

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: August 15, 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.

**New Assessment Values**

The purpose of the meeting was to review the revaluation numbers submitted by Assessor Todd Haywood. Chairman Williams stated that the numbers are confusing to him. Telephone and utility values have dropped. Assessor Todd Haywood was called via telephone to participate in the discussion.

Todd explained that the Town in aggregate went down by 1% and this revaluation brings everybody back in line. The Impact letters need to go out and the hearings need to be held to be within Todd's contract date of October 1<sup>st</sup> or the Selectmen can vote to extend his contract but then you run into the problem of having a delayed tax rate setting date.

Chairman Williams explained that the Selectmen are the assessing officials and he wants to understand the new assessments; some have gone up double digits and some have gone down double digits. Todd gave some reasons why properties could move up or down during a revaluation; it evens out the inequities. He also stated that this model has been used since 2003. There was further discussion between Chairman Williams and Todd. It was decided that the Selectmen would choose 20 properties that they would like to have Todd explain the fluctuations for. A meeting time will be picked and noticed. The conference call ended.

Chairman Williams said not to move forward with the process for sending out the Impact letters.

Selectman Donovan stated that another issue is that values are not going up in Wilton. He stated that the Department of Revenue has steps that Todd has to go through and that he is confident on the residential properties. Selectman Condra will pick a couple of properties for Todd to look at.

**Impact Fees**

There was a discussion about Impact Fees. Chairman Williams stated that the Fees were passed in 2009, the rate was passed in 2014, and grandfathering time has gone by. Anybody who hasn't gotten a Certificate of Occupancy yet is subject to Impact Fees. Selectman Condra stated that we will need to start tracking the fees. Kermit agreed and stated that the new Fire Station and Elementary School, and road paving are ways to account for use of the fee.

**Town Administrator**

Chairman Williams stated that future Town Administrator Scott Butcher was present to watch the meeting and that he will be starting his new position on Tuesday, September 6th. Selectmen Donovan and Condra both stated that they didn't know we made an offer. And, Selectman Donovan said he didn't know he accepted.

**Miscellaneous Items**

Miscellaneous items were discussed: Desk for Scott; additional phone lines; and getting a training manual.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M. by Selectman Donovan, 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, Chairman

*Daniel E. Donovan, III*  
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Date Signed