



**Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470**

**MINUTES of the  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Wednesday  
May 9, 2007

**Board Members Present:** Theodore Whipple (Chairman), Gustave Ruth, Kenneth Berthiaume, Gerald Hastings and Sherman Tedford Also present: Town manager John Stetser and secretary Roberta Fraser  
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business: Acceptance of minutes from May 2, 2007**

Sherm makes a *motion* to approve the minutes of May 2, 2007

Jerry seconds it

*Motion carries*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business: Announcements**

John announces that the Town's website is now live. The address is [www.winchester-nh.gov](http://www.winchester-nh.gov)

Gus announces that Forest Lake will be treated for Milfoil on June 11 and there will not be any swimming allowed in that area for a few days, but he doesn't think it will affect the beach.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business: Open to the Floor- 15 minutes**

Bob Davis addresses the board and questions whether the board is planning on enforcing the noise ordinance, to which Ted lets him know that it is not pertaining to the racetracks. Mr. Davis also questions the fact that Winchester Speedpark is permitted for 20 races and they have 35 scheduled. Jerry informs Mr. Davis that the 35 races are for both tracks and the 20-race permit is for just one track. Mr. Davis would like to see the permit for the other track and would like a public hearing held each year regarding the renewal of the permits for the racetracks. Jerry explains that it would not be fair to have the racetracks get a new permit every year, that would make it a risk for them to invest in the businesses. John explains that the tracks are permitted every year, but only in regards to safety certification and ordinance codes. Mr. Davis feels that according to the State RSA regarding racetracks that a permit needs to be issued every year. Sherm informs Mr. Davis that the permits come from the Planning Board, not the Board of Selectmen and the appeal should go to the ZBA and then the court.

**4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Town manager's report**

- < Two engineers have looked at the floor in the town hall and will be issuing a written report within a week
- < Bob Gray has run a trial MS-1 and the town has gained 3.5 million in property value
- < The National Flood Insurance program that the town participates in has been renewed
- < The final meeting between Aquarion and Tata & Howard regarding what work and upgrades need to be performed at the Wastewater treatment plant will be held May 30 at 1:00 pm. After the needs are decided upon, John can start looking for ways to finance it.
- < The water department is continuing to have upgrades- well # 1 has had some new controls installed

Ken has some questions about the engineer inspections. He wants to know if they looked at the stage and the electrical boxes and John lets him know they did and there is nothing that is an emergency at this time. John has hired James Lawrence Electrical to replace the electrical panels and is looking for a carpenter to fix the stage. Sherm questions the status of the budget overall. He sees some departments are over budget but the bottom line looks okay.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Old Business**

Sherm asks what the progress is on the right of way for Winchester Sand & Gravel. Gus lets him know that Wayne Young is looking for a logger to do the tree removal.

Ted informs the board that there will be a work session regarding assessing items on Friday May 11 at 8:30 am.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: New Business**

There are three sealed bids to be opened for the purchase of a new police cruiser:

Kruesse- Ziffer- \$26,000 to \$27,500

Hillsboro Ford- \$23,038.00

David Ford- \$24, 550.75- with a three year warranty

Sherm would like some more time to compare these bids

Sherm makes a *motion* to review these for a few days before awarding the bid

Jerry seconds it

*Motion carries*

The Hildreth Street property that the town is selling has two sealed bids for it:

Elwin Truesdell III- \$32,200.00- check for 10% enclosed

Barry Bordner- \$15,000.00- check for 10% enclosed

The board looks at the advertisement for selling the property to ensure all stipulations were met and then Jerry makes a *motion* to sell the property to the highest bidder for \$32,200.00 Sherm seconds it *Motion carries with the sale going to Elwin Truesdell III.*

There are three sealed bids to be opened for the purchase of a new fire apparatus:

Minuteman Fire & Rescue Apparatus, Inc/ Pierce- \$326,078.00

KME/Bulldog- \$317,491.00

Lake Region Fire Apparatus- \$351,455.00

Ted announces that these specifications will be available in the Selectmen's office for public inspection. The board has up to thirty days to award the contract. Ted would like to see actual apparatus that the companies have made. Sherm would like to see the specifications that were sent out for the bids.

The board takes a five-minute recess. When it reconvenes, Ted reads the request for bids that was advertised. The board then has some questions for Fire Chief Barry Kellom regarding the process and how he would like it to go. Chief Kellom explains that he has established a fire apparatus committee within the fire department to review the bids and make a recommendation.

Ted doesn't want the bids to leave the town hall. Sherm thinks giving a key for the town hall to Chief Kellom to access the bids is all right. Ken is not comfortable with that and Barry would rather not have it either. Barry thanks everyone who submitted a bid and asks that the board not to make physically looking at the apparatus as part of the bid process. Sherm agrees that it doesn't have to be. The board asks a few more questions and then tables the discussion until a further time.

Conservation Easement:

Mr. Norman Henry is at the meeting to discuss with the Board his desire to put part of his land, Map 5 Lot 29, into conservation land. Mr. Henry recently completed a subdivision and he has five acres he would like to put into a conservation easement for the Town. He came to the meeting two weeks ago and the board asked for two weeks to discuss it. Sherm questions the wording of "for consideration paid grant to the Town of Winchester" Sherm would like different wording on that, since the town is not giving anything. Mr. Henry states for the record that he is not asking for anything and will get clarification from his lawyer on that wording. After a few more questions, Jerry makes a *motion* to table this until next week. Ken seconds it. *Motion carries.*

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Department heads/ Committee chairpersons**

None tonight

**8<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Open to the Floor**

None tonight

**9<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Office Documents**

Sherm asks if the board wants to meet to start going over the fire apparatus bids. Ken makes a *motion* to meet one week from tonight at 6:00pm. Sherm seconds it. *Motion carries.*

Jerry makes a *motion* to transfer funds from the Ambulance special fund to pay CAG

Sherm seconds it

*Motion carries*

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the abatement for M8 Lot 107

Sherm seconds it

*Motion carries*

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the timber tax yield abatement for M12 L 30 and M9 L55

Sherm seconds it

*Motion carries*

Deed for M 1 L66

Jerry makes a *motion* to authorize the Town Manager to sign the deed for M1 L 66- person bought back their tax-deeded property

Sherm seconds it

Discussion: John is not sure he can sign the deed, but will look into it

*Motion carries*

Jerry makes a *motion* to sign the tax warrant

Sherm seconds it

*Motion carries*

**10<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Adjournment**

Jerry makes a *motion* to adjourn

Gus seconds it

*Motion carries unanimously*

Meeting is adjourned at 8:35pm

May 9, 2007 BOS Minutes approved by:

Date Signed:

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Theodore Whippie, Chairman

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Gerald Hastings, Selectman

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Kenneth Berthiaume, Selectman

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Sherman Tedford, Selectman

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Gustave Ruth, Selectman

R. Fraser 05/14/07