

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: June 18, 2012
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.

Steve Elliott attended the meeting to discuss the 1997 Case Uni-loader. This piece of equipment needs both drive motors replaced at a cost of \$5,600. A few years ago over \$3,000 was spent for repairs. Steve stated that a new loader would cost approximately \$34,000. His opinion is that the Town should not invest that amount of money into this old piece of equipment. Selectman Condra asked if there was money in Capital Reserves to replace the piece of equipment. The Board agreed not to spend the money on repairing this loader.

Next, Steve talked with the Board about the Stantec proposal. He also updated the Board on the compactor, which has been delayed due to an illness with his supplier. Road side mowing was done early because the grass was so high and his budget only allows mowing once a year. Hazardous Waste Day went well. And paving will begin in August. The Board thanked Steve.

Hal Levine, Library Trustee, was next on the agenda. He presented two issues to the Board. The first is the need for a crosswalk on Forest Road. The Library patrons who use the parking area across the street from the Library must cross the street without a crosswalk. The second issue is the condition of the Library's parking lot on Gregg Street. It is

in disrepair; the pavement is crumbling and the storm drains are higher than the pavement.

Motion: A motion was made by Selectman Donovan to ask Steve Elliott to look at the parking lot behind the Library and take any steps necessary to remedy it. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDonough followed by a unanimous vote.

Bob Duquette attended the meeting to discuss the New Reservoir. He showed the Board a map and pointed out the seepage area on the map. The issue remains that no money was budgeted for engineering reviews, but a response is due to the State soon. Chairman McDonough stated that we need to satisfy the State. Selectman Donovan suggested responding to the State that we have gotten quotes for the engineering study, but there is no money in the budget and so we will ask for an extension.

Next on the agenda was Ryan Bell. Mr. Bell wanted to inform the Board of a party he is planning to have at his home. After discussing some of the details of the event, Chairman McDonough commended Ryan for coming before the Board.

The Board called Gary Zirpolo next. Gary updated the Board on his current need for more volunteers. He plans to bring any new volunteers in as drivers first and let them get some experience. He hopes to bring more volunteers on after he holds his next EMT class in the fall. Selectman Donovan suggested that Gary talk to the Selectmen of the other two towns. Chairman McDonough suggested putting a notice on the Town sign also. He asked Gary to report back to the Board in two weeks.

Joe Torre and Ron Caswell attended the meeting to talk to the Board about the Hand Tub. He has contacted three firms to get an appraisal on the piece of

equipment. The third estimate has two options. Selectman Donovan said since the Association plans to restore the unit it makes sense to do the full scope appraisal. He asked if the cost of the appraisal would come from the Fire Department budget.

Selectman Donovan gave the audience a history of the Hand Tub pumper: The Town of Wilton owns the Hand Tub pumper which is being stored at Frye's Measure Mill. It is not insured. It needs to be insured, therefore, an appraisal is necessary. Town counsel advised the Town to retain ownership of the Hand Tub, but the Association could lease it from the Town yearly. This would take care of the Association's concerns about possession of the unit.

Motion: Chairman McDonough a motion to allow the Association to proceed with the full appraisal of the Hand Tub pumper. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra followed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman McDonough called for Fieldstone Consulting next. Chad Branon introduced himself and began the discussion on lots L-6 & L-6-1. Fieldstone is proposing that both lots obtain access from Gregoire Circle. The driveway permit was denied by Public Works Director Steve Elliot due in part to lack of sight distance. Chad stated that he is before the Board seeking guidance on how they may deem appropriate access and obtain a building permit. Also attending was property owner Dennis Viens and Attorney Thomas F. Quinn.

A discussion ensued involving why this case was being heard by the Selectmen and not the Planning Board or the ZBA. Several members of the audience asked questions and gave their opinions on the proposed plan. Attorney Quinn referred to RSA 674:41 which suggests that the Selectmen are authorized to issue a permit, subject to conditions it may impose. Selectman Condra's opinion was that this case should have gone before the ZBA. Attorney Quinn asked the Board to authorize a building permit; saying he thinks this is a better

plan. Mr. Branon stated that no decision this Board makes resolves the waiver they need to get for the driveway. Selectman Donovan stated that this case has been around for over a year. He is inclined to authorize issuance of a building permit subject to Planning Board conditions. Following further discussion Chairman McDonough stated that he agrees with Selectman Donovan.

Motion: Selectman Donovan made a motion to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a building permit, subject to driveway approval and any other conditions that may be established by the Planning Board; including Town Counsel's approval of the driveway easement for the lot without frontage. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDonough. Selectman Donovan and Chairman McDonough voted in the affirmative; Selectman Condra was opposed. The motion carried with a majority vote.

Next, the Board read a request from a resident asking to use the Town Hall on Sunday mornings for church services.

Motion: Selectman Donovan made a motion to deny the request to make the Town Hall available for church services. The motion was seconded by Chairman McDonough followed by a unanimous vote.

It was noted that no response has been received from PSNH regarding moving a telephone pole on Bennington Battle Trail.

The Public Utilities Commission has not taken any action on the letter dated December 1, 2011 regarding the telephone system failure in October. The Board will follow up.

The Board discussed the situation involving Granite State and an updated site plan. Selectman Donovan thinks it is reasonable to request an updated site plan not a full site plan review. Chairman McDonough will send a note to the Planning Board.

The Board reviewed a letter from West View Farms. Chairman McDonough stated that the item has been fixed, therefore, it is resolved.

Next, the Board addressed the Wilton Center utility pole issue. Residents from Wilton Center reported that stakes have been put in the ground likely where PSNH would put poles. Steve Elliott advised the Board that he was present when the utility companies looked at the area and that the plan probably wouldn't go anywhere. He suggested that PSNH present a few options to the Board. Selectman Donovan said that there is nothing pending before the Board to approve putting poles in Wilton Center. He explained that every pole must have a license that is approved by the Selectmen and recorded with the Town Clerk, unless the pole is put on private property.

The Selectmen approved the manifests for the week.

Payroll was approved.

The minutes were signed.

The Board approved two (2) abatement requests.

The MS-5 report was signed.

The PA-28 form was signed.

The Stantec contract was signed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M. followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary