

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: May 4, 2015
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 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Swanson.

The first two agenda items were two public hearings for Cable TV Franchises; TDS Telecom and Comcast. Scott Brooks was in attendance on behalf of TDS Telecom. Chairman Swanson asked Scott to give the audience members an explanation.

Scott explained the *Fiber in the Homes* rollout process in Wilton. He told that cable TV, broadband, and telephone services will be offered and gave pricing and bundle information. Chairman Swanson opened up the hearing to the public. Tracy Ewing asked about the franchise fee. Chairman Swanson and Selectman Williams spoke of the cost to maintain public right of ways and for maintenance of facilities. It also offsets a small amount of taxes to be collected. Tracy's point is that the cable customers pay more of a tax than those who don't have cable. Selectman Williams equated it to pole taxes and most if not all towns charge franchise fees. Next, Jeff Stone of Tremont Street asked about service in out-lying areas of Town. He stated that he is well served in the village but he would like to see others not in the village have access without a large expenditure. Mr. Brooks addressed his concern saying that TDS does not charge for installation and they are trying to cover a majority of the Town. Their goal is to get everybody on fiber so they don't have any more copper wires. Chairman Swanson thanked the audience members for their questions.

Selectman Williams discussed a few concerns with Scott; emergency power, battery backups, 911 service, and internet service for Town buildings. Scott agreed that the internet service was an oversight in the Hollis contract and they don't intend to give that in any future contracts, so it is not a provision in this agreement.

Chairman Swanson spoke about the two contracts having similar terms. Scott stated that TDS is comfortable with the Comcast agreement. Rick noted that the High School is not listed. That will be corrected. Selectmen Condra would like to see both contracts at 10 years instead of 15. The Board agreed.

Motion: Selectman Condra moved to close the TDS Public Hearing at 7:03 P.M. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Swanson opened the Comcast Public Hearing.

There was a short discussion to assure that the conditions of the two agreements would be the same.

Motion: Chairman Swanson moved to close the Comcast Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Selectman Williams moves to remove the internet rebate clause from the Comcast agreement. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to ask both franchise applicants to request a ten (10) year agreement; add the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle/High School to the list of Town buildings; include the name of the Elementary School (FRES – Florence Rideout Elementary School); include a 4% franchise fee; and remove the internet provision from the Comcast agreement so they are similar. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a vote with all in favor.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to conditionally approve both agreements with the changes as discussed above. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Attorney Tom Quinn was next on the agenda to discuss the waiver for the Joas' property. Mr. & Mrs. Joas were also in attendance. Attorney Quinn stated that the proposed waiver was for building on a class VI road. He summarized the documents intent: The Landowner agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town; it limits the liability to any one owner, so the Town doesn't have recourse to anyone who ever owned the property; also a current owner cannot escape liability by selling the property.

Attorney Little has reviewed and agreed to the changes made by Attorney Quinn. The signed agreement must be delivered to the Planning Board. Mr. & Mrs. Joas will deliver the document to the Planning Board.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved to approve the agreement as written. Selectman Condra seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Eric Sandberg from Lightec was next. Eric explained his lighting proposal. He told how he took the theater out of the proposal because he did not want to change the character up there among other things. To maximize the benefits and rebates and get LED lighting this is the program suggested by Lightec. LEDs will last for 50 years so we won't have to change them in rooms with high ceilings like the Courtroom. They offer a turn-key proposal where they take care of everything from soup to nuts.

Chairman Swanson noted that he is waiting to hear from Eversource for their total rebate. Eric stated that his rebate is a flat out 50% rebate. Chairman Swanson advocates going ahead and approving Lightec's proposal which will pay back after five years.

Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to execute the Lightec agreement presented tonight. Selectman Williams seconds. A unanimous vote followed.

Eric will begin the project as soon as he gets the deposit.

Cemetery Trustees Steve Elliott and John Jowers were in attendance to ask the Selectmen to appoint Mary Ann Shea to fill the vacancy on the Cemetery Trustee Board. They spoke about the volunteer mapping work that Mary Ann has been doing. The seat is a three year term but Mary Ann will be appointed for the remainder of this year and then she can choose to be on the ballot to fill the seat for the remaining two years.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to appoint Mary Ann Shea to fill the vacant position on the Cemetery Trustee Board. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote. Jane Farrell can swear her in.

Dick Rockwood was next on the agenda. As a Trustee of the Library and an advocate for town buildings he was before the Selectmen to discuss a property close to the Library that has a sever detriment. He wants to know how the Board plans to handle the situation. There was a discussion as to whether this should be a nonpublic session. Dick provided pictures of the house. Selectman Condra told him the issue was being addressed. There was further discussion with Chairman Swanson committing to act on it as quickly as possible after getting legal opinion. Health Officer Gary Zirpolo told what had been done so far. Attorney Little will be contacted for advice. Mr. Rockwood asked to get on next week's agenda to get an update.

A nonpublic session scheduled with Gary Zirpolo was next but he offered that the Selectmen could handle their discussion items first.

Selectman Williams spoke about the upcoming joint meeting with the Planning Board. They will talk about looking at a different way to do capital planning and economic development. Also discussion about a new *change of use* mechanism will take place. He will encourage that the process be as easy as possible. Kermit will email the Selectmen the new Economic Development chapter for their review before the meeting. Other issues that should be brought up include the capital plan and the sign ordinance procedure.

Next, Selectman Williams told the Board about his meeting with the Trustees of the Trust funds on Friday. There are some questions that need to be answered regarding perpetual care and the myriad of small trust funds that exist for perpetual care. He will be meeting with the Assistant Attorney General who is in charge of trusts. Chairman Swanson asked if this was something that is in our bailiwick. Selectman Williams says yes; the Trustees only manage the Trust Funds.

Next, Selectman Williams discussed the Town Hall's record organization. He stated that the storage of all the old records is a mess. He stated that it is not anyone's responsibility, but he would like to get them organized. He suggested hiring a summer intern; someone home from college. He would volunteer to oversee the project. He asked if there was an area in our budget that we could reasonably consider that for purpose; or if not to put it in as a Warrant Article next year. He would like to add the cost of a scanner to the interns salary estimate. There were a few different suggestions and it was added to the next agenda for discussion. Audience member Tracy Ewing suggested they ask for volunteers first, for example, she would be willing to help.

Chairman Swanson made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 8:29 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

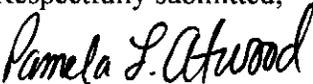
The regular meeting was called to order at 8:58 P.M.

A residents request for a motor vehicle fee refund was discussed. The Selectmen suggested getting Jane's opinion on this item.

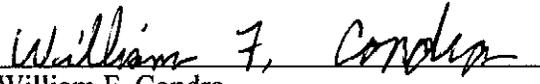
The Board signed the contract with LighTec Inc.
The Accounts Payable manifests were approved.
The meeting minutes were signed.
Payroll for period ending 5/2/15 was approved.
The Hazard Mitigation Plan was signed.
One (1) Elderly Exemption application was approved.
One (1) Excavation Warrant was signed.
One (1) Pole License was signed.

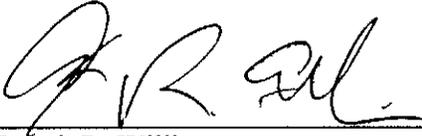
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman Williams followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Richard E. Swanson


William F. Condra


Kermit R. Williams

5-11-15
Date Signed