TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: March 23, 2015
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson and Kermit R. Williams. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Condra. The first order of business was to swear in the newly elected member of the Select Board; Bill Condra. Jane Farrell performed the swearing in of Selectman Bill Condra and he was congratulated on his re-election.

The next order of business was to elect a new Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. Selectman Williams nominated Rick Swanson. Bill Condra seconded the nomination. Selectman Williams moved to close the nominations. A unanimous vote was cast for Rick Swanson to be Chairman of the Wilton Board of Selectmen for 2015.

Chairman Swanson thanked Bill for the job he had done last year as Chairman and he stated that he hopes to serve with the same collegiality as Bill did. Selectman Williams agrees and is looking forward to another good year.

Next, the Board of Selectmen made the following appointments and assignments:

Appointments
Tax Collector – Jane Farrell
Police Chief – Brent Hautanen
Director of Public Works – Stephen Elliott
Fire Chief – Raymond Dick
Ambulance Chief – Gary Zirpolo
Health Officer – Gary Zirpolo (for a term of three years – 2017)
Building Inspector – John Shepardson
Alternate Trustee of the Trust Funds - Ralph Maugel
Alternate Trustee of the Trust Funds - Kenneth Smith

Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to make the standard appointments as listed above. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. A unanimous vote in favor followed. Motion carries.

Committee Assignments
NRPC – Kermit Williams
Planning Board – Kermit Williams
Energy Committee – Rick Swanson
MACC Base – Bill Condra
Heritage Commission – Rick Swanson
WLT Ambulance Board – Bill Condra
Recycling Committee – Bill Condra
Budget Committee – Rick Swanson
WLT Ambulance resident member – Daniel E. Donovan, III

Motion: Chairman Swanson made a motion to accept the nominations for the committee assignments as listed above. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Ambulance Chief Gary Zirpolo was on the agenda to discuss his stretcher purchase. He told the Selectmen that he has applied for a grant and hopes it will be approved and if so will cover 95% of this stretcher purchase. Gary confirmed that the Member Towns voted to support the stretcher purchase.
Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of the power stretcher as voted on at Town Meeting. Selectman Condra seconded the motion. There was some additional discussion. A unanimous vote in favor of the motion followed. Motion carries.

Gary informed the Selectmen that the Wage and Salary Committee had met and they would like to have a Selectmen's representative on the committee. After a discussion, Chairman Swanson volunteered to be the Selectmen's Representative for the Wage and Salary Committee. The next meeting will be April 3rd at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Swanson informed the Board that he had met with resident Dan Ross of Wilson Road regarding a discussion about stone wall destruction over the winter. He expects that a group of people will arrive at 8:00 P.M. for this discussion.

Jane Farrell was next on the agenda for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) and (a)
Selectman Williams made a motion to enter nonpublic session at 7:02 P.M. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a vote with all in favor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. Selectman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, seconded by Selectman Condra. Vote: Swanson, aye; Williams, aye; Condra, aye. Motion carried.

Motion: Selectman Williams move to appoint Andrew Hoar to the Zoning Board. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Selectman Williams updated the Board on the previous franchise agreement with Comcast. There were a few name changes of the cable company names and at that point a new contract should have been negotiated. But it was not so now the Selectmen are able to negotiate contracts with both Comcast and TDS Telecom at the same time. He discussed the franchise fee and he talked about the services they may be able to negotiate for all town buildings.

Next on the agenda was the discussion of damage to stone walls from plowing. Chairman Swanson and resident Dan Ross rode around looking at the damage. Selectman Condra told about his review of a stone wall on McGettigan Road as a follow up to a complaint. Rick stated that some of the damage he noticed was caused from the weight of snow and other damage was where they do cut-ins. He stated that there is a significant amount of damage in the areas of Wilson Road and Isaac Frye Highway. The public was invited to comment.

Joan Ross of Wilson Road spoke about the need to protect stonewalls. She asked how the damages could be repaired and how to prevent this happening in the future. She suggested the Selectmen talk to Board members from the towns of Peterborough, Amherst or Mont Vernon where you don't see this happening. David Hoagland who owns property on Burns Hill Road stated that the snowplows are punching holes in the walls and taking the stones right out. He said 15-20 feet of stone wall at the north east corner is gone. He stated that the practice of "punching in" has only been happening for the last couple years. When they

do this the stones get pushed 30-40 feet down the hill. Mrs. Ross asked why the front loader was being used. Matt Bangert of Wilson Road noted that, in fact, it has been a brutal winter but the cost of these damages needs to be considered. He explained damage to an arch wall where the grader knocked a section out; a 300-400 foot run of all the top stones has been dislodged. He estimated $3,000 to repair this damage. He stated that over time the stone walls will be nothing more than a pile of rubble along the sides of the roads. The practice of perpendicular cutting needs to be stopped per Mr. Bangert. Phil Dupont of Wilson Road said this is not the first year this has happened; it happened last year also but with a different driver. He commended the drivers, saying that mostly they do a great job. But the person who took over when someone was out damaged trees on Burns Hill Road. These trees may not survivet.

Chairman Swanson thanked the group for their comments. Selectman Williams stated that the Board would meet with Public Works Director Steve Elliott. He also stated that if there were monetary damages the people would need to file a claim.

Selectman Williams made a motion to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:II(a) at 8:29 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 P.M. Selectman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, seconded by Selectman Condra. Vote: Swanson, aye; Williams, aye; Condra, aye. Motion carried.

Jane Farrell presented the Selectmen with her job description and spoke of the changes in her office. She told the Board that her intent was to have everyone in her office be able to do every task. Melissa Schultz is the Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector. Doreece and Sara are assistants. She explained a few other changes but stated that she still oversees and is responsible for the running of that office. Chairman Swanson thanked her for submitting a job description. Selectman Williams asked if the need for overtime was now reduced. Jane said yes and she spoke of the training for the new Clerkwerks program. She said her next priority was to get set up so people can pay on line for cars, dogs, and tax bills and then the final component will be credit cards. She spoke of the changes with collection of the Recycling Center money stating that the Auditors should like this new system.

Jane then asked the Selectmen to sign a couple added tax bills.

Next, the Selectmen went over a discrepancy in the pay raise for the Director of Public Works. The discrepancy was created when an additional amount of pay was approved by the Budget Committee but not included in the final budget numbers. Selectman Williams volunteered to meet with Steve this week to discuss it.

Motion: Selectman Condra moved to accept all pay raises as presented with the exception of Director of Public Works. Selectman Williams seconds. A unanimous vote followed. Motion carries.

Accounts Payable manifests
Meeting minutes
Payroll for period ending 3/21/15
One (1) Veteran's Tax Credit
One (1) Abatement Recommendation
Accomplishment Letters
Oaths of Offices

Selectman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 P.M. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood

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Recording Secretary

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Kermit R. Williams

4-6-15

Date Signed