

# TOWN OF WILTON

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: January 21, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Steven J. McDonough, Selectmen Daniel E. Donovan, III, and William F. Condra and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman McDonough.

Lisa Davidson and Laura Manning attended the meeting to discuss Goss Park. They presented an initial agreement to the Board for review. Selectman Donovan spoke about the latest development with Goss Park. The Selectmen have just recently learned that the Town does not own Goss Park. Jeannie Goss deeded the land to the Wilton Youth Center in 1959. This initiated a discussion on future funding of Goss Park and how the property taxes would be paid. Attorney Little researched the Registry of Deeds to confirm that the Wilton Youth Center never deeded the property back to the Town, and they did not. LGC will be contacted for continued insurance coverage and Lisa will look into alternative insurance coverage. Lisa and Laura would like to attend any joint meeting with the Town of Lyndeborough to discuss the issue.

Steve Elliott was next on the agenda to discuss bridge repairs. He talked about how he used to put money into a bridge aid program. He gave details on the estimated costs to repair bridges that have the most need. The Selectmen agreed with his plan to ask for \$50,000 to be raised from taxes and remove \$38,000 from the Capital Reserve account to fund repairs to the Old County Farm Bridge.

Next, Steve Elliott discussed some items in the newly revised Personnel Policy. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board agreed that there are a few areas that need changes. They will follow up as necessary.

Selectman Donovan mentioned that the 2% raise that had been approved by the Budget Committee was causing some problems. He stated that the issue may not be finalized.

Donald Sienkiewicz attended the meeting to discuss a petition warrant article that he submitted suggesting changes to the section of Isaac Frye Highway that is not yet paved. He stated that this warrant article was submitted too late to change the Zoning Regulations so he would like the Selectmen to ignore the first page. Selectman Donovan said that they don't have a choice but to put the entire petition on the Warrant. The Selectmen, Donald and Steve Elliott had a lengthy discussion on the Petition Warrant Article and the effects it might have.

Chairman McDonough made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 7:58 pm per RSA 91-A:3,II(c), seconded by Selectman Donovan. A unanimous vote followed.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:12 P.M.

Jim Tuttle was next on the agenda to discuss the Sewer Bond proposal. He spoke about the rates and asked for the Selectmen's support for the fifteen year bond. This is for the Maple Street Sewer Project and at this rate it will cost the users approximately the same as they have been paying since the previous bond was paid off last year. He noted that the bids could even come in at less. Selectman Donovan stated the he would support the fifteen year bond. The other Board members also agreed to support it.

Jim asked about the New Reservoir Dam and Selectman Donovan confirmed that it is before the Budget Committee and he does not

anticipate a problem.

The sewer connection at the Catholic Church was discussed next. Mr. Tuttle asked the Selectmen to read a proposed letter that the Sewer Commissioners would like to send to the Church. Chairman McDonough agreed that the letter should be sent. He told Jim that he has spoken to Paul Harrington about the problem.

The next discussion was about bonding the Fire Station renovations/addition. There was a lengthy dialogue between the Selectmen, and various members of departments and committees who were in the audience, about the best approach for bonding the project, taking into consideration the tax payers expectations. Selectman Donovan stated that the Budget Committee had asked for the Board of Selectmen to take a position on how much to bond. Joe Torre was asked to check on the Bond fee.

Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to support borrowing only the original amount of money that was set out for in the plan. The motion was seconded by Selectman Donovan, followed by a unanimous vote.

Selectman Donovan will report back to the Budget Committee that the Selectmen do not support bonding the full 1.7 million, but instead, use the money in the Capital Reserve account and bond the balance.

The Selectmen approved the updated Recycling Center budget spreadsheet that includes the proposed raises and retirement plan, and uses recent population numbers.

One (1) Abatement request was signed.

The manifests were approved

The minutes were approved.

The Selectmen asked that Jim Tuttle be invited in next week to discuss the Water Department's request to create new Capital Reserve

Accounts.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 P.M. by Chairman McDonough, seconded by Selectman Condra followed, followed a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary