

**TOWN OF WILTON
WATER COMMISSIONERS
DRAFT MINUTES**

DATE: January 26, 2011
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Wilton Town Hall
PRESENT: Commissioners Charlie McGettigan, Jim Tuttle and Robert Duquette
Cara Mayo and Chuck Crawford

1 The board reviewed and approved the minutes from the December 29, 2010 meeting.
2 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Duquette and SECONDED by Mr. McGettigan to accept the*
3 *minutes as presented.*
4 *Voting: motion carried unanimously*

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6 The Board discussed the Roedel plan for easement granted to the town for maintenance
7 of an eight-inch water line drawn by Monadnock Survey. Mr. Tuttle noted that the two
8 inch line installed on Souhegan street was not on the plan and that Roedel stated, in a
9 previous letter to the Board, that they would maintain and repair the six-inch sprinkler
10 lines connected to the eight-inch line. The Board agreed to request that this be added to
11 the notes on the plan and to accept the easement, with the change, at the next meeting.

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13 The Board discussed the backflow device at the Wilton Falls building.
14 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Duquette and SECONDED by Mr. Tuttle to offer Dr. Crawford*
15 *and Ms. Mayo a device for the building at half the cost.* The estimated cost will be about
16 three thousand dollars. Mr. Tuttle noted that he will verify the cost with TI Sales.
17 Installation of the device will be the responsibility of Dr. Crawford and Ms. Mayo or the
18 The Board of Selectmen who might be interested in a tax abatement for WMA to help with
19 the cost. The Board will approach The Board of Selectmen. Dr. Crawford is not asking the
20 citizens of Wilton for an abatement to pay for the installation and half the cost of the
21 device. He stands by his original position that the plumbing code states a backflow device
22 isn't required. Dr. Crawford wants the Wilton Water Works to drop the installation cost
23 of the device and if they or The Board of Selectmen want to own and maintain the device
24 at no cost to the WMA or Kimball Physics forever, it's okay with him. Dr. Kimball only

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1 recognizes the international plumbing code as the authority. Ms. Mayo requested a letter
2 outlining the proposed half cost of the backflow device and installation for the WMA. The
3 Board agreed to send a proposal with the expectation of a response by the February
4 meeting and required compliance by July 1, 2011.

5 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Duquette and SECONDED by Mr. Tuttle to send a proposal*
6 *for half the cost of the device and a six-inch testable double check valve to the WMA.*

7 *Voting: motion carried unanimously*

8 The Board will discuss this proposal with The Board of Selectmen at their next meeting on
9 January 31, 2011 and discuss the one-year abatement for WMA.

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11 The Board discussed the water service installation performed in 2009 for Jeff Meehan.
12 The materials used were purchased by the owner at no cost to Wilton Water Works. His
13 bill for parts, labor and equipment used for the installation of the service to the curb box
14 was paid in full after completion. Jeff's plumber completed the installation in 2010 and
15 the meter was set by Carl for the second reading in 2010. He was not charged for the
16 service until fall of 2010.

17 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Duquette and SECONDED by Mr. McGettigan to put this in*
18 *minutes.*

19 *Voting: motion carried unanimously*

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21 The Board discussed water rates. Mr. McGettigan noted that the amount charged needs
22 to be replaced with something based on meter size. Mr. Duquette noted the rate systems
23 used in Jaffrey and Pennichuck. The Board agreed to collect information from various
24 sources to get some ideas. The plan is to develop something as soon as possible to be
25 used with a possible March billing to start quarterly bills. Scott Clang from GSRWA is one
26 possible source of help in development of rate structure. He is available in about two
27 weeks into February. Mr. McGettigan presented various bills from several systems in
28 Massachusetts and offered a consultant he talked with. Mr. Tuttle noted that he will
29 contact them to discuss their services.

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31 *A MOTION was made by Mr. McGettigan and SECONDED by Mr. Duquette to adjourn the*

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- 1 *meeting.*
- 2 *Voting: motion carried unanimously*
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- 4 The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jim Tuttle
Acting Secretary