

# TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: October 8, 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. by Chairman McDonough.

The Water Commissioners attended the meeting along with Superintendent Mike Bergeron and Fire Chief Ray Dick to discuss the hydrant repair issue that had been a topic of discussion at a previous meeting. Bob Duquette submitted a letter to the Selectmen which stated that only two hydrants had failed. There was a discussion on the report previously submitted which appeared to show more than two inoperative hydrants. A discussion ensued between Chairman McDonough and Bob Duquette. Selectman Condra summed it up by stating that the Board was led to believe that 10% of the hydrants were not working. Selectman Donovan spoke of the possibility of shafts snapping off and lack of gate valves. Chief Dick was asked if he was satisfied. He responded that he is not worried about shutting them off as long he can get water out of them. Chairman McDonough stated that he did not agree with Bob Duquette's statements. It was agreed that in the future the Water Department won't give the office the report prematurely.

Selectman Donovan thinks the problem has probably been taken care

of. Water Commissioner Tom Schultz spoke on the subject. He stated that the Commission was caught off guard when they read the newspaper article. He stated that the hydrants had been revisited and he told the Board of the schedule of replacement. Selectman Donovan reiterated that the representation to the Board was that there were inoperative hydrants that were not able to be closed. Tom apologized for any misunderstanding and credited Mike Bergeron with a good job of evaluating the system. Selectman Donovan said that the Board is satisfied as long as the situation has been taken care of. Water Commissioner Jim Tuttle stated that if need be the money would have come out of the budget to get them fixed and that it is a priority and a safety issue.

Selectman Donovan brought up another issue involving the Water Department. A new part-time employee had been hired without the proper paperwork being submitted to payroll. Dan told the Commissioners that this was a problem. After a discussion it was agreed that this person could be paid as a contractor rather than through payroll.

Dawn Tuomala was next on the agenda. Dawn told the Board about a benefit dinner that is being planned for former Fire Chief Rene Houle who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The dinner will be held at the Congregational Church on October 20th from 5-7:30 P.M.

Next on the agenda was Frank Edelblut who was introduced by Selectman Condra as being knowledgeable on the topic of employee retirement. Mr. Edelblut spoke on the importance of an employee retirement package and gave some possible scenarios that the Town could adopt. He said that he was here to advocate some type of a plan for the Town employees. Selectman Donovan noted that there had been discussion on this issue for several years. Chairman McDonough thinks the voters should be asked before a contribution comes from the

budget. The Board thanked Frank for his presentation.

There was a discussion about Isaac Frye Highway with resident Paul Levesque.

An appraisal for the Hand Tub was reviewed. LGC will be contacted for a quote to put insurance on it.

The Board read and gave their reactions to four letters from a Carriage Hill Road resident.

A reporter from the Monadnock Ledger spoke to the Board about the article she had written regarding the hydrants. The Board shared her opinion that the story had changed since it was last presented to the Selectmen.

An update on the Pead Hill Communication site was given. The Board suggested asking Joe Torre if he would be willing to help with this project.

The Board approved the bills for the week.

Payroll was approved.

The Election Warrant was signed.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Thursday, October 18th at 1:30 P.M. to continue the review of the new personnel policy. Selectman Donovan recognized Mary Guild for her help with this project.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:16P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Chairman McDonough followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,

Recording Secretary