



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

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**Minutes of the  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Wednesday, September 4, 2019**

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

**First order of business: Minutes**

The board reviews the minutes of 8-28-19 for approval. Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve the minutes. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0-1.

**Second order of business: New Business**

NH DOT sent a letter to the all the Towns informing everyone and encouraging the towns to speak up about transportation projects planned between 2021-2030. There is a list of dates, times and locations of public hearings planned throughout NH to review the State of NH Transportation 10 year plan. Winchester is District 2 and will be held Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Keene Parks and Recreation.

Phillip St. Cyr sent the board an email on the inspection of the Highway dept on 8/16/19 for a fire safety audit. This is to identify fire risks that could lead to catastrophic losses. There is no fee for this service and there will be a report for our information and for future planning. During the visit at the Highway Phil did notice a 1000 gallon fuel storage tank not in use. If installed it would need to be inspected prior to being installed for safety and environmental concerns. There are strict guidelines set by NH-DES. Phil also stated that he would highly recommend a qualified contractor be hired to clean and install the tank. This way they would be responsible if any complications. Selectman Marsh stated that he would ask Swanzey oil who they use to clean tanks and where they dispose the old fuel.

The Keene Sentinel had a letter to the Editor from Laura Thompson thanking the Highway Dept & Margaret Sharra for helping her and removing a tree that Eversource had left.

The board agrees to order a new sign for the Fire Station a paint the trim red.

**The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:**

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve a deposit for Bagster Auto LLC in the amount of \$3,108.81. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to approve RED Committee request to reimburse Gloria Leustek-\$126.42. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Kilanski made a motion to approve CAG in the amount of \$305.33. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

**Third order of business Board comment:**

Selectman Marsh stated that Paul Morehouse Sr are reviewing the old bids for the Conant Library roof project.

Ambulance hiring process will stay the same, Zach & Felicia will review the applications and then give the BOS their recommendations.

The Board would like to see in the next newsletter a reminder on numbering your house for emergency personnel to locate easier. The board discussed selling the numbers and Zach stated that the Ambulance Dept could help get them put up.

Selectman Marsh asked Chief Tollett about the \$1100 for lights on the 4-wheeler. Chief Tollett stated that none of the lights were working. New lights and new wiring were replaced. Selectman Marsh also asked why the new Police vehicle was not lettered. Chief Tollett stated the purpose is to be proactive in detecting crime, so that we are undetected when parked and when doing surveillance. It is well marked when it is light up. Selectman Marsh and Selectman Leustek agree that it should be lettered. Chief Tollett stated that it is the trend across the US. I look at what is best for the Police Dept. and the officers. There are articles on why it is effective not to have it lettered. Please do not go against what the Police Chief needs and wants to properly run the department. It comes down to education. Paul Morehouse Sr stated that the truck lights up, there is no mistake. Selectman Kilanski asked the Chief why the Police Dept has been closed and if we still have a part-time person to fill in for Maryan. Chief Tollett stated yes but she has been working 70 hours at dispatch in Keene. Selectman Stephens asked the Chief if he was going to look for someone that Maryan can train as her back-up. Chief Tollett said that we are not going to find anyone to do the work that Maryan does for \$14 hr. This position is \$20-\$25 per hour in all the surrounding towns.

**Fourth order of business Public comment:**

Ken Cole said he had spoken to Paul last year about the police being aggressive. In most cases it's better to be more lenient. Selectman Kilanski said that our current Police Department talk to people respectfully.

Paul Morehouse said the Chief treats everyone like he wants to be treated. All the department heads do a wonderful job.

Selectman Heinonen announced the passing of Cindy Ryder. Services will be September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Karey let the board know on September 25<sup>th</sup> we will need to hold a public hearing for Highway Safety Grant the Police Dept applies for every year.

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

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a & e). Selectman Leustek 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 8:05pm.

**Sixth order of business: Adjournment**

The board reconvenes in public session at 8:33pm.

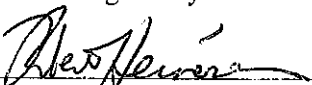
Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to seal the minutes under (a & e). Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

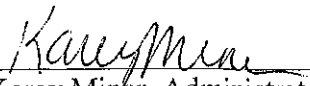
Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 8:39pm. Selectman Leustek seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Karey Miner, Administrator

Minutes signed by:

  
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Roberta Heinonen, Chairman

  
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Karey Miner, Administrator