

TOWN OF WILTON

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: November 4, 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.

Steve Elliott was first on the agenda. He talked to the Selectmen about three areas in Town that need guard rails. Bales Hill Road is the first area he discussed. The Board agreed that this road absolutely needs guard rails. The other sections needing rails are Curtis Farm Road near an old box culvert on the left side toward Lyndeborough, and at the new bridge on Old County Farm Road on the approach side. The price is \$21,600 for the whole project. Steve has this money available in the Resurfacing Budget. The Selectmen agreed with Steve's request and approved the contract.

Chairman Donovan asked Steve if he could stay for the discussion with the Sewer and Water Commissioners.

Tom Herlihy, Tom Schultz, and Chris Carter were in attendance for the Sewer Commission, and Bill Condra and Tom Schultz were representing the Water Commission. Tom Herlihy spoke first, saying that the Sewer Department was at an impasse as far as budgeting and what could be expected from the Highway Department for work to help them. Chris Carter asked if there was written protocol stating what work items should be performed by the Highway Department. Steve Elliott stated that his department is always there for emergency

situations. Mr. Herlihy mentioned a misunderstanding which required that the Sewer Department raise the manholes for the Maple Street project. They were not expecting to do this and, therefore, they had not budgeted for the cost. Tom Schultz mentioned a similar incident that occurred at the Pine Valley Mill project which meant that the Water Department incurred costs that were not in their budget. He also stated that there had been \$12,000 budgeted for Highway labor and only \$1,600 had been used this year; leaving money on the table that could have gone to the Town. Chairman Donovan noted that the labor rate and the equipment-use rate had not been changed for over a year. It was decided to revise these numbers. After further discussion, it was decided that the Chairmen of the Water and Sewer Commissions would meet with DPW Director Steve Elliott to discuss the issue for future budget preparation.

Chief Hautanen was recognized next regarding the Public Hearing to accept a grant for the Safe Commute program. He explained how the grant works with a morning and afternoon patrol each day for a month targeting aggressive drivers. He answered a question from the audience.

Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to approve the application for the Safe Commuter grant patrol. The motion was seconded by Chairman Donovan. The Chairman asked for any further comments, and Selectmen Swanson asked the Chief what the outcome was for the previous years' patrols under this grant. Brent stated that accidents were down but to keep in mind that they were running three grants at one time last year. There were reductions in motor vehicle complaints during those times, however. Hearing no further comment Chairman Donovan called to question the motion to approve the grant. A unanimous vote followed.

Chairman Donovan called for a nonpublic session 7:21 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(i). Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a

vote with all in favor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 P.M.

Linda Goinsalvos of Pead Hill Road was next on the agenda. Steve Elliott stayed on as requested by Chairman Donovan. Linda showed pictures of the Mother's day flood and what it did to her property. She stated that the slant of the road was changed before the flood and now she has a water problem. The gravel that the Town put down is not working. After much discussion including an explanation by Mr. Elliott on how roads are built, the decision was made for Chairman Donovan, Steve Elliott and Linda to meet at the property in the morning.

The next issue discussed was the lighting issue created by the Michaud Funeral Home. The Selectmen do not feel that the light is creating a huge nuisance, and there is no enforceable action that the Board of Selectmen can take on his behalf.

Peggy Waterhouse, from the organization "A Child's Nature" forwarded a letter to the Selectmen regarding a Community Development Block Grant that she would like to apply for with the Town of Wilton as the administrator. The Selectmen talked about the request somewhat and decided that there wasn't enough information; they are unclear regarding what the child care center is asking of the Town.

The Board talked about the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule Classification Results recently received from the Insurance Services Office. Selectman Condra will talk to John Shepardson about the results.

Selectman Condra spoke about the possibility of getting a GIS mapping system in place for Town departments. A few Town

departments are looking into it, including the Planning Board. Bill explained how it can be used by town officials. Virtual Town and Schools has a mapping module that the Water Commissioners plan to look at. NRPC has offered their data initially at no charge but later on there would certainly be a charge. Bill would like to see mapping offered, but not necessarily through NRPC. He stated that he likes the idea of GIS mapping but that data collection is a problem.

On the Goss Park tax issue, the Selectmen decided to let it go this year. Chairman Donovan suggested how much the waived taxes would be.

The Selectmen agreed that they would like to meet with the Department Heads to discuss budgets. Chairman Donovan suggested a schedule and he stated that he would like the Board of Selectmen to start meeting weekly. The other two Selectmen agreed.

Selectman Swanson updated the Board on the progress being made with updating the Elderly Exemption.

Chairman Donovan updated the Board on his deposition that was taken regarding the Lyndeborough suit.

The Board had a conversation about the amount of land in conservation as well as how much was left that was able to be developed. It was stated that Wilton is the only local town that lost population since the last census; and the commercial tax base is shrinking.

The minutes were approved.

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Amended meeting minutes from 10/7/13 were signed.

Payroll for period ending 11/2/13 was approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 P.M. by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary