

TOWN OF WILTON, NH
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: February 22, 2016
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Richard E. Swanson, Selectmen William F. Condra and Kermit R. Williams.
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Chairman Swanson.

Wilton resident Jennifer Beck attended the meeting to discuss the Economic Development Committee. She appreciates the opportunity to talk to the Selectmen. She has lived in Wilton for 25 years. She told the Board a little about herself and her ambitions. She saw the flyer regarding the survey for Wilton. In her career she has done hundreds of SWOT analysis. She has spent the last couple of weeks finding out about Wilton and the business. She has made some observations and gathered some information. She asked what the timeline for the committee is. She has also talked to Bart Hunter, president of Main Street Association, and feels that she may be interested in serving on the Conservation Commission also. She met with Selectman Williams last week; Kermit relayed some points on that conversation. Chairman Swanson told Jennifer about the contract with UNH, Andre Garron for the Business Retention and Expansion study. He will be at the March 14th Selectmen's meeting. He will be looking for a core group of 3-5 people at the beginning. Jennifer talked a brand image for Wilton, stating that this is where she would start. Development has to be in line with what your development plan is. We need to be smart about how we spend our money. Chairman Swanson agreed and said that she had some good questions. Jennifer touched on several additional topics; the historical businesses in Town, getting on Milford's commercial property list, shared spaces, and artwork in empty storefront windows.

Selectman Williams said it's about all of Wilton, not just Main Street. Bart Hunter explained that the Main Street group is working on expanding their efforts and changing their name. Jennifer would like to see a better web presence, there should be one place to know what's going on in town. Selectman Condra spoke of the vacancies and approved subdivisions that haven't sold lots. Chairman Swanson thinks it's great that she brings this amount of enthusiasm. There was further discussion. Jennifer thanked the Board for their time and said she wants to contribute.

Public Comment:

Firemen Jim Cutler and Don Nourse used this time to talk to the Selectmen about the Firemen's Association Muster truck. They explained that the insurance cost for this vehicle are outrageous and the Association doesn't even use it that much. Realistically it's used about every 5 years for Old Home Days. Joe Torre researched the history of the muster truck: Around 1976 with the passage of a Warrant Article the Association purchased the truck for \$1.00 from the Town with stipulation that it would come back to the Town for \$1.00 when they no longer used it. Don is here to ask if the Town would be interested in buying it back so it can be put on the Town's insurance. He explained the repairs that it needs. Selectman Williams said that putting it on insurance is an easy decision because there's no additional cost to the Town. Chairman Swanson said it is an asset that you want to preserve. Selectman Condra suggests that it is reasonable to purchase it for \$1.00 and then have a management agreement stating that the Association would take care of it. Selectman Williams stated that we cannot increase our budget at this point.

Chairman Swanson told Don that he can report back to the Association that they have a willing buyer.

Jim Cutler spoke next saying he was here to report a new appointment within the Fire Department. The current Forest Fire Warden (Ron Caswell) no longer wants the position. Chief Dick has made an appointment for the position: That appointment is himself; Jim Cutler. There was a discussion about what the job entails.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to appoint Jim Cutler as Forest Fire Warden. Selectman Condra seconded the motion which was followed by unanimous vote in the affirmative. Motion carries.

He updated the Board on Ray's condition and the status of the Fire Department in Ray's absence.

A motion was made and seconded to enter nonpublic session at 8:40 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c).

The regular meeting was called to order at 10:10 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

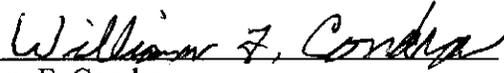
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Richard E. Swanson, Chairman


Kermit R. Williams


William F. Condra

2-29-16
Date Signed