



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

First order of business: Work session

Jenny Rhodes came before the board to discuss the Housing Standards Ordinance and putting together something that is not too aggressive. Property owners need to take the responsibility of the upkeep for their property and the safety of the tenant's. The tenants have some responsibility as well. There was discussion to add a purpose of the ordinance. Margaret said that the last time there was misinformation out there. This overall is to improve the town. We need to be pro active and work with the landlords. Selectman Marsh that as a property owner it was helpful and educational. Selectman Rokes asked if it would be a warrant article. Margaret said yes. Jenny said that we are not trying to tell people how to live but life safety is important. Maybe owner-occupied don't need to be inspected. If the owners are living there, chances are good that the rental is being taken care of. Selectman Kilanski had thought the same thing exclude the 2 families-owner occupied. Selectman Marsh disagrees it should be all. There is a possibility some of the Ordinance can be addressed in the Zoning Ordinance and removed from here. Like the density requirements. Selectman Leustek asked about rewording/removing "other attached building". It's not necessary to inspect a barn or garage. Just the livable space. The board agrees, buildings that are detached don't need to be inspected. Selectman Marsh stated inspect only what's under one roof. Selectman Kilanski would like to see the "correction of Violations" be reworded and allowed more time on certain repairs. The board agrees. Jenny would like to see this more appealing to people. Let's look to see if possibly we can move out some things from this ordinance to the Zoning ordinance and what the fees should. Selectman Marsh thought we should meet in a few weeks. The board & Jenny agree Aug 12th.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes for 7/8/20. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to sign the deed to the Winchester Economic Development Corp for the land swap voted on at 2018 town meeting. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve water & sewer abatement for map 28 lot 73-37 Mechanic St. in the amount of \$210.00. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. The 2nd unit was removed.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve sewer abatement for map 21 lot 28-16 Toofs Dr. in the amount of \$14.87 for a pool filling. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve w/s lien abatement for map 26 lot 26-130 Main St. in the amount of \$600.00. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1. The w/s connection was disconnected 2019.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the junkyard permit for William Truesdell on 15 Hildreth St. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the yearly State of NH reimbursement for the Pisgah State Park. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve to not use the DRA PA-28 form. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Intent to Cut for map 7 lot 47-Old Chesterfield Rd.

Selectman Kilanski read a letter Thanking Officer Witherbee for her help and a letter Thanking Jim, the Water Dept & Highway Dept for all their hard work.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the withdrawal from the Church Steeple capital reserve fund to Scully Architects in the amount of \$3,125. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a new BSMI program for Finance in the amount of \$650.00 and an annual fee of \$115.00. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve 3 new wheels for the Highway loader. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Kilanski would like to have a public hearing on Aug 5th 7pm for the Social Media Policy. The board agrees.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to purchase 8 new Tablets/Chromebooks up to \$500 with the GOFERR Grant. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion fails 3-2. Selectman Stephens said the reason he voted down the Tablets/Chromebooks is because he would like to see a total cost not and estimate. Selectman Kilanski said that there are limited supply of the Tablets/Chromebooks and hard to find so the price varies.

Selectman Marsh asked Dale and Karey to draft a letter to the landowners that are blocking the Class 6 roads. Those Class 6 roads need to be open for the Fire Dept. emergencies.

Margaret Sharra-Heath Officer asked the board to really think about the purchase of the Tablets/Chromebooks. There most likely be a 2nd wave of COVID-19 and we need to be prepared. If the Town Hall closes again the boards will still need to meet. The Tablets/Chromebooks only have to be used when it is absolutely necessary. We need to be proactive. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to revisit the purchase of Tablets/Chromebooks. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion fails 3-2.

Selectman Marsh asked if there was Music in the Park this week and if the RED Committee was working on the banners. Selectman Leustek said yes Thursday night and RED is working on a new order form and getting ready to place an order for banners. RED needs approval from Eversource to use the utility poles. Selectman Marsh asked if Selectman Kilanski will be attending the CC meeting Thursday night. Selectman Kilanski said yes.

Selectman Rokes updated the board on the Pre-construction meeting for the Richmond Rd Water Main Project. Haluch Construction is waiting for materials to be delivered hopefully the week of the Aug 10th if not the 17th. The week of Aug 10th they will mapping out the road and start digging Aug 17th. Finish date is 1st week of Nov.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Kevin Bazan stated that the cost of the Tablets/Chromebooks will be 100% refunded by the State and not cost the taxpayers any money. Why would you not take advantage of this free money from the State. Selectman Leustek stated that each town was given a certain amount based on the population of the town. Kevin said that maybe this board won't use them but what about all the other boards and town employees. Selectman Marsh said that the town employees would not need them. Kevin is disappointed that we would not take advantage of this opportunity. Lindseigh Picard said that multiple people in the community and the Heath Officer is saying that Tablets/Chromebooks are need and the board is not listening.

Natalie Quevedo said that the social media policy stated that any employee or volunteer can post on behave of the town with their initials. So what if the employees don't have a laptop. Selectman Marsh said that it is a rough draft. Karey will be doing it on her computer not a laptop. Not everyone will be updating and putting things on Facebook. Natalie asked if there would be a work session or group to work on the social media draft. Selectman Kilanski said they have been working on it. Natalie said why is there no sexual orientation in the draft. Selectman Marsh said it doesn't not need to be it's a State Law. Natalie said it should be spelled out in the draft.

Chris Steadman wanted to thank both the water & highway departments for their quick response on the water break.

Lindseigh let the board know that the School Board will be discussing the Governors back to school guidance at tomorrow night meeting.

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 Marsh 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 7:50pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:04pm.

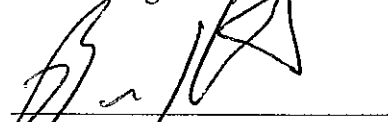
Selectman Stephens makes a motion to seal the minutes under e. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

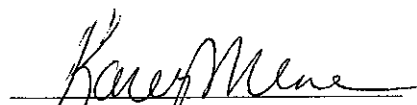
Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 9:06pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:


Ben Kilanski, Chairman


Karey Miner, Administrator