

# TOWN OF WILTON

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: April 21, 2014  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Town Office

Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson, Kermit R. Williams, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

Chairman Condra spoke on the subject of changing an employee's title. He spoke to legal counsel from the Municipal Association. Bill told them of the situation with the change of title from Road Agent to Director of Public Works and referenced RSA 231:63. Legal services suggested that the title be left as it is but to create a housekeeping warrant article at Town Meeting to clear up the addition in the scope of work.

Next, the Selectmen discussed the letter from the Town of Lyndeborough regarding payment of the \$141,494. Attorney Little's advice was to charge interest. After further discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Chairman Condra made a motion to accept the Town of Lyndeborough's offer to repay the money as stated in their letter dated April 14, 2014, without any interest charges. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in the affirmative followed.

Selectman Williams discussed the additional funds that Wilton would receive for road maintenance from the road toll (gas tax) increase that passed.

At 6:45 P.M. Chairman Condra called David McBee and Michelle Levesque up. They were in attendance to discuss the Main Street Summerfest that would be held on June 21st. Previously called Celebrate Wilton it has been renamed because they want to celebrate other communities also. Michelle talked about how Main Street was normally set up for this event and what they would like to make it different for this new celebration. Mr. McBee offered to talk to Fire Chief Dick about the suggested changes. Michelle also suggested having fireworks for the event at Carnival Hill. They are also working with Budweiser to have a beer tent at Summerfest. Music and a street dance are other ideas that were presented. David and Michelle will get some additional details and come back to talk to the Selectmen next week.

Ian McSweeney of the Russell Foundation was next on the agenda to discuss and receive feedback on the draft easement and survey plan for the Frye Field Easement. Chairman Condra told Ian that the Board of Selectmen had declined to circulate copies of the draft easement. Ian said that the NRCS website has the easement template that anyone could have reviewed and that he is fine with the draft easement being distributed. In response to a statement Mr. McSweeney made about the Conservation Commission's money, Jerry Greene wanted to clarify that the Conservation Commission does not have its own money; it is Town money. Ian was asked what "executory interest" means. He stated that for the 5% that the Town is paying it receives the most positive rights in the easement. The other easement holders have the enforcement responsibility or liability. Chairman Condra said he thought that for 5% funding the Town should be a 5% holder of the easement.

He also said that the previous Select Board had asked for the easement language long before Town Meeting. He went on to say that only 11% of the voters out of 311 voted in the affirmative and 92 were opposed. That represents 8% of the voters in Town. Three hundred and eleven people made this determination. Selectman Williams said that is

typical. Bill said that it is a sorry state that 311 people raised everyone's taxes for this.

Audience member Curt Guild asked why, at Town Meeting, the question to vote got moved without identification of the person who moved the question. Chairman Condra agreed that the minutes stated Dan Donovan moved the question. Bill agreed that the original motion did not take place from the microphone.

There was further discussion about when the Selectmen requested documentation for the easement, and in the end Chairman Condra retracted a statement he made to Ian earlier in the meeting.

The audience members stated their frustration at not having access to the easement document. It was agreed to supply copies now so they could follow along.

Jim Fischer asked Ian to paint a picture of how the term "passive recreation" will look like in future years. Ian gave examples and noted that snowmobiles are allowed as a separate part of the language. But bicycles could be added. Horseback riding is not included nor is mountain biking. Selectman Swanson would like to add them. Ian will add them and he will see if fishing is allowed; hunting is not.

Structures and improvements were discussed next. Buildings are allowed only in the building envelopes as shown on the plan. There is scenic view-head protection; Ian will add a height restriction to protect the view. Selectman Williams asked that recreation be added to section C.

Mary Guild asked what kind of recreation is proposed and what if it gets out of hand. Selectman Williams listed horseback riding, bicycling, a small natural amphitheatre, a place to hold classes, as examples. Mary voiced her concern for having 100 people for a

concert. Ian stated that the easement says certain things can be done for future recreation; this easement is not going to speak to that.

No future rights of way can be granted. The Town of Wilton has a permanent right of way to access the land. PSNH can sell their existing right of way but it can only be used for utilities. There will be no septic systems or junkyards on the easement. The landowner cannot post or prohibit the public from the property. Any prohibitions are listed (ex, hunting, camping). Snowmobile trails were discussed.

Agri-tourism was discussed next. The Town's zoning regulations must be followed. Ian will make a note of Chairman Condra's request to have language that would require Planning Board approval for agri-tourism activities.

Jim Fischer asked about water rights and told about the controlled watering going on at High Mowing. He asked if there is anything to conserve that natural resource. Selectman Swanson doesn't think it's up to the Board of Selectmen to limit their water rights. Jim said that the amount used is significant and it would be nice to share. Chairman Condra talked about the 1905 Wilton Water Works Charter and the water rights this gives to the Commission. He suggested that Ian might want to review the Charter.

Chairman Condra suggested that pages 12 to 28 are legal language and Attorney Little should review it. The Selectmen thanked Mr. McSweeney and the members of the public.

Next, the Board discussed a letter from a resident of a private drive asking for a street sign replacement. It was decided that the Town usually supplies these and should do so in this instance also.

Regarding the discussion about a crosswalk across from the Library, the Selectmen suggested that Steve Elliott be asked to contact John Corrigan of the Bureau of Planning and Community assistance at the

Department of Transportation.

The Board agreed that there is a need for the Selectmen's Office to have some closed office hours. They signed the letter that will notify the Department Heads of the new hours.

The summer meeting schedule was discussed. The first week off will be May 5th and they will meet every other week. They will meet on the Tuesday after the Memorial Day and Labor Day holidays.

Selectman Swanson informed the Board that the next Energy Committee meeting will be on May 6th at 6:00 P.M.

Selectman Swanson requested an amendment to the April 14, 2014 meeting minutes to show that Sandra Fischer had been asked if she would be interested in becoming a Trustee of the Trust Funds, and she responded that she did not feel she had the financial background necessary for the position.

Another item of discussion was perambulation of the town lines. The lines bordering Temple, Greenville and Milford still need to be done. Selectman Swanson wouldn't mind doing the perambulation.

The minutes were approved with the above stated amendment. The Accounts Payable Manifests were approved. Payroll for period ending 4/19/14 was signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Swanson and followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary