

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: September 21, 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.

State representatives Carol Roberts and Kermit Williams were present to give an update on the State budget. Carol said they were here to listen to the Selectmen and answer any questions they may have. Selectman Williams stated that a big impact is that the school district equalization fund is reduced; although less of an impact for Wilton than other towns in their district. Kermit talked about the Claremont case of years ago where additional property tax is collected by towns for the education trust fund and disbursed back out to towns. This formula is supposed to equalize things in a sense. He spoke about the gas tax money which was pulled back to help balance the budget. Some of money from the gas tax was supposed to go to the roads and bridges fund. Carol spoke about how bad roads can affect NH's tourist business. Chairman Swanson talked about net metering; a state policy regarding energy. He said the Energy Committee is anxious about whether net metering will survive; it has helped fund renewable energy projects. Wilton has potential with either water power or solar power. Selectman Williams says it's being discussed at the State level now. Peterborough has a plan for a solar farm. Next, there was a discussion about LCHIP grants and then about what help might be available for Wilton's downtown business climate. Chairman Swanson thanked them for coming.

Next, Joe Torre attended the meeting as the MACC Base representative to give an update on their budget preparation. He handed out the first copy of MACC Base's budget and he confirmed that Bill is the budget representative for MACC Base. Joe stated that Lyndeborough has shown an interest in using MACC Base's service and he thinks it would be a great benefit for the Lyndeborough Police Department. Overall, Joe thinks there would be some reduction in Wilton's cost if Lyndeborough joins, but there's a lot of work that needs to be done to prepare for this. The fee charged by Wilton ambulance to Lyndeborough for dispatching would go away. Dick Rockwood reminded them that this was tried years ago. Joe stated that they want to have something ready for Town Meeting.

Public Comment: Charlie McGettigan stated that he can't understand why this thing is so confusing now (dispatching) and why the towns can't get their brains together. Fred Nelson did the dispatching years ago. Charlie doesn't think they need any more dispatchers.

Joe gave his personal opinion, not as the MACC Base Representative, stating that things changed after 911, with mandates that have reduced our ability to do our jobs.

Next Chairman Swanson called for a nonpublic session at 7:23 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(e) which was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:49 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

Charlie McGettigan spoke again about the Right to Know law. He said that he wants an answer; he's not satisfied with the answer he got when Dan Donovan was on the Board. He wants an answer to his email. He wants a copy of the letter that Steve wrote. Charlie spoke about other towns that have dealt with the Right-to-Know law. Chairman Swanson told Charlie that they would see what they can do and what they are able to do.

A nonpublic session was called by Chairman Swanson at 7:55 P.M. per RSA 91-A:II,3(c)
The regular meeting was called to order at 8:11 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 moved to go into nonpublic session at 8:11 P.M. per RSA 91-A:II,3(c).
The regular meeting was called to order at 8:52 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 moved to go into nonpublic session at 8:54 P.M. per RSA 91-A:II,3(a)(b).
The regular meeting was called to order at 9:14 P.M. Chairman Swanson moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Condra. Motion passed with vote: Swanson, Aye; Williams, Aye; Condra, Aye.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to allow the 2015 Selectmen's Assistant line item to be exceeded by \$7500. Selectman Condra seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion to authorize the hiring of a new temporary employee for approximately 14 weeks during the current job holder's maternity leave. Selectman Condra seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Discussion items:

Town Administrator committee members: Chairman Swanson stated the committee has five members to date: Selectman Williams from the Board of Selectmen, Cary Hughes from the Budget Committee, Tom Schultz from the Sewer Commission, Brent Hautanen as a Town Department Head, and Carol Roberts as a resident member. They feel it is a diverse group. Selectman Williams said that the committee needs someone who doesn't have a direct connection with the Town; a taxpayer. Everyone on the committee to date has an inside perspective. He offered to invite two more people. Selectman Williams will be the Chairman. Chairman Swanson agreed to a seven person committee. The first meeting will be held on October 1st at 7:00 P.M.

Downtown revitalization role and process: Chairman Swanson stated that he attended a Wage and Salary Committee meeting. During a conversation about Wilton's economic development Harry Daily suggested a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. Chairman Swanson thinks he's right and that the Board of Selectmen could play a role in facilitating this. There was a lengthy discussion that followed. Chairman Swanson would like to block an entire agenda and invite stakeholders to discuss this. Selectman Williams stated that what's needed is expert input. He has a friend in Milford he would like to suggest to come to speak to a group of stakeholders. Milford has been successful, he stated. Chairman Swanson wants support to set aside a meeting agenda and invite a guest speaker. He suggested October 19th. He offered to write a press release. Then the Selectmen went on to list the members and groups they would like to invite.

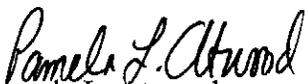
Next, the Selectmen discussed the status of the knob and tube wiring inspection. Chairman Swanson would talk to Jim Jasper and Pam Atwood would talk to Grace Electric about obtaining a "punch list" for the job.

Regarding a request from the association of the Hearthstone community about a private road sign, the Selectmen said their association should take care of it.

The HealthTrust insurance contract was signed.
The Accounts Payable manifests were approved.
Payroll for period ending 9/19/15 was signed.
The NH Association of Assessing Official ballot was signed.

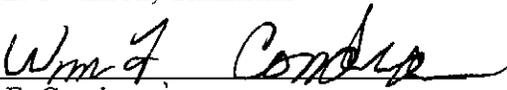
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 P.M. by Chairman Swanson, seconded by Selectman Condra, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Richard E. Swanson, Chairman


Kermit R. Williams


William F. Condra

10-12-15
Date Signed