



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Work Session**

Tuesday
September 27, 2021

Board members present: Ben Kilanski, James Rokes, Lindseigh Picard and Theresa Sepe. Also, present Rick Meleski, Amy Bond, Jim Tetreault, Dale Gray, Chief Kellom, Dick Lapoint, Sherry Willard, Lt. Fisher, Cheryl Laraba & Jenny Rhodes

First order of business:

The Chairman opens the meeting at 6:03 pm

Selectman Kilanski announced that the Select Board had chosen a new Police Chief and the contract was signed by the new Chief & the Select Board. Selectman Kilanski introduced Erik Josephson as the new Winchester Police Chief. Selectman Kilanski thanked the hiring Committee for all their work.

Work Session-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Chief Kellom-Fire Dept asked the board to consider \$42,102 for 6 SCAB's to replace the last ones that will be outdated at the end of the year. There is a \$900 savings if purchased by Nov 1st. The prices will be increasing. The Ambulance is looking to purchase a Stryker power stretcher for the 2nd ambulance in the amount of \$25,840.52. The Ambulance has seen an increase in their calls and at times have both ambulances out at the same time. Having the 2nd power stretcher safer for both the patient and EMT's.

Rick Meleski-Water/Sewer presented the board a few different options for water & sewer. Installing a OIT panel for remote access, SCADA system to enhance data collection and process controls at wastewater plant & water system, Cal Viper Radio modem & antennas, line the oxidation ditches, replace the Ashuelot Main St pump station equipment, small water line replacement & installing a larger amp service for the Solar project.

Dick Lapoint-Emergency Management stated a generator for the school for the emergency shelter. The last quote from several years ago was \$180,000. Matt Hill the school's facility director is getting new quotes for the Emergency Management meeting on Oct 18th. New radios for the town departments. Approx. 50 radios between \$3000-\$6000 each.

Mark Tigan-WEDC presented to the board their needs for the 1st round of funds. \$100,00 for "Loan Pool" for new businesses, \$75,000-Stone Mt Park marketing, job training, park tenant incentives, \$25,000-administration & grant writing. The 2nd round of funding totaling \$150,000 for solar construction loan payment to NH Community loan fund, work training, supplemental "Loan Pool", administration & grant writing.

Leonard Picard-Broadband presented a proposal to use the funds to help with lowering the amount of the bond needed for the project. The committee is also looking at grant funding as well. Selectman Sepe reminded the board that bond article will need a 3/5 vote to pass.

Jim Tetreault-Town Clerk asked the board to think about upgrading the windows to protect the staff.

Margaret Sharra said that tonight meeting was on the ARPA Funds but would ask the board to continue to discuss the needs of the departments currently and in the future.

Selectman Kilanski thanked everyone for coming and said if anyone thinks of anything that could help their department to let the board know.

Selectman Sepe stated that if the Department Heads needs something or has an issue please come and speak to the board.

Mark Tigan asked the board what the next process will be and how will the board choose. Selectman Kilanski stated that the board will review the proposals and discuss them over the next couple of weeks and create a priority list.

Jim Tetreault thanked the board for a productive meeting and taking the time to meet with departments.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes and then will enter into non-public.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Sepe makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under “ e ”. Selectman Picard 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 7:03pm.

Adjournment:

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:16pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under “ e ”. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to adjourn at 8:18pm. Selectman Sepe seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

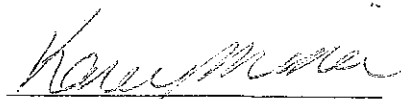
Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Town Administrator

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Chairman



Karey Miner