

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Swanson.

Harry Dailey from the School Board was first on the agenda. He was here to discuss the quote for installation of the generator at FRES so that the school can be used as an emergency facility. He explained the details of the work to be done noting that they must bring the sub panels up to commercial grade; that is why the quote is so high. The School Board is willing to negotiate sharing the bill with the Town, knowing that they get a minor benefit with the generator, even though school would be closed when there is no power. The Selectmen discussed the issue and it was agreed that the School would pay \$4,000 and the Town will pay \$8,500.

Motion: Selectman Williams moves that the Selectmen find \$8,500 to cover the cost of the work as discussed. The budget line item is to be identified. Selectman Condra seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Chairman Swanson talked to Harry about solar energy and where solar panels could be put, suggesting that the roof at WLC might be a possible site. Harry said they were contacted 5 years ago about this but the company interested said there wasn't enough "sun-time" to make it worth their while. Chairman Swanson asked for any report available from this visit. Harry said they would be interested in pursuing it again. Chairman Swanson said this would be a way for the School to participate with the Town to reduce energy costs. Selectman Williams stated that the Co-op energy group is also a way to save costs.

Kathy and Ben Rumore of North East Performance Diesel were next on the agenda. The issue was approval of their Inspection Station form. The original form approved by the Planning Board got lost and was further held up by the Selectmen because the Planning Board directed Selectman Williams to talk to the Building Inspector about an issue with the sign. The Rumore's feel this is an unrelated matter. After further discussion on the issue the following motion was made:

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to recommend approval of the appointment of NE Performance Diesel as an Inspection Station. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries. Chairman Swanson signed the NE Performance Diesel Inspection Station application.

Selectman Williams talked about the Change of Use policy in our zoning laws stating that it needs to be streamlined. He offered to take it up with the Planning Board. Selectman Condra said it comes up every year, but it never gets changed. Chairman Swanson said we don't want to create barriers, but want a business friendly town. Selectman Williams would like to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to discuss these issues now that the Planning Board is writing the Economic Development part of the Master Plan. Chairman Swanson agrees with the idea of a meeting with the Planning Board to talk about sign code, change of use, and the Master Plan Economic Development chapter. The first Wednesday in May is the next meeting. The Selectmen will discuss it further on May 4th. Selectman Williams will suggest to Alec MacMartin a joint meeting on May 6th.

Gail Hoar was the next appointment on the agenda but she did not show up.

Dan St. Laurent attended the meeting to discuss a commercial sign in a noncommercial area of Town, specifically at 426 Abbot Hill Road. The sign owner has been asked to take it down before but he just re-words it and puts it back up. Classes are given at this location and items to make pizza are sold. It is a few feet from Dan's driveway and the sign is in his view to exit the driveway. The business creates commercial traffic, with deliveries and people taking classes or picking up their supplies. It is ongoing even on weekends and holidays. Mr. St. Laurent stated that he has spoken to property Joan Lemire but she says there is nothing she can do about it.

The Selectmen agreed that there seems to be an issue with the sign and the fact that a home based business is being run without having gone through the correct process. Selectman Williams said it sounds like they are running a distribution center. Selectman Condra spoke about the temporary sign ordinance. The Selectmen will ask John Shepardson to initiate an investigation since violations of the zoning law fall under his authority. Dan told the Selectmen that there was a lot of traffic with the Café, three new houses, dumpster trucks and commercial deliveries; and the speeds they fly through there with are excessive. Selectman Williams said running a school might not be a problem but the traffic may be a problem.

Next, Selectman Williams said that he would like to hear Charlie McGettigan's opinion on the fence at the New Reservoir. Charlie gave the history of the Town's acquisition of the reservoir. He told how the Wilton Water Commission had put the fence around the Reservoir. It got knocked down once and he and Dennis Maki put a new fence up. Charlie stated that it was ok to canoe and fish in it but not swim. The Board thanked Charlie for his information.

A nonpublic session was called per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) at 7:41 P.M. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was voted on unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 8:21 P.M. Selectman Williams moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

Selectman Williams called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:22 P.M. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 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 was next to give the Selectmen an update of her new software program. She showed them a report and told how the numbers can be formatted to merge for use with the accounting program. Selectman Williams said the report would not be useful to the Budget Committee without numbers from the previous year. Jane gave a summary of the changes in her office. They talked about credit cards next. Jane will check on the status of the contract with Global.

Jane talked about the difficulties she encounters with getting owners to register their dogs. She will ask Chief Hautanen to come in and discuss dog summonses. She will get a report to the Selectmen showing how many owners don't respond. She said there is potential revenue in dog summonses. Selectman Williams said he doesn't believe licensing is a big revenue thing but it is important for dogs to be registered.

Jane had three requests for abatements that she wanted to discuss with the Board. Granite State's bill was discussed first. When given the details on the abatement request Selectman Condra said he was not

interested in granting abatement. Selectman Williams agreed. Bill stated that this was a commercial business. Chairman Swanson, hearing no support for it, stated there would be no abatement. Fairpoint Communications was next for discussion. The Selectmen and Jane discussed the settlement made between Wilton and Fairpoint Communications and decided that it expires in 2016. Jane will come back next week with more information.

Lastly, Jane discussed the Quinn Brothers excavation pit. There was a lengthy discussion on who owns the land and the fact that the Selectmen have abated the taxes since 2011. The Selectmen would like to discuss this issue further, but they would like to get more information on the land and also get the Assessor's opinion.

The next discussion regarding the Shattuck situation resulted in the following motion:

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to instruct Town Attorney Silas Little to offer settlement to the Shattuck's through their lawyer, Attorney Tom Quinn, to accept their date to re-grade by June 1, 2015 and to accept a total penalty of \$4,000 including legal costs. The motion was seconded by Selectman Condra and followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

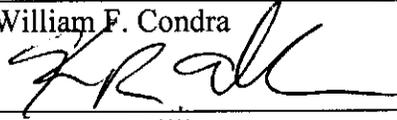
The Board reviewed John Shepardson's letter to Antonia's Restaurant. Her temporary sign has been there for six months. They instructed John to send the letter as edited.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 P.M. by Chairman Swanson, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

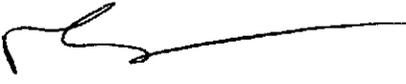
Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary

William F. Condra



Kermit R. Williams



Richard E. Swanson

4-13-15

Date Signed