



Town of Winchester  
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470  
**Minutes of the  
Selectmen Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 22, 2021

**Board members present:** Herbert Stephens, James Rokes, Theresa Sepe, Lindseigh Picard and Ben Kilanski by phone. Also present Amy Bond

**First order of business:**

The Vice Chairman opens the BOS meeting at 2:10pm to set the 2021 Tax Rate.  
The board reviewed the DRA's Tax Rate for the Town of Winchester of \$32.80.  
Town \$7.31 County \$3.33 School \$20.47 State \$1.69 **Total \$32.80**

Karey informed the board there is \$872,556 in the unassigned fund. Both Selectman Rokes & Kilanski would not like it to go below 5% in which the DRA recommend not going under. Selectman Sepe stated that she would like the board not to go under 3% and use the funds to lower the tax rate. We haven't had to use the funds for a catastrophic event in 12 or more years. The board agree to use \$350,000 leave 4.11% in the assigned fund. Bring the rate to \$31.79. Selectman Rokes makes a motion to use \$350,000 and accept the rate of \$31.79. Selectman Kilanski seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Karey informed the board that the Thayer Library boiler was not working Sunday. Steve Gassett looked at the issue and stated that he was unable to restart the boiler. Steve has recommended a total replacement and is willing to do the job on Friday. The quote that Steve provided the board in March will need to be increased by 20%. Selectman Sepe made a motion to replace the boiler up to \$7,200. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 5-0. Selectman Kilanski stated that the library budget has been increasing year after year with only 8 people using the library on a monthly basis. It is costing the town more money.

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

Selectman Picard makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under (a). Selectman Kilanski 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 2:35 pm.

Selectman Kilanski had to leave the meeting before non-public ended.

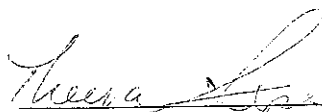
**Third order of business: Adjournment**

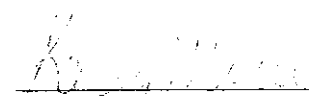
The board reconvenes in public session at 3:09pm.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to seal the minutes under "a". Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Picard makes a motion to adjourn at 3:11pm. Selectman Stephens seconds the motion. The motion carries 4-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted:  
Karey Miner, Administrator  
Minutes signed by:

  
Theresa Sepe, Vice Chairman

  
Karey Miner