



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, Lindseigh Picard, Herbert Stephens, Theresa Sepe and James Rokes Sr. Also, present were Jennifer Rhodes, Chief Kellom & Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Minutes

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

The board reviews the minutes of 6/23/21 for approval. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes with Selectman Picard's correction. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: New Business

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve tax abatement for map 1 lot 51 in the amount of \$283.04. Selectmen Picard seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve SFC Engineering study agreement for the Town Beach. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Karey presented some information on the American Rescue Plan Act and asked the board to review the information so the board can start to discuss how the money should be used. Winchester will be receiving \$442,000.

Senator Jay Kahn will be attending the July 21st Select Board meeting.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the lease agreement for the new loader and allow Karey sign the paperwork. Selectmen Picard seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve MRI (Municipal Resources, Inc) contract to help with the hiring process for a Police Chief. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0. Karey updated the board on where the hiring committee is in the process. The committee has created a list of question and have 2 candidates that they will be interviewing in the next couple of weeks. Interviews will be completed by July 21st.

Margaret gave the board an update on the projects that have been completed on the rail trail. The RTP Grant was submitted and will be awarded late fall and the USDA Grant is being reviewed and will know an answer end of July. The south bridge needs new deck boards, and the rail trail group are looking for help.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to sign the service agreement with the ELMCC. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to donate and sign the deed for the property located at 397 Back Ashuelot Rd. to the Winchester Historical Society. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Margaret gave the board an update on the Legislative changes for the Health Officers.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve 3 School payments (July, Aug & Sept.) amount of \$1,220,161.80. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Evergreen Expendable Care Fund capital reserve payment in the amount of \$7,005.22 to Smith Landscaping. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to approve the payment to CAG in the amount of \$943.85. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the water capital reserve payment in the amount of \$2,800.00 to Wilson Controls. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve capital reserve withdrawal from the Ashuelot Rail Trail in the amount of \$480.00 to Dick Drew. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Evergreen Expendable Care Fund capital reserve payment in the amount of \$250.00 to Kathryn's Florist. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the Ambulance Chief & Fire Chief increase of \$1,000 each. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to approve the increase pay of \$1.00 for the lifeguards at the Town Beach. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Kilanski announced that the Budget Committee have chosen Jason Spaulding to fill the open seat. Selectman Picard asked what the determining factors for choosing Jason. Like sitting on any boards/committee's or any budget experience. Selectman Kilanski stated that Jason is a new face that wants to be involved and he owns his own business. Selectman Picard would ask that the Budget Committee members attend the school board meeting starting in September when they are discussing the school budget.

Karey asked Selectman Stephens to do a junkyard inspection for their annual renewal.

Selectman Picard thanked the board for being flexible and changes the meeting. The School Boards next meeting is July 15th @6:30. The school has started their summer programs.

Selectman Stephens informed the board that there are a few slate shingles missing from the Town Hall building. Karey will reach out to Marvin Smart.

Rick Meleski let the board know he will be meeting with Eversource, Hamlin Electric & Revision Energy on July 14th @9am to discuss the interconnection on the outside of the building. Revision Energy is hoping to start the solar construction in Aug.

Fourth order of business public comment:

Jennifer Rhodes let the board know she will be meeting with Will Pearson-Cheshire County to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act for possibly using the funds for drug & alcohol services/programs and/or counseling.

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

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “a, c & d”. 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 7:06pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 7:40pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under “a & d”. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0

The board promoted Tanya Bushey to 2nd Lieutenant for the Winchester Ambulance.

The board accepted Kristen Davis-Lifeguard & Officer Howard’s resignations.

Selectman Picard stated that she will have some information for the board to review on the video equipment and the Social Worker that was voted on and passed in May.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm. 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