



Town of Winchester
1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**Minutes of the
Selectmen Meeting**
Wednesday April 3rd, 2024

Board members present for the meeting: Ben Kilanski, Jack Marsh Jr., Herbert Stephens, Natalie Quevedo, Theresa Sepe.

Department Heads Present for the meeting: Chief Rice and Amy Bond

First order of business – Minutes:

Selectman Stephens made a motion to accept the minutes from 3/27/24. Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Second order of business - New Business:

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the raffle permits for the VFW Auxiliary and New Beginnings Coop. Selectman Marsh 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the Timber Tax for Map 2 Lot 55 in the amount of \$129.08. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The Selectboard signed and Intent to Cut for Map 16 Lot 15 and an Intent to Excavate for Map 15 Lot 23.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve all 5 Veteran's Credit/Elderly Exemptions which were previously approved by Avitar and T.A. Miner. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to approve the Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment on 14 pcs of property owned by Stone Mountain, LLC. Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. Selectman Quevedo asked the board to hold off until 4/18 for the Conservation Commission to look at the Plan. Selectman Stephens took his motion back and the Selectboard agreed to Selectman Quevedo's request.

Selectman Sepe made a motion to approve the MOU for the State Police. Selectman Stephens 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

The board reviews and approves the following financial documents:

Selectman Quevedo made a motion to approve the credit card increases for T.A. Miner and Head of Finance/HR Amy Bond up to \$7,500 each and Police Chief Rice get a credit card in the amount of \$2,000. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to approve the following Internal Transfers for diesel fuel:

Highway Dept \$2,920.21

Fire Dept \$397.90

Water Dept \$1261.16

Sewer Dept \$1261.15

Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Internal Transfer for Office Supplies in the amount of \$417.50 & Postage in the amount of \$452.12. Selectman Quevedo 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Any other business before the board:

R.E.D. Committee Chair Jason Koerber came to the board with an update on this years events:

5/4 – Local Food Festival & the first Farmers Market of the year running through October

6/13 – Music in the Park running through August

9/7 – Annual Bridger Dinner catered by The Arlington

-Mr. Koerber asked the board for approval to put both the Farmer's Market signage and Music in the Park signage back out for the season. The board agreed.

- Mr. Koerber also advised the board that the committee is looking into running a 5K along with the Food Festival this year. Selectman Kilanski asked that when planning the 5K to reach out to the Police & Fire Chiefs for help with traffic. Mr. Koerber advised the board that the 5K would run from the ELMGCC field up through the trails through the school and back down Parker Street into the ELMGCC.

Selectman Kilanski advised the public that he, Selectman Stephens and William Dragoon went to the Swanzey Transfer Station to get ideas for the Town's Transfer Station. Mr. Kilanski asked for a Work Session on May 1st @6pm. T.A. Miner set it up. Selectman Quevedo said she found a Bailer Program and will bring info the information next week. Selectman Kilanski asked that T.A. Miner reach out to Josh Head of Swanzey Transfer Station about their bailers for information as well. Selectman Sepe asked that the Employees of the Transfer Station be at the Work Session as well.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to close the Town Hall Offices and the Transfer Station tomorrow 4/4/24 due to the weather forecast. Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 4-1. Selectman Marsh agreed with the principal but what if the forecast is wrong. Selectman Sepe asked T.A. Miner to contact all employees and let them know of the closure.

Selectman Stephens announced the calling hours for Richard LaPoint Sr. is Sunday 4/7/24 from 2-4pm.

T.A. Miner advised the board Back Ashuelot Street is now back open to through traffic Thank you to Our Highway Dept and Lawrence Excavating.

Grace Christian Fellowship asked for permission to use the park once a month from Spring through Summer. The board agreed.

Selectman Quevedo announced that Town Hall Streams will be starting the Live Stream installation in the Main Hall on 4/22/24.

Fourth order of business Public Comment:

Todd Kilanski, town resident asked what the cost of the MOU for the State Police was. Selectman Ben Kilanski advised it was an hourly detail rate as needed. Mr. Todd Kilanski also let the board know that there was no need for new microphones because the ones they have work just fine when he used them in a previous Planning Board Meeting. He asked the Selectboard if the Town Hall should be open on Friday since it was closing for Thursday's Storm. Mr. Todd Kilanski stated his concern for the Bridge Dinner due to the tonnage now being posted as 3 ton not 6 ton and that the bridge isn't designed for 75+ people.

Kelly Kilanski, town resident asked the board if the State Police MOU is always needed. Selectman Ben Kilanski asked Police Chief Rice to clarify that for the public. Chief Rice explained it was for emergencies only and has only been used once in the past two months as it is not a regularly scheduled thing. The Winchester

Police Dept are currently covering all shifts and the State Police MOU is meant as an emergency contingency plan.

Selectman Quevedo made a motion that only people trained touch/change/move any sound system equipment. Meaning the PA System and live stream. There wasn't a second. Selectman Ben Kilanski said no one should be touching those things anyway. Mr. Todd Kilanski added that he would want to see the paperwork on those trained professionals. Selectman Ben Kilanski said the heads of boards and committees would be the people who would need access to the system/live stream. Selectman Quevedo advised the board that if something is touched and goes wrong, she will not be fixing it.

Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3II

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to enter nonpublic session under "a, c". Selectman Sepe 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 715pm.

The board reconvenes in public session at 730pm.

Selectman Stephens makes a motion to seal the minutes under "a" Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Adjournment:

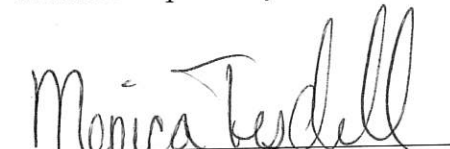
Selectman Stephens makes a motion to adjourn at 735pm. Selectman Sepe 2nd the motion. The motion carries 5-0.

Minutes signed by:



Ben Kilanski, Selectboard Chair

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Monica Truesdell, T.A. Assistant

