

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: March 16, 2015
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectman Kermit R. Williams. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood. Selectmen Richard E. Swanson was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra. He stated that Rick Swanson is absent this evening so they won't do the committee assignments or elect a chairman until Rick is back.

Chief Hautanen attended the meeting to get approval to place the order for the new cruiser and radio that was approved at Town Meeting.

Motion: Chairman Condra made a motion to authorize the Chief to move forward with the cruiser and associated equipment purchase. Selectman Williams seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Fire Chief Ray Dick also attended the meeting to get approval to place his order for the compressor that was voted on last Thursday. He answered questions and said that the unit stays at the station.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to approve the purchase of the compressor as voted on at Town Meeting. Chairman Condra seconded the motion and a unanimous vote in favor followed. Motion carries.

Next on the agenda was Scott Brooks, TDS Telecom Manager of State Government Affairs, to discuss the TDS Franchise Agreement for cable TV. He explained that TDS Telecom is bringing fiber optics to the home in Wilton. A majority of the Town will have it available for TV and broadband with up to 1 gigabyte of speed. They have rolled out the service to many communities in 2014 including New London, Hillsborough, Antrim, Hopkinton, Chichester, and Hollis. In 2015 they will pass by another 16,000 homes. The goal is to migrate everybody to the fiber network. Selectman Williams stated that their agreement says they will provide a line to Town buildings for TV. Scott agreed and also the Schools and the Library will have the basic package at no cost. They discussed the Hollis agreement. Scott told that TDS has hired more people and they will be having teams go door to door to talk to potential customers. The Police Chief asked some questions about how the fiber optics system would work during weather related events.

Mr. Brooks stated that the next step is to work through the Cable Franchise Agreement. A Public Hearing will be required after the agreement has been finalized. The Board thanked Scott for his presentation. Selectman Williams noted that the Board will be negotiating contracts for both TDS and Comcast at the same time.

Chairman Condra asked for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) 7:18 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. Selectman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, seconded by Chairman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Condra, Aye; Williams, Aye.

There was additional talk about the franchise agreements. The Selectmen would like to request the "boiler plate" template from Comcast. The contract(s) will need to be negotiated by May 19th. The Selectmen should think about what they will ask for in the new agreement(s).

One (1) MS-232 form was signed.
The Accounts Payable manifests were approved.
Meeting minutes were signed.

The Selectmen discussed whether or not the Lions Club could have a page on the Town's website. It was decided that each request would be taken on a "per case" basis, but some of the requirements would be that the organization would have to be a nonprofit charitable group and no advertising would be allowed. They approved the Lion's Club having a page.

Next, Selectman Williams discussed the difference of opinion regarding the powers of the Conservation Commission. He contacted a NH Municipal Association Attorney and was told that he was correct in his interpretation of the statute. A letter will be sent to confirm. A discussion on the topic continued, with Chairman Condra stating that they need to get all the pieces together and review them. Also, Selectman Williams thinks the Conservation Fund falls under the control of the Trustee of the Trust Funds; Bill thinks it falls under the control of the Town Treasurer.

Next, the Board had a discussion on the generator at FRES. A quote was given to service the generator but the amount of money is not in the budget. The Selectmen would like to get Emergency Management Director Tom Herlihy's opinion on the subject. Chairman Condra stated that if the generator doesn't need some broad based service they should not be doing it.

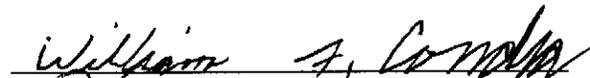
An Easter egg hunt on the Flat was approved.

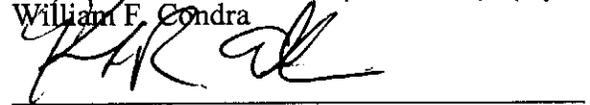
Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion that the Board of Selectmen commends the Wilton Lyndeborough Co-op Varsity Boys Basketball team on winning the State Championship. Chairman Condra seconds. The vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary



William F. Condra


Kermit R. Williams

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Date Signed