



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens, James Rokes Sr. and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Dale Gray and Sherry Willard.

First order of business: Public Hearing

The Chairman opens the meeting at 7:00 pm. Selectman Kilanski reads the public hearing notice. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Gary Rokes gave the specs of the building, 30x45 metal sides and roof with a 10x15 office-6" insulated walls, 3 over head doors on a concrete slab with frost walls. Estimated cost of \$60,000. Gary stated that he had contacted 2 insurance companies, they valued the building between \$150,000-\$190,000 to replace. Selectman Kilanski asked about removing the old building. Gary said there would be a dumpster and with the help of Jay Roy and Dale. There will be stone drainage all around the building. Jay Roy will do the driveway with hard pack. Dale will bring in some fill to add the area of the old building. Selectman Kilanski asked what the start date would be. Gary states right away. Jenny Rhodes asked about what is need for donations. Gary said money. Brenden Hubbard-Trustee of Cemetery thanked Gary for the donation of the building and Trustees fully supports the project. Lindseigh asked if there was conservation study done and was the conservation committee notified of the project. Selectman Marsh stated no study is required and no permit is needed. Selectman Rokes said anything under 100,000sq feet no permit is required. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to accept the donation and to start right away. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1. The board thanked Gary for his donation of a new Cemetery building.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes for 6/24/20. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve Monadnock Speedway's firework permit for July 11th with a rain date of July 18th dusk-11. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to revisit the firework permit that was denied for 858 Keene Rd because it was turn in after the 15-day deadline. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1. The property owner asked for the board to reconsider. Both the Fire Chief & Police Chief have approved the permit. Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve the fire work permit for July 3rd 9-11. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Senator Jay Kahn reached out to the board to schedule a visit with the board during a board meeting. The board asked Karey to let Senator Kahn know that July 15th or July 22nd would work.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a current use tax for map 8 lot 108-Mechanic St. in the amount of \$1680.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-2.

Denis Murphy-Town Moderator let the board know he has scheduled an Election meeting on July 6th @3pm to discuss the procedures that will need to take place due to COVID-19.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve a raffle permit for Swanzey-Winchester GOP. Date of the drawing is 8/23/2020. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to abate taxes for map 24 lot 3, 35 Scotland Rd in the amount of \$364.00. To correct an error on the property card. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a Timber tax for map 2 lot 49-Warwick Rd. in the amount of \$2468.45. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Reminder that next Wednesday, July 8th at 7pm there will be a public hearing for the Mt Pisgah ATV Club asking to gain access to certain town roads.

The Budget Committee will be having their 1st meeting on July 7th at 6pm.

On July 15th @ 2pm there will be a pre-construction meeting with Tata & Howard and Haluch Construction for the Richmond Rd Water Tank Project.

Last week the board had a work session with the DRA-municipal property division to discuss the process of an assessment review. DRA has responded back to the board's questions. The board had asked if they could sample more than 36 property cards for errors. The DRA stated that because of COVID-19 and the 4month delay they would not be able too. The board also asked if they were asked by the homeowner to do an interior inspection would they. DRA stated that due to COVID-19 they will not be doing interior inspections.

The board revisited the Health officer recommendations on what the board should be thinking about if a possible 2nd outbreak occurs and items that could be purchase with the CARES Act funding that will help if the Town Hall closes again. Suggestions are a buzzer's or intercoms for the outside of the builds to alert employees of a resident. Also, laptops. iPad or chrome books for the select board or other boards to use to hold zoom meetings. Selectman Marsh said just because we have the funds to purchase doesn't mean we need to. What will happen to the intercom 4 years down the road when it needs to be repaired, where will the funds come from to fix them. Selectman Leustek stated that she would not want to spend money on a laptop when she could use her own. But would recommend purchasing a subscription for Zoom for around \$149.99. Selectman Kilanski is in favor of purchasing laptops. iPad or chrome books. But would like to table it until next week so Karey can get prices and options on the equipment.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve Tata & Howards request in the amount of \$13,445.00 from the Water Tank Grant fund. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Leustek makes a motion to approve CAG payment from the Ambulance Billing fund in the amount of \$613.59. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve HP Fairfield in the amount of \$6,733.31 for a new transmission for the sidewalk machine. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve Fuzzy Brothers LLC in the amount of \$19,500 for 3900 yards of sand & gravel. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Dale had a purchase order for 3 new wheels for the loader. Pete's Tire gave a price of \$3,714 and John Deer's price was over \$7,000. Selectman Marsh would like to look at finding used wheels especially if we have a warrant article for a new loader next year. The board tabled to look for used wheels.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Marsh made a motion to change the firework permit to include a sketch on the back of the permit showing the location of where the fireworks will be let off and to show the location of the home, garage, cars etc. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes updated the board on the pre-construction meeting that was held today for the WEDC-Stone Mt Business Park. Start date looks to be in 2 weeks and completed by October. But possibly paving the road in the spring. Selectman Rokes asked Dale about the potholes on the Elm St Bridge. Dale said that they will be paving it this year and not using cold patch. Selectman Rokes asked about signs for 2hr parking and overnight parking on Main St. Selectman Kilanski stated that it only applies for the winter Oct-Apr. Selectman Rokes was asked by an owner on Ashuelot Main St about putting up a Jake break sign just before the Ashuelot Fire Station. Dale said it was up to the board and that he does have 1 sign already. Dale also let the board know that the price of signs has gone way up in price. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve putting up the Jake breaks signs if we have 1 already. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-1.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to crush all 3 police cars that are at Mountainside Auto. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Lindseigh Picard wanted to give the board an opportunity to hear what the public had to say on the request made by the Health Officer to purchase equipment through the grant for better safety of the residents and your employees. There were multiple citizens saying you should take advantage of the opportunities that the COVID-19 grant is offering. I would encourage you to go back and look at the feed and comments. Another thing to think about is not just this board but future boards that may want to use this equipment for meeting. A question was asked if there was any progress on the recording equipment. Selectman Kilanski stated that he is in favor purchasing some equipment but would like to see their options and plans on making a motion next week. Lindseigh said that Jack had mentioned that we weren't going to use this money for whatever so I encourage the board to come up with a plan for what you would use the money for. So at the end of the grant if there are funds left, they could be used to purchase some of these items listed in the plan. Selectman Marsh said Karey works on the plan and the grant funding. Lindseigh said that it needs to be transparent and conveyed to the public. Selectman Rokes said where was everybody before COVID-19. This is a lot of money to spend for 15-20 people when they are welcome to come to the meeting. Lindseigh said as a school board member we want people to participate and it's not always easy to make it to meetings. Lindseigh added that she wanted to share the comments that were posted online with the board. I agree if people have a question or comment they should try and be here. In this day and age we should try to accommodate the fact that not everybody can physically be here. Maybe the board wants to think of a policy where you accept comments from people who are present or someone that comes to speak for a group. The board speaks for a person/group all the time, but they are not here. This maybe should be a conversation between the Select Board and the School Board should have together. How are we going to handle live time and/or recording and be consistent with it. Colleen Duquette stated that she echoes what Lindseigh said. Every week things are put off. It's time to take some action.

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

Selectman Leustek 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 8:06pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:10pm.

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

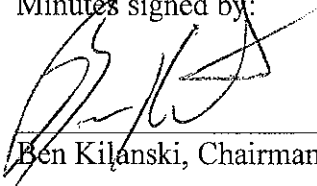
The Select Board hired Kyle McMahon-Fire Dept.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

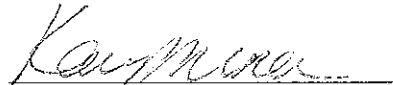
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator