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Town of Winchester 1 Richmond Road Winchester, NH 03470

**MINUTES of the
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

Wednesday
May 23, 2007

Board Members Present: Theodore Whippie (Chairman), 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

1st Order of Business: Acceptance of minutes from May 23, 2007

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the minutes of May 23, 2007

Sherm seconds it

Motion carries

2nd Order of Business: Announcements

None tonight

3rd Order of Business: Open to the Floor- 15 minutes

None tonight

4th Order of Business: Town manager's report

- < There will be a Skywatch training session held in Keene next week
- < There will be a combined joint loss committee/ department head meeting on May 31
- < There is an invitation to the Board for Margaret Sullivan's retirement party on June 19 at 5:00 pm in Hinsdale
- < John has handed out the water department report (see attached)
- < John has spoken to the attorney regarding the release of the letter pertaining to the noise ordinance that was discussed last week. The attorney recommends not releasing the letter, so John has summarized it for public release

Sherm makes a *motion* to not release the letter from the town's attorney

Ken seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a *motion* to allow John to respond to Mr. Davis concerning the lawyer's letter with his own summary

Jerry seconds it

Motion carries

5th Order of Business: Old Business

None tonight

6th Order of Business: New Business

Ken has some concerns about the Land Use department budget. The department is over budget and Ken would like to know where the money is going to come from for the rest of the fiscal year. John informs the board that he will be asking for a transfer from another department in June. The bottom line for the total budget is okay.

Ken asks why the Town seal is not on the new trucks that have recently been purchased. John is not sure why it was not put on; he left it up to the department heads. Sherm would like to know if there is a policy regarding the seal on the vehicles and if not, the board will make one, as the rest of the board feels it should be on the vehicles also.

Ken asks where the monthly reports are from other departments and John states that he receives them a few times a year and usually reads them or enters them into the minutes.

7th Order of Business: Department heads/ Committee chairpersons

None tonight

8th Order of Business: Open to the Floor

None tonight

9th Order of Business: Any other Business that may come before the Board

Sherm asks if the Fire Chief has a recommendation regarding the new fire truck the Town is going to purchase and Chief Kellom addresses the Board and discusses the Fire Department's choice. The Fire Department is recommending the purchase of the Pierce fire truck. They are in favor of both Pierce and Bulldog, but would prefer Pierce.

John informs the board that Ted and himself went to Fitchburg on Tuesday and looked at both the KME and Pierce truck. They liked both of them and the Fitchburg fire department is in favor of both brands. The board discusses both trucks and the price difference between them. Ted, Ken and Sherm have all done numbers on the truck and all three have different figures, but the price for both trucks are very close, within a \$7000.00 difference. The board decides to meet next week at 6:30 and discuss the trucks and will announce their decision at the 7:00 pm meeting.

10th Order of Business: Non- public session

Sherm makes a *motion* to go into non-public session per RSA 91:A 3 II (c)

Jerry seconds it

Roll call vote is taken and everyone votes Aye

Non-public session is entered at 7:33pm

Public session is reconvened at 8:20pm

Ted announces that the minutes have been sealed

11th Order of Business: Office Documents

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve a pole license for PSNH

Ken seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a *motion* to approve the timber tax levy for M4 L 44-8

Jerry seconds it

Motion carries

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the abatement for M16 Lot 26

Sherm seconds it

Motion carries

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the veteran's tax credit for Francis Towne

Ken seconds it

Motion carries

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the abatement

Sherm seconds it

Motion carries

Jerry makes a *motion* to approve the tax warrant for abatements that were approved earlier

Sherm seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a ***motion*** to approve the abatement for M 1 L 20-33- taxed in error
Jerry seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a ***motion*** to approve the abatement for M 20 L 19
Jerry seconds it

Motion carries

Jerry makes a ***motion*** to approve the transfer from police outside activities account to payroll
Sherm seconds it

Motion carries

Sherm makes a ***motion*** to approve the deed without covenants for Lapoint and Truce
Jerry seconds it

Motion carries

12th Order of Business: Adjournment

Jerry makes a ***motion*** to adjourn

Ken seconds it

Motion carries unanimously

Meeting is adjourned at 8:32pm

May 23, 2007 BOS Minutes approved by:

Theodore Whippie, Chairman

Date Signed:

Gerald Hastings, Selectman

Kenneth Berthiaume, Selectman

Sherman Tedford, Selectman

R. Fraser 05/25/07

Gustave Ruth, Selectman