

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: October 24, 2016
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Kermit R. Williams and Selectmen William F. Condra and Steven J McDonough.
Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

Front End Loader

Public Works Director Steve Elliott and Town Administrator Scott Butcher discussed the quotes they received for a new front end loader. Steve brought Selectman McDonough up to speed about the current condition of the loader. They got quotes from Chappell Tractor, John Deere and CAT. Steve has been looking at slightly used demos also. He feels like he would be throwing good money after bad if he were to repair the current machine, which would cost between \$17,000 and \$25,000. He would like to do a "Lease to Buy" plan until Town Meeting. They discussed the quotes and options. Town Administrator Scott Butcher spoke stated that the John Deere option would be 30-45 days out. Steve Elliott said the old one still runs just without first gear and he would like to see how he can get through winter and go to Town Meeting for the purchase. Chairman Williams stated that if we lease it doesn't have to be a capital expense; it would be an operating expense. Chairman Williams asked if you can buy out the lease. Town Administrator Scott Butcher said that there would not be a lot of difference to pay it off early because the interest rates are very low. Then they discussed which loader they liked best. Steve Elliott needs more time to look at them. Selectman McDonough asked about keeping old machine as a backup. Steve Elliott said it is very rusty and the trade-in of \$25,000 is very good. He feels that the pusher option would be a tremendous help. Chairman Williams would like to deal with local business. Steve likes the Hyundai; it is simple and basic. It was decided that Town Administrator Scott Butcher will ask all to quote the specific things we want. He will ask for clarification on a lease buy-out plan. The Board thanked Steve.

Public Comment

Resident Tom Schultz commended the Select Board about their decision on the firearms policy, stating that these policies apply to all employees. He was glad to see they are willing to follow the letter of the law. Chairman Williams said that is how he approaches subjects. Tom appreciates it and thanked them.

A motion was made to go into nonpublic session at 7:01 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(a). The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:57 P.M. Chairman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye; McDonough, Aye.

Health Insurance Costs

Town Administrator Scott Butcher and Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood have a meeting scheduled with our HealthTrust representative to review our health insurance coverage. It was decided to revisit this topic next month.

Performance Review Format

A discussion took place regarding last year’s performance reviews for Department Heads. There was general agreement that the current format contains too many questions. It was decided to go through each review form at a work session scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016. Pam will post the meeting.

Old/New Business

TA Scott Butcher told the Board that the letter had been sent to Ian McSweeney with a copy of Attorney Little’s response included.

Wilton has caught the eye of the Small Business grant through Deluxe and they are asking for additional information. Out of 10,000 submittals last year the fact that ours caught their eye is impressive; it is a unique opportunity. The additional information needs to be finished by this Wednesday. The grant is for a half million dollars and 18 episodes on a TV show similar to *Shark Tank*.

Selectman McDonough made a statement that it would be nice to have the Ambulance Bay in the Fire Station and have it manned. He said there is a 2 million dollar station sitting empty.

TA Scott Butcher updated the Selectmen on the chimney issue at the Catholic Church. The Church owners and engineers agree there are problems and they will be responsible for fixing them.

TA Scott Butcher told about the Library Trustee meeting he attended.

The Selectmen decided to set aside time on Thursday to set the tax rate if the numbers were ready from the Department of Revenue Administration.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman McDonough, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Kermit R. Williams, Chairman


William F. Condra


Steven J. McDonough

10-31-16
Date Signed