

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2016
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Kermit R. Williams, Selectmen William F. Condra and Daniel E. Donovan, III.
Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

Building Inspector John Shepardson was the only agenda item. John was present to discuss Sewer Commission hook-up inspections. The Sewer Commissioners have asked John if he would be willing to do sewer hook-up inspections. This would be the hook-up from the building to the street. Currently these inspections are not always being done and the Commissioners want to be sure that the job is done correctly before it gets backfilled. A discussion followed regarding how to finance it if John takes it on; would the Town get the fee; would it be a minimum fee; would it require a transfer of funds from the Town to the Sewer Commission, etc. Chairman Williams thinks that any fee changes for the Building Inspector need to go through the Planning Board. Selectman Condra asked if this would only be for new sewer hook-ups and not repairs. Chairman Williams suggested that John ask the Sewer Commission these questions and then take it to the Planning Board.

John also wanted to discuss a question relating to employee compensation. He referred to the pay grade scale which he saw for the first time at a meeting last week. He feels that the skills of a Building Inspector are more equivalent to a higher pay grade, specifically level 10. Chairman Williams told John that last week's salary committee meeting would have been the place for that conversation. A lot of what Harry Dailey did for that committee was to look at other towns within the same job type to determine the grade. John feels miss-categorized; he thinks his job is more in line with the office people. There are a lot of bookkeeping tasks in his job. Chairman Williams stated that the grades were partially based on current compensation also, and to make changes is not something to be done lightly. He stated that if John is not properly compensated the Selectmen would look into this. There was further discussion. Chairman Williams stated that now is a good time to look at it since we are coming up on budget season. He stated that they will take a look at similar towns.

Public Comment

Tracey Ewing told that she recently attended the Main Street Association meeting. She provided the Selectmen with information on a new event to be hosted in Wilton called *The Haunted Fall Festival*. This year it is a last minute coordination of events such as pumpkin carving and trick or treating on Main Street so it will be small this year. Tracey would like to build on this event and have it take on other activities. She was here to ask if the Selectmen see any problems with having a festival at this time of year; one which would hopefully grow bigger. Tracey gave a sampling of other activities she is thinking of, some of which the Selectmen and Cemetery Trustee Steve Elliot had some concerns with. Chairman Williams encouraged Tracy to work with Main Street Association and the Cemetery Trustees, saying that the Selectmen would support a function that brings people to town.

MACC Base

Selectman Donovan spoke for Joe Torre regarding MACC Base. The issue is the MACC Base Health Insurance policy. Joe and Dan's concern is that the change is being made mid-year. Joe supports the policy shown on the second column of the handout Dan gave the Board. He would like the Selectmen's support for that policy and to not have a policy change take place mid-year. Chairman Williams said that it's hard for him to support a better benefit than we give our own employees. Selectman Donovan stated that he is opposed to changing it mid-year but he has a lot of respect for Joe Torre and so would defer to his judgement and his recommendation. The other two Board members agreed.

Waste Management Proposal

Public Works Director Steve Elliott reviewed the proposal submitted by Waste Management with the Selectmen. His recommendation is to go with the three year contract. He sees no reason to change companies; they do a good job and the Town has used their services for many years. Selectman Donovan noted that there should be a clause stating "subject to funding." The five year proposal saves \$2 per ton but Steve doesn't think they want to sign a five year contract. Chairman Williams stated that this is the biggest expense besides labor for the Recycling Center.

Joint Meeting with Lyndeborough Selectmen

Chairman Williams told Steve about the joint meeting that is being planned with the Lyndeborough Selectmen. The Lyndeborough Selectmen want to discuss the Recycling Center, the Ambulance Service, and Goss Park. Part of the discussion will be about the proposed sticker program at the Recycling Center. Steve noted that we are piloting our sticker program off of the one used by New Boston which is where Lyndeborough Town Administrator Russ Boland took us.

Carnival Hill Electrical Update

Steve Elliott update the Selectmen on the electrical upgrade on Carnival Hill. The pipe is in and the box will be in place in time for the Summer Fest. It is a temporary service for this year.

NRPC Electricity Aggregation

Chairman Williams gave the history. It is a group bid of electrical generation, which means we can our electricity cheaper than through Eversource. We would join with the other towns and school districts going to bid. The price would never be higher than the Eversource rate. Selectmen Donovan and Condra agree to look into it.

Outgoing Trustee of the Trust Funds Betsy Castro

The Board of Selectmen have a plaque to present to Betsy Castro to thank her for her over 30 years of service to the Town of Wilton in various roles. Betsy has since moved out of town so a date and time will be arranged to present the plaque.

Impact Fees

Chairman Williams presented the details of a current issue regarding possible Impact Fees. It involves a subdivision done on an Isaac Frye Highway property in 2004 - Celts Way. There is one lot left to sell and it is unclear as to whether an Impact Fee is due on this lot. Mr. Sullivan paid \$17,200 back in 2004 but it is unclear why he paid that amount. Chairman Williams stated that some subdivisions had off-site improvement fees. Selectman Donovan stated that the Board used to make agreements with the landowners at the time of subdivisions, and these agreements were called voluntary contributions. Selectman Condra feels that the fees should be for lots created after the date of the Impact Fee creation, when we passed the fee schedule. Selectman Donovan agrees. Chairman Williams said when you build a

new house that is when the impact hits. The Town passed Impact Fees in 2011. Chairman Williams will contact Attorney Little for his opinion.

Library Abutter Complaint

The Selectmen read a complaint submitted by Pam Bealo regarding the ongoing drainage project at the Library. The Board instructed Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood to respond that the Selectmen do not have control over this area and that she should talk to the Library Trustees who are managing the work. And that they anticipate this project to be completed very soon.

Main Street Lot 48

The Selectmen would like Assessor Todd Haywood to take a look at the value of this piece of property. At this time they are not concerned about deed restrictions; they just want the value reviewed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M. by Selectman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

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