paying? What are the ramifications? Hundreds of thousands of dollars is simply inexcusable. This money could be used for new loader, cruiser, new fire apparatus or the school. Selectman Marsh said that it is a huge number and should have never gotten to that point, but it has gotten better in the last 4 years. We are trying and working with people to get the total down and the number has come down. Tyson stated as a hardworking taxpayer if I have to pay everyone should have to pay.

Natalie Quevedo asked where she could get a list of taxes that are past the 3 years. Selectman Kilanski stated that the Town Clerks office.

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

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under b, c & e. Selectman Rokes 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 7:53pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:47pm.

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


The Select Board accepted the resignation from Andrew Baldwin-Building Inspector & Sara Carbonneau-Trails Committee.

Selectman Stephens Leustek makes a motion to adjourn at 8:49pm. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

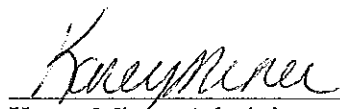
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator