

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: July 6, 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. He opened the meeting for public comments but there were none.

With no 6:30 appointment the Selectmen entered into a discussion about taxes on solar panels. Someone had asked Chairman Swanson if your taxes would increase if you installed solar panels. Selectman Williams answered that any appraisal would be raised by a substantial addition, solar panels or otherwise. With a warrant article the Town could choose to have an exemption for solar, wind, and wood heating furnaces per RSA 72:27. Chairman Swanson would like to pursue that and the Energy Committee is in favor of it.

Motion: Selectman Condra moved that the Selectmen develop a warrant article to address the issue of tax exemptions for alternative energy. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries. Chairman Swanson will ask the Energy Committee to write the warrant articles and he will contact Peterborough to get the language they used when they adopted this item.

Next, the Board had a discussion about the car issue at lot K-177 on Maple Street. Chairman Swanson read the message from Jeff Stone of the Conservation Commission and the message from Mr. Gabel. The Board felt that Mr. Gabel has made a good faith effort to move the cars and they will correspond with him regarding continued clean up.

Jim Jasper of Jasper Electric was next on the agenda. He was reporting to the Board on what he found when he looked at the electrical issues the Joint Loss Committee had found when they did the Town Hall inspection. There was a lengthy discussion about knob and tube wiring in the theater area, smoke detectors, emergency lighting throughout the whole building, and the Town Hall Energy project. Mr. Jasper will get a price for the Selectmen.

Dawn Tuomala, Brent Hautanen, Steve Elliott, and Harry Dailey were present next to discuss Tremont Street. Dawn explained the suggested update to the streets and parking areas around Florence Rideout Elementary School due to the new construction. There are many changes being proposed and a Public Hearing will be needed. It was decided the Public Hearing will be held on July 27th at 6:30 in the Town Hall. Letters will be mailed to homeowners and renters of the abutting property.

The Selectmen heard from Gary Zirpolo next. Gary reported to the Board that he had received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security for the Stryker Stretcher he purchased. The grant money will pay for 95% of the stretcher. Gary was asking the Board for authorization to accept the grant.

Motion: Chairman Swanson moves to accept the grant for the stretcher in the amount of \$17,062. Selectman Williams seconded the motion, followed by a vote with all in favor. Motion carries.

Deborah Burns of Trespass Towing was before the Board to give them an update. Chairman Swanson stated that at the last meeting the Selectmen instructed the Burns' to come back when they had a business location in town. Mark Burns stated that they had had a zoning issue with the first property they looked at, so now they were going to rent space from BCDR Properties at 340 Gibbons Highway beginning immediately. He stated that the property had previously been used for towing and that there were no issues per John Shepardson and Camille at NRPC was satisfied. Selectman Condra, speaking as a Water Commissioner, said that there had been no discussion on the aquifer overlay on that property and that over time it has changed. He would like the Planning Board to confirm in writing that they have evaluated the risk to the aquifer. A heated discussion took place between Selectman Condra and Mark Burns, with Mark insisting that his plan assured that no vehicles with leaking fluids would be brought to the location. Selectman Condra requesting that the Planning Board takes this business proposal under advisement and adds notes to the 1994 site plan. Mr. Burns wanted to know if Wilton Towing and J & D Towing went through this. Chairman Swanson stated that these were not issues for the Board of Selectmen to decide. Selectman Williams offered to take the questions to the next Planning Board meeting. Mr. Burns left the meeting.

During the public comment section, School Board member Harry Dailey spoke in favor of the new traffic pattern presented this evening, saying that it will be a lot safer for the students. The painted sidewalk is a good temporary solution. School starts September 1, 2015 and the new traffic pattern will be implemented.

Chairman Swanson called for a nonpublic session at 8:21 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). The motion was seconded and followed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to order at 8:41P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

Chairman Swanson asked Tax Collector Jane Farrell about the tax bill issue discussed at a previous meeting. Jane stated that she sent notices sent to 59 accounts and 13 have approached her. They are using various strategies to correct the problems. She confirmed that all the letters had been sent out and that she notified all by mail or in person. There was a discussion about deeding property.

Pam was asked to speak about the Selectmen's Assistant job opening. She explained that Mary Guild had given her notice and with a two week notice with her last day would be Friday. Pam noted that the Selectmen had approved hiring temporary help for now and begin the hiring process later. They discussed some of the job functions and how to incorporate the new salary range. The Board approved use of the Wage and Salary Committee's wage scale when interviewing for the Selectmen's Assistant position.

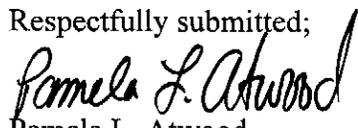
Chairman Swanson made a motion to go into nonpublic session at 8:56 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) regarding Gregg Street. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

Chairman Swanson discussed the abatement recommendation from Assessor Todd Haywood. He had some questions about it so he would meet with Todd to discuss his questions.

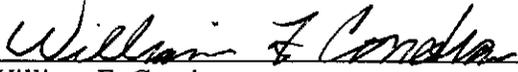
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary



Richard E. Swanson, Chairman



William F. Condra



Kermit R. Williams

7-20-15

Date Signed