

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: August 17, 2015
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Richard E. Swanson, Selectmen William F. Condra and Kermit R. Williams.
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

The first order of business was the fuel bid opening process. Two bids were received: One from Rymes Oil Company and one from Ciardelli Fuel Company. Chairman Swanson opened the bids. Prices from Ciardelli Fuel Company were: \$2.049 for #2 heating oil and \$2.249 for diesel. The price from Rymes Oil Company was: \$2.169 for #2 heating oil and they did not provide a price for diesel. The Selectmen decided to save a discussion about which company to choose for later in the night.

Next, Assessor Todd Haywood attended the meeting to speak about an abatement recommendation for PEP Direct. Todd explained that they (PEP Direct) were hoping for resolution to the tax appeal before September 1st. Todd explained the numbers and stated that PEP Direct has agreed to his recommendation of aggregate assessment steps which would lessen the refund the Town would have to make. Further explanation about the abatement recommendation included the fact that the building is currently for sale. Selectman Williams asked Todd if they don't accept his recommendation will PEP Direct file an appeal? Todd said they would. The Selectmen stated that they felt uncomfortable with this abatement recommendation for several reasons: Building has only been on the market for eight months; the dislike of giving a refund of a previous years' taxes; difficulty determining square footage value; and desire to see a commercial appraisal on the building.

Motion: Chairman Swanson made a motion not to grant PEP Direct the abatement at this time without first seeing a commercial appraisal. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Jeff Stone asked a question as a member of the Conservation Commission regarding dog waste stations. He appreciates the Selectmen's willingness to put some stations in and he wondered what progress had been made. Chairman Swanson talked about putting one at Whiting Park and then he asked Steve Elliott for an update. Steve stated that he had found pricing of \$130 for a small station but he was unaware that it had been agreed upon to put them in other areas also. Chairman Swanson thinks that they committed to putting something up at the school and he apologized for not having done it yet. Selectmen Condra and Williams agreed to try one at the elementary school. Selectman Williams stated that he thought a \$1000 investment around the Park was reasonable. Steve asked what the plan was to which Selectman Williams answered that the DPW picks up the trash on Main Street, so this would be part of his responsibility as well.

Dawn Tuomala was next on the agenda to discuss a revised traffic pattern at FRES. Steve Elliott joined the conversation. Dawn gave the specifics on the proposed changes. Selectman Condra confirmed that we are not numbering the parking spaces. Steve stated that they also need to approve the signage for no parking. Selectman Condra spoke on behalf of the lower Tremont Street residents saying the he knows the Board

voted to make Tremont Street one-way, but he has since changed his position on that. He would like to leave Tremont Street a two-way street, saying that it only affects three properties. He feels these residents are being asked to change their direction of travel that has been in place for over 100 years. He suggests putting a "No Left Turn" sign on the end of Livermore Street which would disallow anyone going down Tremont Street. Selectman Condra suggested to go to the Budget Committee next year with a cost to move the hill back with a retaining wall that would give two full lanes of travel and a sidewalk. Steve agrees but doesn't think there's room from two way traffic and a sidewalk so that could possibly be started up closer to the school. Dawn said Chief Hautanen would prefer to keep it one-way. But, she stated they could leave it alone for this year; she doesn't think a retaining wall would be that bad. Steve disagrees.

Chairman Swanson suggested a condition to keep it a two-way street if the land owners would give up some of their property. There was no agreement to this proposal.

A motion to approve the 22' spaces and sign package that coincides with this plan was stated, but got no seconds. Selectman Williams stated that what he had proposed was that there was potential to do something else so leave it alone for this year. He stated that the kids had been walking up that street as long as there has been a school there. Selectman Condra agreed; leave it as is this year with a two-way street, no sidewalk, and put a retaining wall and a sidewalk in the budget for next year.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion that the Selectmen rescind their previous decision to make Tremont Street a one-way street and instruct Public Works Director Steve Elliott to work out longer term plans to widen the street and make a real sidewalk. Selectman Condra seconded the motion. Vote: Selectman Condra, aye; Selectman Williams, aye; Chairman Swanson, nay. Motion carries 2 to 1.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to approve the parking plan and associated sign plan as shown and discussed, but keep the no-left-turn sign. There was discussion on this motion. Selectman Williams then stated to not put up the no-left-turn sign and have NRPC do a traffic analysis on each side of Tremont Street. Selectman Condra agrees.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to accept Dawn's plan for parking and signage with the exception of the no-left-turn sign on lower Tremont. Selectman Condra seconded the motion. Chairman Swanson stated that he will vote against the motion because safety is still his concern. Vote: Selectman Condra, aye; Selectman Williams, aye; Chairman Swanson, nay. Motion carries with a 2 to 1 vote.

Next Mark Gabel attended the meeting to discuss his progress with cleaning up the right-of-way. He was joined by his wife Rose Gabel. Chairman Swanson thanked him for cleaning up the cars in the swamp and asked when he will finish with the rest of the area. Mark gave an explanation of his schedule and all his other projects. He stated that anything with fluids and liquids is gone. He knows that he needs to finish but anything that is left is not hurting the environment. A timeframe was discussed. Chairman Swanson stated that he meant items on Town property as opposed to in the right-of-way only. Conservation Commission member Jeff Stone stated that as long as progress was being made he felt the Conservation Commission would be satisfied. An agreement was made that Mark would continue to clean up the area with a finish date of December 31, 2015. There was a discussion about a possible threatening sign on Mark's property.

The Board had a discussion about a Town Administrator position. They proposed establishing a citizen committee charge with identifying whether or not to recommend a Town Administrator position at Town Meeting. Membership would be comprised of a Selectman, Budget Committee member, Planning Board member, a Department Head, and volunteers; making up a total of about seven people. Chairman Swanson feels there are compelling arguments for having a Town Administrator, for example; managing contracts, handling personnel issues, administering grants, and purchasing; but he would like to see a committee look in more detail and be charged with making recommendations. Selectman Condra stated that he doesn't think the Town needs one but doesn't want to miss an opportunity for the people to weigh in on it

Motion: Chairman Swanson moves to form a study committee to research the issue of establishing a Town Administrator position and charge the committee with making a recommendation, if possible, by January 2016. The Selectmen will appoint the committee in September. Selectman Williams seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Next, they had a downtown economic development discussion.

Chairman Swanson called for a nonpublic session at 8:17 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). The motion was seconded and followed by a unanimous vote.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:28 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

The Selectmen plan on attending the Souhegan Valley Economic Summit presentation in Milford in September.

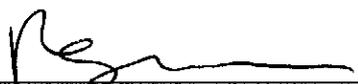
Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to accept the fuel bid from Ciardelli Fuel, which is the lower bid amount. The motion was seconded and followed by a unanimous with all in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Williams spoke about the pipeline. Chairman Swanson said that the Energy Committee has asked the Board of Selectmen for their opinion regarding the pipeline. They discussed waiting for the NRPC committee opinion and they agreed to make it an agenda item to discuss their position. Selectman Williams will send information to the other Selectmen.

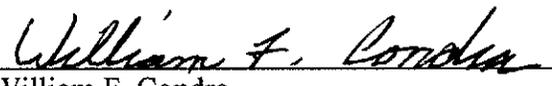
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary

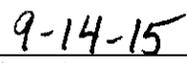


Richard E. Swanson, Chairman



William F. Condra

Kermit R. Williams



Date Signed