

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: April 1, 2013

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

Chief Hautanen and Steve Elliott attended the meeting to discuss the parking spaces at the Police Station with the Selectmen. Chairman Donovan spoke about the ownership of the parking lot and the deed agreement of 40 spaces for use by the Wilton Falls building occupants. The agreement appears not to have been recorded. Brent and Steve agree that it would be a loss to the Town to give up 40 parking spaces when there is already a parking problem on Main Street. Chairman Donovan hopes that there may be room for negotiation. He also thinks there must have been a reason for making the agreement and suggested asking David Glines or Jerry Greene who may have been on the Board at the time. Selectman Swanson asked the Chief how many spaces he needed. Steve Elliott reminded the Board that additional parking spaces would be lost when the Fire Station was renovated. There was further discussion about liability and maintenance of the spaces. Chairman Donovan suggested allocating 40 spaces, unless they want to accept less, and have it non-exclusive except during the day so that night parking would be available for the public. The Board decided to ask the Main Street Association to come to a meeting to discuss the issue.

Chairman Donovan mentioned that Doug Nelson is putting signs in his

window reserving parking spaces; he feels this is inappropriate.

Steve Elliott explained an alternative barrier type system that he could use on the Old County Farm bridge project that would be more aesthetically appealing and it would gain an additional two feet. He said it would look better and be easier to plow, but this type of barrier system would cost an additional \$5,500. After a discussion, the Selectmen decided not to spend the additional money during a poor economy.

Steve Elliott told the Board that he needed an up-to-date Emergency Management Plan to include with the grant for the drainage. Dan will get it back to Ray this week, so it should be done by May 1st.

Alison Meltzer attended the meeting. She asked the Board for more time to address the funding issue she had previously discussed with them. The Selectmen said that they are not in a rush, nor is the Diocese. Alison will call Paul Harrington.

Charlie McGettigan had a question for the Selectmen. He asked about the labor cost for Mt. Calvary cemetery last year. He noted that it cost \$2400 more than for Laurel Hill Cemetery. Dan spoke on the history of billing the Diocese for maintenance. There was a discussion on the trusts and the revenue from the lots. When the Board asked Steve Elliott for his opinion on the matter, he stated that this was a discussion that should take place at a Cemetery Trustee meeting.

Steve informed the Board that he has purchased a 2001 Ford pickup for the Parks and Recreation Department and the Cemetery Department.

The Board reviewed the Ambulance Contracts and the Recycling Contract.

Selectman Condra updated the Board on the recent Water Department

meeting. He stated that Dan Hastings was elected as Chairman of Water Commission. There will be no rate increases for at least 90 days. He stated that the proposed amounts of the increases for services seemed excessive. He stated that Superintendent Mike Bergeron is to be the primary contact person for all Water Department activities. He also stated that the Water Department has sent our requests for quotes for backflow inspections.

A discharge notice for an old bond was signed by the Board.

CJ Gorius' resignation as Welfare Director was discussed.

Jerry Greene agreed to be the back-up Selectmen as needed by the Board. He also agreed to help implement the employee retirement package.

Chairman Donovan contacted Bond Counsel. He explained that they study all elements of the bond to make sure everything is legal and is a good investment for investors. There is a checklist of items to procure. There was a discussion on an item from the list.

The Selectmen confirmed that the application will be for a level debt loan. The application will be sent in by the deadline on Friday.

Next, Selectman Swanson reported on the research he did regarding conflict of interest. The Board discussed the idea. Chairman Donovan thinks it's a good idea to have a policy or procedure even if it's not an ordinance. Selectman Swanson will do some more research on the topic.

The Town Website was discussed with the possibility of using it for emergency notification.

The manifests were approved.

The minutes were signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood
Recording Secretary