

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
Town Hall, 4th Floor Robinson-Broadhurst Conference Room
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present:

Barbara Anderson, Chairwoman
Audrey LaBrie, Vice-Chairwoman
Austin Cyganiewicz

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager
Linda Daigle, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Michael Barbaro
Amy Salter

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

o N/A

Exemption No. 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; the reason use of Town property.

Executive Session was called to order at 8:35 p.m.

Town Manager Keith Hickey informed the Board he met with the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation group today. The Foundation also supports a community in New York which is in need of replacing an existing swimming pool. The Foundation is looking to provide funds in the amount of \$3,000,000 to build a pool. They would do the work and hand it over to the community. They felt it only fair if they give that amount to one community, they should also give it to the other, Winchendon. They told the Town Manager that they would like to build something for our community for \$3,000,000. The Foundation doesn't want it be projects like paving roads, building repairs, putting in the roundabout in at Blair Square, etc. They are looking at doing something that would be their legacy as there are a number of them that are seniors who will be stepping off the board. This would be in addition to the annual grants provided to the communities. They have asked the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen to think about projects they could consider. They are not guaranteeing this just yet as they are waiting for the other community.

Mr. Hickey informed the Foundation that he would like to address this with the Board, schedule an Executive Session for June to discuss their ideas. He spoke of different things including doing things on the Ingleside property and connecting trails from the Clark/YMCA to Ingleside.

Mr. Hickey noted there were estimates for the Ingleside project that have been provided in the Ingleside Master Plan. Ms. Daigle recalled the total to be around \$3.5 million with a contingency of 20% to be added in.

The Executive Director, Lad McKenzie had asked the Town Manager that they hold off talking about this as they are not absolutely sure but they wanted the Board to present a project or projects to consider for this \$3 to \$3.5 million dollars.

Chairwoman Anderson said she loved Ingleside but would like to see some funds go towards the Ed Gandy dedication. The Town Manager replied that he believes the Foundation wants something of substance that would be attributed to the Foundation and thought possibly the Converse Fund could be put towards that memorial.

Austin loves Ingleside, but has other things in his mind as well to be considered. Hopefully more than one thing could be funded.

Mr. Hickey wanted to give the Board this information so they could think about it and come back in June with a list and reach back out to the Robinson-Broadhurst Foundation. If the school has a project that fits in this criterion, they would be open to it.

Mr. Hickey said the Foundation wanted to be the ones to manage the project and then turn it over to the Town.

Mr. Hickey's thought that the process would need to go to Town Meeting to approve an amount not to exceed for this improvement on Ingleside and next spring to start to dig the place up. The Ingleside Master plan would give them the blueprint.

Mr. Hickey discussed with them the possibility of allowing the Town to take part of the \$3 million investment, and put away a cost in a trust to maintain the property and project. He said he could compile a list of ideas and possible research and then talk about it again with the Board. This will be a major change in the community.

Selectwoman LaBrie moved to adjourn; Selectman Cyganiewicz seconded. By a roll call vote of all aye, Executive Session adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Selectwoman LaBrie moved to adjourn open session; Selectmen Cyganiewicz seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant