



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Board members present for the meeting: Lindseigh Picard, Ben Kilanski, Herbert Stephens, Natalie Quevedo, Theresa Sepe.

Department Heads Present for the meeting: Captain Rice, Amy Bond, Sherry Willard

First order of business – Work Session:

Selectman Picard opened the work session for the Transfer Station Building. T.A. Miner told the board about her visit to the Swanzey Transfer Station, gave estimates and options on types of structures. T.A. Miner suggested something like the current Cemetery building. She also advised the board that she has reached out for estimates and is waiting for one contractor to get back to her. The board asked T.A. Miner to set up a visit for them and our transfer station employees.

Selectman Kilanski advised the public that he would have to leave early due to work but wanted to be at Selectman Picard's last meeting.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Kilanski makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "a & b". Selectman Picard 2nd the motion. The motion carries 5-0. A roll call vote was taken, and all members voted "yes" individually, and the board convenes in non-public at 610pm.

The board reconvenes in public session at 702pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to seal the minutes under "a" Selectman Quevedo seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business: Minutes / New Business:

Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve the minutes from 2/28/24. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Picard announced Captain Rice's promotion from Captain to Chief. Chief Rice's wife Mrs. Amy Rice pinned on his stars.

Selectman Kilanski, Selectman Stephens, Selectman Sepe and Selectman Quevedo said kind words to Selectman Picard and wished her well on her future endeavors.

Welfare Director Sherry Willard came to the board regarding the difference in town rent allowance and the state standards that the town needs to comply with. Ms. Willard told the board that the town is off by \$900 and that the rent allowance should be revisited annually moving forward to keep up with the State standards. She also advised the board that she can work within the budget she has now to make it through June of this year. Ms. Willard asked the board for permission to use the numbers set by the state for Rental Assistance. Selectman

Stephens made a motion to approve her to do so. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0. The board Thanked Ms. Willard.

Selectman Sepe made a motion to accept the donor representative's volunteer form for the Bank Committee. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the property tax credits for the veteran & solar exemptions. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the denial for the property tax credit for elderly exemption due to their income being too high. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Selectman Quevedo made a motion to approve the withdrawal from the ARPA Grant for the ongoing Wastewater Tank Project. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

T.A. Miner advised the board that the Army Corp of Engineers would be here at the Town Hall Main Floor from 9am – 4pm on Tuesday, March 19th. They are holding a training for Otter Brook Dam & Surry Dam for the Town and surrounding areas. A lunch will be provided for \$10/ per person.

Selectman Quevedo asked the board for permission to attend a Right to Know/Record Meetings class on March 17th from 9am – 2pm online for the fee of \$70. Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve the online class. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Selectman Quevedo thanked the public for coming out to vote and advised that there will be more training on the new balloting system.

Fourth order of business Public Comment:

Suzanne Boisvert, town resident said the Town Beach is cracking, crumbling & peeling. It needs to be repaired and a lot of sand needs to be replaced. She showed the Selectman pictures of the current state of the Beach Property. Both Selectman Stephens and Kilanski said they would volunteer. Selectman Quevedo asked the committee to get some estimates on what needs to be done and let Mrs. Boisvert know that ACCESS would help out with fundraising. The Town Beach Committee is looking for more members. Please come down to the Town Hall to fill out a form to volunteer if you are interested.

Kelly Kilanski, town resident asked the board why a Selectboard member would need to be trained on recording meetings if they were hiring a company.

Todd Kilanski, town resident asked if the town is obligated to pay rent assistance for a certain amount of time or was it unlimited. He was concerned it would enable negative behavior creating an ongoing issue.

Selectman Picard asked T.A. Miner if she could schedule a work session with the Welfare Director Sherry Willard.


Selectman Quevedo said Town Hall Streams is the name of the company she is working with for the live stream system for the Town Hall. She also stated that the class she would be attending online is for compliance with the States RSA's regarding websites and social media.

Selectman Picard wishes the board luck for the future.


Adjournment:

Selectman Picard makes a motion to adjourn at 745pm. Selectman Kilanski 2nd the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

Minutes signed by:


Theresa Sepe, Selectboard Vice Chair

Minutes respectfully submitted:


Monica Truesdell, T.A. Assistant

