



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Board members present for the meeting: Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens, Lindseigh Picard, James Rokes and Theresa Sepe. Also, present Rick Meleski & Bill Daniels-Richmond Selectman.

First order of business: Monadnock Disposal-MDS

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Peter Chamberlin- MDS came to speak to the board on the current contract and future contact with the Town of Winchester & Richmond. The cost to of trash removal/disposal fees have increased considerably. Peter stated that unfortunately the increase is passed down. Peter asked to look at changing the hours on Thursday to 10-7pm. Also ask if the Town would take back running the Transfer Station with Town employees and have MDS remove the trash. We would use all the equipment that is currently in place. Selectman Rokes asked about pay as you throw bags and would it need to go to the voters. Peter stated that he has many towns that are using the pay as you throw bags, and the tonnage has decreased because you have to recycle. The recycling is free. Bags go from \$3-6 dollars a bag. Peter stated he didn't think it would need to be voted on. Selectman Kilanski would like to see options with hard numbers. The board agreed to have Peter put some figures together for: *Continue to run as is with Town Employees, go to "pay as you throw bags" MDS employees, go to "pay as you throw bags" with the Town Employees, Update the fee schedule for tires, mattresses, furniture, etc. and a list of the towns dump sticker prices.*

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

Selectman Rokes said a few words about Sherm Tedford and extend our condolences to his family and friends. The board asked for a moment of silence.

The board reviews the minutes of 9/8/21 for approval. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve Sweetwater Distillery request for a food truck on Main St on Saturday, Sept 28th. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve a tax abatement for map 26 lot 16 in the amount of \$425.02. Selectman Lindseigh seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

~~It Fisher sent thank you letter to the State Police & Chief Kellom thanking them for their help at last week's incident.~~

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the Zoll's 1year contract for the Ambulance Dept. Selectman Rokes seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Kevin Bazan-Picklefest Committee sent an email asking the Select Board help handout pickles the day of the picklefest from 10-4pm.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve a timber tax for map 5 lot 1 in the amount of \$460.01. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Boivsert Constructions water/sewer connections on Warwick Rd. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Rokes makes a motion to approve the Evergreen Expendable Care fund payment to Jay Roy in the amount of \$3,600 and Monadnock Fence in the amount of \$2,358.56. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Third order of business Other:

Selectman Kilanski stated that he will have the last quote for the livestream equipment for next weeks meeting.

Selectman Kilanski stated that the fire on Elm St on Saturday was town owned. Due to the concerns of the Fire Chief and after the approve from the State Fire Marshall they decided to know down the building for safety reasons and to clean up the debris. Selectman Stephens stated that the town did a great job. Selectman Rokes thanked Bruce Lawrence and Dana's Container Services for their help.

Selectman Sepe stated that she will be making a motion on purchasing the livestreaming equipment next week. We have taken to long and it needs to be done.

Selectman Picard asked about the fire on Elm St and what is the town protocol for town owned property being salvaged from the site. Should there be an auction or sealed bid. Selectman Rokes stated that his son JR removed some beams from the fire and told JR to speak to Bruce about it. Selectman Sepe stated that she was unaware and that nothing should have been removed.

Selectman Picard asked the board who the Alternate is for the Budget Committee. Karey stated that we don't have an Alternate. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to appoint Selectman Sepe. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Picard has a RED Committee update. RED will have a scarecrow contest again this year. Also they will be having the Winter Wonderland Light competition. School Board meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 and they will be discussing updates on COVID and drafting a budget schedule. Selectman Picard stated that she had attended a training on public comments and will share with the boards.

Selectman Picard said she attended the Budget Committee meeting and let the committee know how important it was to come to the School Board meetings when they are discussing their budget.

Selectman Sepe said that she was told that a Budget Committee member stated that they were looking for someone who was unbiased and would cut the budget. It is not the job of the Budget Committee to cut the budget. The law says to oversee the budgets.

Karey stated that she would like to close the Town Hall for Sherm's services. Its important that everyone that worked with Sherm be able to attend. Selectman Kilanski made the motion to close the Town Hall. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0. Karey asked the board to discuss whether the board will be giving a COLA or Merit raises. The Board will discuss this next week. Lastly the Budget

Committee has asked for volunteer interest form for the vacant seat and are due by Sept 24th. Next budget meeting is Sept 28th.

Rick Meleski gave an update on the Water/Sewer Dept. The Boisvert Construction project was engineered and stamped. Also the sewer line will be extended with no cost to the town. South Dr. water main will be finished in a week and then the connection to the homes shortly after.

Fourth order of business public comment:

Todd Kilanski had a comment on the statement that was made by Kevin Bazan that the vaccination clinic is part of the safety plan for Picklefest. Todd said that he had an observation on livestreaming meetings. The board wants to give people the option to watch the meetings if they don't feel safe coming to a meeting but then we are trying to get people to come to the Budget and/or School Board meetings. If you are going to keep an open mind to what you want the town to look like, you need to relay the message no matter what position you hold. If sitting at home watching a meeting is where you feel safe, then that should be address as well. So people don't feel like they need to come to the meetings. Selectman Rokes stated that he did not think that Kevin meant the clinic was going to make it safe for that day or that it was part of their plan. The board agreed too. Selectman Sepe said that the board discussed that when we open the floor for 15 minutes of public comment the people in the audience will speak 1st and if there is time then they would be heard.

Natalie Quevedo stated that the ACCESS Committee has a meeting with the school to see if they can bring ACCESS back to the school. They received 2 candidates and will be interviewing next week. The river clean-up will be Sept 26th and if you want to participate, please register online. There will need to be a waiver signed. MDS will be donating a dumpster that day. The Broadband received 2 RFP proposals, Comcast and Consolidated. The committee will review them Monday, Sept 20th. The town should have their own YouTube channel and it could be income for the town.

Sheena Bushee stated that she was at the Budget Committee meeting and had the same concerns that Selectman Sepe had. It speaks volumes on just how young the board is. There was a candidate that ran for the committee that has the experience being on the Budget Committee as the School Board Rep. Sheena asked if the board has any more thoughts about hiring Social Work. Selectman Kilanski stated that the board would like the Police Chief to be involved in the hiring the Social Worker. Selectman Kilanski said he would give the Budget Committee your concerns.

Todd Kilanski asked the board if we voted to give the ELMCC money this year why are they charging parents to purchase t-shirts and why do coaches have to buy cones. Selectman Kilanski stated that would be questions for the ELMCC. Selectman Sepe said she is on the Board of Incorporators and her son has played soccer for many years and she has always had to pay \$10/\$15. Selectman Picard added that part of the funds the town gives them goes towards summer camp.

Natalie Quevedo said maybe the board should invite the organizations to a meeting. Why is the board not hiring a Social Worker and doing what the people voted for. Selectman Kilanski stated that the board would like the Police Chief to assist in hiring.

Mike Coope let the board know he will be taking the clock out of service so he can clean the gears. Mike told the board of another option for a streaming platform. Restream.io or streamyard.com. You can download them and save them as well.

The Board recessed for 5 minutes and then will enter into non-public.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “ b, c & e ”. Selectman Picard 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;20pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:19pm.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to seal the minutes under “b, c & e ”. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

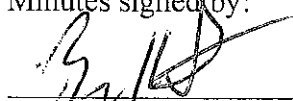
The board discussed the Police Chief contract.

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to adjourn at 9:21pm. Selectman Picard seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

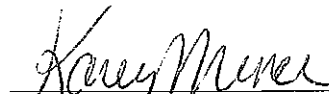
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner