



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Board of Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Board members present: Roberta Heinonen, Jack Marsh, Herbert Stephens and Gloria Leustek. Also, present Dale Gray, Chief Tollett and Rick Meleski.

First order of business: Public Hearing

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to open the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Notice is hereby given that the Town of Winchester Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:00pm** in the Winchester Town Hall for the purpose of accepting and expending from the NH Highway Safety Agency \$2,437.00-STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrols), \$2,887.00-DWI Patrols, \$2,855.00-Operation Safe Commute, U Drive U Text U Pay-\$238.00, Drive Sober-\$476.00 and \$238.00-Join the Clique. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to close the public hearing. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to accept and expend all the grants received. Selectman Marsh seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Second order of business: Minutes & New Business

The board reviews the minutes of 9-18-19 for approval. Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-0-1.

Intent to cut was received for HHP-Woodcrest Dr.

Raffle permit was submitted by the VFW to raffle a Thanksgiving Basket. Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the raffle permit. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the firework permit for 215 Scotland Rd on October 5th. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Marsh made a motion to approve a tax abatement for McComb-Warwick Rd. in the amount of \$2,689.99. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the Jones Rd Infrastructure-CDGB payments to SWRPC, Tata & Howard, Lawrence Excavating & Ferguson Waterworks. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Leustek made a motion to approve the MS-1. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

The Board receive an Election Ballot from NH Association of Assessing Officials for 2020. The board will review.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve Pete's Tire Barn for new loader tires in the amount of \$5,440.96. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve Granite State Mineral for winter salt in the amount of \$60,000. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve Arlington Paving from the Evergreen Expendable Care capital reserve in the amount of \$6,600.00. Selectman Heinonen seconds the motion. The motion carries 3-1.

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the withdraw for the Back Ashuelot culvert project from the Culvert Repair capital reserve account in the amount of \$24,473.36 to Frank Lucius. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to approve the deed release back to Prentice- Old Westport Rd. & Donald-Redwood Dr. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Amy gave the board a memo asking if there would be a Merit or Cola raise for 2020-2021. Selectman Marsh would like to have a full board. Selectman Heinonen stated that she had spoken to Selectman Kilanski and he said he would with agree with the board decision. Both Selectman Marsh and Stephens would like to see a cola. Selectman Heinonen & Leustek stated they would like to give merit raises. Selectman Leustek said that a merit is usually more. If the employee is doing above and beyond, they should be rewarded. Selectman Marsh said lets table it until next week when we have a full board to discuss the percentage and how we are giving it, merit or cola. Selectman Stephens said he would like to see 3% across the board. Selectman Leustek said that the Budget Committee will be meeting Oct 8th @ 6pm.

Third order of business Board comment:

Selectman Marsh stated that he would like to see a letter sent to the State asking for funding to help with mental health in small towns. It has been very taxing and potentially could be dangerous on our Police, Ambulance & Fire Departments responding to the same homes. Maybe with the additional finding we could hire an Officer to handle these calls instead of taking the Officer on duty away. Chief Tollett said that the Town of Walpole hired an Officer for 30 hours a week as victim witness advocate and social mental health coordinator. A letter is a good start. Selectman Heinonen said on some of these calls it is becoming a danger to be in the ambulance with some people. There is a fear. Not sure what the solution is. Selectman Marsh said he not sure what the solution is either, but it needs to be brought out in the open. Selectman Leustek added that mental health has been in the news a lot lately, so maybe the State can help us.

Selectman Leustek reminded everyone that Picklefest is this Saturday and the Pickle pre party is Friday night at the ELMCC.

Karey let the board know that the vote on increasing the size of a Solar array didn't pass, so we are stuck with 1MW on a parcel. This will change the projects we have been working.

Fourth order of business Public comment:

Tina Perkins-Winchester School came to give the board an update on the school. They will be working on the school budget. WTA negotiations are going well and almost complete. Soccer and Cross Country have started and are doing well. The school board will have an update on the projects for next meeting. Also, next meeting

should have an update in the State funding for 2019-2021. Selectman Marsh asked if they were any update on the appeal to the court. Tina stated she had nothing to report on the appeal.

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

Selectman Marsh makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a, c & e). Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0. A roll call vote was taken, and members vote "yes" individually, and the board convenes in non-public at 8:00pm.

Sixth order of business: Adjournment

The board reconvenes in public session at 9:00pm.

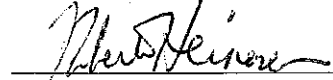
Selectman Marsh makes a motion to seal the minutes under (a, c & e). Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and members vote "yes" individually. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to adjourn at 9:04pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

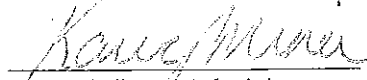
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Roberta Heinonen, Chairman



Karey Miner, Administrator