

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: September 23, 2013
 Time: 6:30 P.M.
 Place: Town Office
 Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan, III, Selectmen William F. Condra and Richard E. Swanson, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Donovan. He opened the Public Hearing for the consideration of removing trees on Wilson Road (a scenic road). The Chairman noted that the website indicated that the purpose of this hearing was to "approve" the request and it should have said "consider".

Mr. Chuck Simpson was recognized to speak on behalf of the owners of the old Girl Scout camp regarding removing six to seven dead trees. He showed the Board a drawing and indicated which trees he would like to remove. Chairman Donovan read RSA 231:158 and the 1977 Warrant Article and minutes of the meeting. He stated the RSA designates authority for tree cutting to the Planning Board unless there is a blanket provision somewhere, which we did not have time to research. Mr. Simpson stated that he would also like to rebuild a stonewall on the property. Chairman Donovan said this falls under the same statute. He noted that the statute provides the Road Agent to make a determination to remove trees which are a nuisance. After further discussion Chairman Donovan made the following motion.

Motion: A motion was made to table the discussion until Steve Elliott reports back as to whether the trees are a nuisance. Chairman Donovan will talk to the Planning Board. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a vote with all in favor.

Stan Young was on the agenda next. He discussed a couple of items with the Selectmen. He would like to see public hearings for any trees that will be cut, for instance the tree on Maple Street that was taken down. He gave the Board some pictures of trees that he considers public hazards that he thinks should be removed. He gave the Board a copy of the Portsmouth tree ordinance. His final comment was that the Heritage Commissions meetings were not posted the Town website. Chairman Donovan will take care of this item.

Joe Torre attended to ask for a Selectman's Representative to attend the October 9th meeting of the MACC Base Budget Committee. Chairman Donovan asked if Selectman Swanson would be willing to attend.

Motion: Chairman Donovan made a motion to appoint Rick Swanson as the Selectman's Representative to MACC Base. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra followed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Donovan discussed the Fairpoint Communications Judgment Action against the Town of Wilton. The documentation was forwarded to Attorney Little and LGC. Dan stated that there are many other towns in the State that are also being sued. The Selectmen agreed with Attorney Little's recommendation.

Chairman Donovan called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) to discuss a personnel issue.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:26 P.M.

Donald Sienkiewicz was next on the agenda to ask the Board to do something about the increased traffic near his house. Discussion followed including the possibility of a traffic study and posting a speed limit of 25 MPH. Chairman Donovan suggested some of the increased traffic flow is due to school being back in

session and the increased business at the Hilltop Café. Donald disagrees, suggesting the traffic is due to people using the road as a shortcut. Chief Hautanen added that they had previously started a traffic study and no tickets were issued because no violations were noted.

Motion: A motion was made requesting Chief Hautanen to undertake a traffic study on Isaac Frye Highway at the Four Corners end and report back to the Board. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion followed by a vote with all in favor.

Chairman Donovan suggested that Donald make a presentation to the Board regarding a 25 MPH speed limit.

The next agenda item was Chief Hautanen who came before the Board to ask for permission to purchase tasers. A lengthy discussion followed including comments from two Wilton Police Officers, the Ambulance Chief, and several residents. These comments were all in favor of the Police Department obtaining tasers. Chairman Donovan was still opposed to the idea stating the reasons that had been discussed at previous meetings; however, he stated that he has complete confidence that the protocol put in place would be followed by all Officers.

Motion: Chairman Donovan made a motion to deny the acquisition of tasers to allow time to discuss it further. There was no further response so the motion died.

Motion: Chairman Donovan made a motion to approve the purchase of tasers. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra.

There was more discussion including opinions expressed by Selectmen Condra and Swanson. Selectman Swanson noted that less Officer injury helped him change his mind plus he foresees a lot of training and a strict policy of when to use the weapon. Also the public comment was persuasive.

Chairman Donovan suggested tabling discussion here and presenting it as a Warrant Article at Town Meeting to allow the voters to voice their opinions. Chief Hautanen feels that it is a Select Board issue; however, it could be brought to Town Meeting if necessary.

Chairman Donovan called the question on the motion that was on the floor; to approve the purchase of tasers. The votes were as follows: Selectman Condra, aye; Selectman Swanson, aye; Chairman Donovan, no. The ayes have it, motion carries.

John Shepardson gave the Board an update on the activity at the Four Corners Farm. He stated that they recognize that the concert got out of hand with 98 cars parked there; and that will not happen again.

John is in the process of writing a Cease and Desist order for the Burns Hill property that has been discussed previously.

The meeting minutes were approved.

The manifests for the week were approved.

Payroll for period ending 9/28/13 was approved.

One (1) Veteran's Exemption was signed.

The 911 Data Capture Acceptance letter was signed.

The Waste Management Agreement was approved.

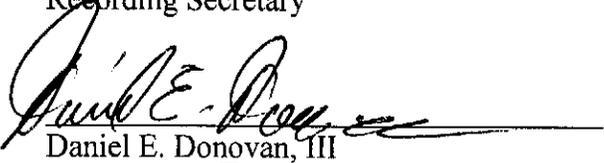
Selectman Swanson updated the Board with the activity of the Energy Committee. Weatherproofing of exit doors and windows was discussed.

Chairman Donovan talked about weekly manifest signing which does not need to be done in a public session. It will save time during meetings and allow the office to pay bills each week. The Board agreed to make this change.

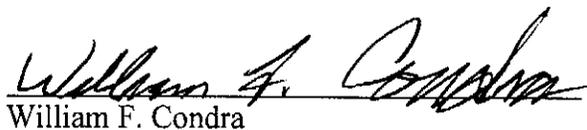
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Daniel E. Donovan, III


Richard E. Swanson


William F. Condra


Date Signed