

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

DATE: January 30, 2012

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Town Office

PRESENT: Selectmen Daniel Donovan, Steven McDonough and William Condra and Recording Secretary Peggy Arn

Steve Elliott and Dennis Markaverich attended the meeting to discuss a leak in the pipes in the old police station and the movie theater.

Plumber Jason Weatherbee was called in to assess the repairs needed. He stated that there are so many patches in the old pipes and so much of the pipes are ready to give way, he would not recommend anything except replacement of old pipes. He estimated that the installation of the needed pipes to be \$2,500. The Board agreed that the work should be done and that Mr. Weatherbee be instructed to do the work.

The regular meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:45. The minutes of the non public session were sealed on motion.

Jeff Luter of Amherst, NH attended the meeting to inform the Board he is considering purchasing land that has frontage on Bennington Battle Trail. The land has frontage on both a Class V and a Class VI but the Class VI road is impassable. His question to the Board was if he was the owner of the land, could he improve the un-useable portion of the Class VI road to make it useable to get to his property. He is aware he would be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of this road. The Board agreed that this issue should be referred to Town Attorney Silas Little for his assessment of this request.

Members of the Church Committee attended the meeting to discuss to Board's direction on the acceptance of the Catholic Church and possible ways of funding. Discussion ensued as to the change of use of the church from a religious use to the town use. Selectman Condra told them that the members of the Budget Committee felt that more study was needed before they could support the project. Selectman

McDonough stated that his interpretation was that they needed more support money wise. He feels that the Budget Committee will not support tax money being used for community center this year. He stated that if they went back to the Budget Committee next year with more detailed information and possible funds from the public, they could possibly get their approval.

Chairman Donovan stated that the background of the offer of the Church to the town should be reviewed. The town was asked by the Manchester Dioceses if the town would like to accept the Church property because it was no longer going to be used as a Church. The town was told by the Dioceses that restrictions would be set by the church as to what the property could be used for. A committee of interested persons was formed to make recommendations and plans for what the buildings could be used for. The committee has prepared a report showing what the property could be used for and how it could possibly generate revenue. Chairman Donovan stated that he felt that they could establish a subsidiary of the town (a 292 Corp) and then could accept donations from the public. Dan stated then they could get funds and then present this request to the Budget Committee next year. Chairman Donovan also suggested that they could offer to pay some of the expenses of the Church if they would hold the offer of the church for another year. If the committee decided to go this route, the Budget Committee would support a Warrant Article for \$20,000 to pay for fuel, electric and plowing until the town could vote to accept the property next year. Discussion ensued as how donations would be treated.

The Board of Selectmen also agreed that they would try to set up a meeting with the Church to ask if they would consider holding the offer until next year.

Dan asked if Peggy would set up a meeting for Wednesday afternoon to write the Warrant Articles.

The bills and payroll for the week ending January 28, 2012 were reviewed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:30 pm, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;
Peggy Arn, Recording Secretary