

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: April 30, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Town Office

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

Steve Elliott attended the meeting to discuss Recycling Center business. He is looking into the cost of having compactors at the center and has been talking to a representative from Waste Management that had been consulted in past years. He asked this person to give him number of what could be saved with a compactor. He has not heard back on his request. He is going to ask this person to attend a meeting to further discuss the possibility.

Steve informed the Board that he had visited a Recycling Center in Amherst to see how they worked. He said they do not have a "still good" area and didn't recommend having one. However, Steve said he is still looking for a way to reopen the "still good" area. He stated that he had put signs up asking people to be more considerate of others and to please should limit the number of item taken but they didn't seem to make any difference. He stated that busy days are Saturday and Sunday. When it isn't busy, it really isn't a big problem. The table was closed because the workers were claiming that it was taking a lot of time away from their regular jobs. Steve would like to look into how other towns manage this area of the recycling system. The idea of volunteers to manage this area of the recycling center was discussed.

Steve informed the Board that the garage at the cemetery had been broken into and that two leaf blowers and one trimmer had been taken. The cost of the equipment is not much more than the \$1,000 deductible. Discussion ensued as to how these items could be replaced

under this year's budget. Steve stated that he had met with Brox and they have given the cemetery a good deal on paving that could possibly save \$1,500 and so the savings could be spent on the replacement equipment.

The Board then reviewed a contract presented by Stantec for engineering work on the downtown flood area. Selectman Donovan stated that there was a lot of missing information on the proposed contract and would like Steve to have them provide this information before the Board signed the contract.

Chairman McDonough asked Steve Elliott if he wanted to discuss the letter he had written the Board in a public or non public meeting. It was agreed that the issue will be further discussed and an answer will be given to Steve at a later date.

Selectman Donovan stated that it was his intention to table the issue at this time but that he does consider it a serious matter and it would be addressed.

Betsy Castro and John Hutchinson attended the meeting to inform the Board that they have talked to two investment companies to find a better way for the money in Capital Reserves and Cemetery Funds to earn interest. They did because their portfolio of \$3,000,000 only earned \$ 6,000 last year. One company was Edwards Jones and they stated that they could possibly earn 4 % but would only take on the Cemetery Trust and not the Capital Reserve accounts. The other company was McKensen and Co. would also pay 4% or more and would invest both funds. Betsy did a lot of background work and has gotten nothing but positive feedback. The fee is ½ % of investments and would have to be paid as a contract service. The investment firms can buy and sell at all times where the funds now are only invested once. Selectman Donovan stated that he would feel better if this issue is discussed with Town Treasurer Mark Whitehill. John stated that he

would like to know more about National Advisors Trust before making any investment decisions.

Water Commissioner Bob Duquette attended the meeting to ask if the town would put a truck purchased by the Water Department under the town's name and under the town's liability insurance. The Water Department would pay the town for the purchase, insurance and upkeep. Selectman Donovan stated that they would like a letter stating that the Water and Sewer Department employees would be the only ones to use it.

Bob stated that the Water Commissioners are going to meet with their new employee Mike, to discuss the amount of compensation he is to receive.

Chairman McDonough adjourned the regular meeting and called a non public session per RSA 91-A: 3,II© at 7:35 pm. The regular meeting resumed at 7:55.

Motion: Selectman Donovan made a motion that Mr. Duquette's letter to the Board stating that the telephone pole located at the intersection of Isaac Frye and Bennington Battle Trail creates a road hazard will be forwarded to TDS. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra and passed with all in favor.

Bob asked about the contract that Mr. Tuttle signed for New England Backflow to inspect all backflow equipment in private homes. His concern is that do the Water Commissioners have the right to inspect town property and or private property. He is also concerned that Mr. Tuttle signed a contract without the approval of the two other Commissioners.

Chairman McDonough suggested that a letter be sent to the Fire Chief and his men thanking him for what they had done at the fire Sunday night. It was then suggested that letters of appreciation also be sent to

the towns that assisted Wilton.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills for the week ending April 28, 2012. Two elderly exemption applications were reviewed and approved.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion at 8:50 PM by Chairman McDonough, seconded by Selectman Donovan, with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Peggy Arn, Recording Secretary