



**TOWN OF WILTON
SEWER DEPARTMENT MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

DATE: January 29, 2015
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: Wilton Town Hall Courtroom

PRESENT: Tom Herlihy Commissioner and Chairman, Tom Schultz Commissioner, Chris Carter Commissioner, Mike Bergeron Superintendent, Jeffrey McClure representing Weston and Sampson, Sorrell Downing Secretary filling in for Joanna Eckstrom Secretary (absent).

WORK SESSION

Chairman Herlihy opened the session to order at 5:35.

Review of Minutes:

Minutes from January 8, 2015 were reviewed. Mr. Herlihy asked if there were any comments and heard none.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Schultz and SECONDED by Mr. Carter to approve the Minutes for 1-8-15.

Voting: 3 ayes; motion carried unanimously.

A/R and A/P Discussion:

Mr. Schultz expressed concern that the report from Jane Farrell, Town Clerk, shows \$290,865.71 for expenses and income only at \$106,298.89. The town accountant and treasurer will no longer carry the deficit and made that clear to Mr. Schultz prior to the meeting. There is some confusion on the numbers presented in the report from Ms. Farrell and clarification will be sought from Ms. Farrell by Mr. Schultz. Discussion as to how many users the Wilton Water Sewer Department services led to there are 858 units for sewer in the Town of Wilton. Sewer billing is based on units.

1 Rate Increase:

2 The Wilton Sewer Department needs to raise rates to meet the expenses. In 2014, Wilton
3 Sewer Department raised rates by \$10/quarter, \$40/year. This was not enough meet the
4 expenses. It has been proposed to increase rates in 2015 by \$25/quarter, \$100/year. The
5 new rate would be \$360/year. This \$360 multiplied by the 858 units equals \$308,880 and
6 is within range of proposed expense budget of \$309,117.

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8 Mr. Carter expressed concern of the previous Town of Wilton Sewer Commissioners to
9 increase rates incrementally to prevent such a hike in rates.

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11 Mr. Herlihy questioned how the Town of Wilton Sewer Department rate increase would
12 compare to the Town of Wilton rate increase of 12%. It was determined the Wilton
13 Sewer Department increase is about 10% so therefore, less than the Town of Milford.

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15 Mr. Carter proposed, “slashing” the budget but it was agreed the Wilton Sewer
16 department could not run properly with a large (\$70,000 to \$80,000) cut. Mr. Schultz
17 stated it was not feasible to “slash” budget.

18 Inter-municipal Agreement:

19 Mr. Schultz is seeking clarification on the amounts the Wilton Sewer Department pays to
20 the Town of Milford. Mr. Schultz spoke with Kathy in Milford and Kathy has forwarded
21 the message on to Jack Sheehy to seek the status on settlement of the bill. Kathy works
22 with David Boucher, Superintendent who works with Board of Directors and Auditors to
23 obtain final numbers. Mr. Schultz to connect with David Boucher.

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26 It was decided to push meeting with the Town of Milford to March so Mr. Herlihy can
27 attend. Mr. Carter asked if waiting until March would hurt the case for the Town of
28 Wilton Sewer Department. Mr. Schultz said the Town of Wilton Sewer Department can
29 push the meeting to March but aggressively seek the numbers from Town of Milford
30 now.

31 Other Business:

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- 33 • Terms were discussed. Mr. Carter to be Chairman next year as it is a rotating
34 position.
 - 35 • Mr. Schultz to investigate why income so low. Mr. Schultz left meeting to
36 discuss finances with Ms. Farrell in her office.
 - 37 ○ The Wilton Sewer Department carried over \$44,000 because people paid
38 past due bills.
 - 39 ○ Currently there are \$15,000 in past due accounts.
 - 40 ○ If Town of Wilton puts a lien on no payers, the Wilton Sewer Department
41 still receives funds.
 - 42 • “Any interest in talking with The Town of Wilton Water Works?” was proposed
43 by Mr. Schultz. Mr. Herlihy said, “No.” Mr. Carter said he spoke last time and
44 voiced his opinion.
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1 *A MOTION was made by Mr. Schultz and SECONDED by Mr. Carter to adjourn the*
2 *meeting at 6:19 PM*

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4 *Voting: 3 ayes; motion carried unanimously.*

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6 The next meeting will be February 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Town Offices, Courtoom.
7 Wilton, NH

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9 Respectfully Submitted,

10 Sorrell Downing

11 Secretary for Joanna Eckstrom

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