

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: August 4, 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.

The first order of business was a Public Hearing to discuss the Parking Ordinance. Selectman Williams read the new ordinance that he had drafted, which is as follows:

Except as designated as no parking areas or in areas otherwise defined by this section, there shall be no time limit on parking on Main Street from Park Street to Route 31 between the hours of 6 AM and 2 AM prevailing time. There shall be no parking on that section between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM prevailing time. Four (4) parking spaces located between the crosswalks in front of Town Hall shall be limited to one (1) hour parking. Those spaces shall be marked with signs. Two (2) parking spaces in front of 65 Main Street shall be limited to 30 minute parking. Those spaces shall be marked with signs. There shall be no parking in public parking lots between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM prevailing time, excluding the designated public spaces in the Police Station parking lot.

Selectman Williams noted that there was overwhelming requests from merchants to take out the 2 hour parking limit. Selectman Swanson thanked Kermit for the time he spent on this subject and he stated that he thinks the wording seems simple and clear. Police Chief Brent

Hautanen asked for clarification stating that this wording now conflicts with the winter parking ban. They should support each other and he asked whether they would be changing the winter ban to mirror this or change this ordinance to mirror the winter parking ban. Director of Public Works Steve Elliott stated that this leaves him only four hours to clean up the snow on Main Street. As the discussion continued, Steve stated that his window for clean-up keeps closing as suggestions are made to change the overnight hours. The Chief answered a question about enforcement and noted that he would be in favor of parking meters. Jerry Greene asked if the 30 minute parking ends at 6:00 to which Selectman Williams said that that was a good modification to have the 30 minute parking end at 6:00. Brent warned the Board to be careful of making spaces look like they are for the benefit of a merchant. Selectman Swanson stated that he supports it with the exception of potentially having a winter parking ordinance that doesn't work for someone who wants to stay at a business. The conversation ended with the Chief stating that they can make allowances for business under certain circumstances, and they have until November when the winter parking ban goes into effect to see how this works out. Hearing no further comments Selectman Swanson made a motion. Motion: Selectman Swanson moves to approve the ordinance, as read, to include a line that says when the winter parking ban is in effect it takes precedence. Chairman Condra added the statement "to adopt a new parking regulation". The motion was seconded followed by a unanimous vote with all in favor. Motion carries.

Next on the agenda was Chief Hautanen on the subject of performance review implementation. Selectman Swanson stated that he thinks we should have annual performance reviews for Department Heads. The Selectmen are asking Department Heads to provide job descriptions. Brent provided his along with an employee review form from another town. The Chief expressed his concern with the idea of the Department Heads being reviewed by the Selectmen because he doesn't feel that the Selectmen have a sense of what the Department

Heads do, other than what they see at meetings. He is not opposed to having reviews but he questioned what the standards and process would be. He thinks this information should be in place beforehand so everyone is on the same playing field. Selectman Swanson thinks reviews should start as soon as possible; stating that this would be better than no review. Selectman Williams stated that this would be an opportunity for the Department Heads to emphasize their strong points. Chairman Condra said that the Selectmen would need to have work sessions to accomplish these goals.

Building Inspector John Shepardson was next regarding the NTV, LLC appeal. John read the ZBA's decision and NTV's application to the ZBA. He stated that the decision did not answer the question in the application. John talked to Neil Faiman who agreed that it would make sense to appeal the ZBA's decision. Audience member Jerry Greene asked how he could appeal something that wasn't ruled on. John also feels that NTV's appeal hadn't been done in a timely manner even though there were Judge's orders. Discussion ensued. Jerry Greene reminded the Board that at their last meeting they directed John to seek a building permit from NTV. Selectman Williams stated that he feels it is necessary to support our Code Enforcement Officer, and if this is the step he wants to take then the Selectmen should back him. No additional funds are being spent at this point. Chairman Condra stated that he would have liked the appeal to go after NTV for a building permit but if the Board does not act on this by Friday then the ability to appeal will be lost. It troubles him to have to appeal the ZBA on the grounds that they rendered a decision that wasn't asked of them. Motion: Selectman Williams moves that the Selectmen endorse the Building Inspector's request to appeal the ZBA judgment by approving the submitted application. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed. Motion passes.

At 7:47 P.M. a nonpublic session was called for by Chairman Condra

per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) as requested by Jerry Greene.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M.

The Selectmen discussed the intersection at Dale Street and Pead Hill. A resident had called in to ask about a solution to the dangerous intersection. Chairman Condra volunteered to take a look at the site tomorrow.

Residents of 326 and 322 Main Street sent a letter to the Director of Public Works asking for a mirror to be installed across the street from their houses to assist them with a challenging traffic situation. Chairman Condra visited the site and explained the situation to the other two Board members. The Board discussed the possible options and decided they would like to hear from the Police Chief and Director of Public Works on the solution.

Chairman Condra initiated a discussion regarding the length of the previous Selectmen's meetings. He told the history of why the meeting time was changed to 6:30. Often the meetings have been going until after 9:30 or 10:00 P.M. They discussed areas for improvement and all agreed to participate in watching the time.

Selectman Williams inquired about the memo regarding the Water Commissioners items. It was decided that the Selectmen will see if they can get on the agenda or the next Water Commission meeting.

The Board discussed the conditions that qualify or disqualify a veteran for the tax exemption.

The fire truck accident was discussed.

One (1) Veterans Exemption application was denied.

The meeting minutes were signed.

One (1) Intent to Cut Timber application was approved.

The Accounts Payable Manifests for the week were approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M. by Selectman Swanson, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood, Recording Secretary