

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
WILTON FIRE STATION

Date: March 12, 2018
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Hall Conference Room
Present: Chairman William F. Condra, Selectwoman Kellie-Sue Boissonnault and Selectman Kermit R. Williams. Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

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

Karen Blood from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was the first appointment. Karen gave the history of the DAR. She was here tonight to talk about the DAR's program to honor the veterans of the Vietnam War. She asked the Select Board if they would proclaim March 30th as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, as prepared on the proclamation. Chairman Condra read the proclamation out loud. **Motion:** Selectman Williams made a motion, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to approve the proclamation as written. Motion carries 3, 0. The Board signed the proclamation.

Karen further asked if the Town of Wilton would raise the commemorative flag at sunset on March 29th to be flown for the full day of March 30th (or as long as they like). Karen explained the meaning behind the design of the flag. Chairman Condra would like to say yes but the American Legion is responsible for that flagpole, he stated. After further discussion, he made a motion.

Motion: Chairman Condra moved, seconded by Selectman Williams that the Select Board support the flag request. Motion carries 3, 0. Karen will reach out to the American Legion.

She asked if there were any Vietnam veterans present at tonight's meeting. Mr. William Chalmers and Mr. William Condra were Vietnam veterans. Karen presented them with pins and thanked them for their service. The Board thanked Karen.

Public Comment

Jessie Salisbury asked about the New Reservoir pond, whether it was public water because it was a 10 acre pond. The Board said yes. A discussion about Burton pond followed.

Next, Bill Chalmers told the Select Board that at 11:30 this morning he went to the Police Station to report a complaint about the political signage around Town. They are illegal according to the Attorney General because they don't contain the proper markings on the signs. He gave Chief Olesen a copy of the law and asked that the signs be removed. Then Mr. Chalmers spoke to Town Administrator Scott Butcher who intimated that he would talk to Chief Olesen. At 7:00 P.M. the signs are still up, Mr. Chalmers said. His interest is with the write-in candidate for Treasurer whose signs appeared Saturday. He's appalled that the Police Chief did not remove them. Mr. Chalmers then asked Scott Butcher how his meeting with Chief Olesen went. Scott responded by saying that the Police Department has had a lot of events in the last 16-20 hours of a much more serious nature. It's a matter of priorities. And the DPW is getting ready for a snowstorm tomorrow. Next year he can work with the Town Clerk to get better information out to the candidates. Chairman Condra had to amend his signs one year after he was contacted by someone from the State and he had a week to amend them. Chairman Condra agrees that there is supposed to be a label on the sign stating who paid for them, but he is at a loss to offer anything other than if it weren't election day tomorrow they would contact the candidates. Mr. Chalmers' point is well taken.

Bill Chalmers continued by questioning the legality of where the signs are; one tacked to a telephone pole, others on Town property. He stated that he thought he made his point very clear this morning. Chairman Condra responded that employees must have the time in their day to respond. Bill Chalmers said all the signs were within the sight of the Police Station, but he doesn't want to get into an argument about it.

Town Administrator update

Scott Butcher spoke about a support process that NRPC is offering for the MS-4 Storm Water issue. They are looking for us to enter into an agreement with an initial cost of \$2,000. There is no sense in having every town reinvent the wheel. The Board reviewed the sample contract and agreed to accept the offer. **Motion:** Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to accept the offer from NRPC to assist with the MS-4 process and expend \$2,000 as our initial share of the cost, and that Scott make a signable copy of the contract. Motion carries, 3, 0.

Next, Scott spoke about giving the task of developing ordinances for the district village area to Michele and Steven Meno of NRPC. Michele needs more refinement to focus on, for example, restricting residential residences on the first floor of Main Street business properties. Selectman Williams said this would be a question for the Planning Board since they have established named members for a subcommittee.

Scott updated the Select Board on the opening for Building Inspector. He told them about a call from the Town of Milford asking about sharing a Building Inspector with them. He asked the Board if they had any interest in doing this. The Board discussed the challenges this would likely cause but said they would review any offer Milford would have to put forward.

Old Business

Scott completed the MOU for the Sewer Commission. If the Board approves it he will resubmit it to the Sewer Commission. The Board agreed to move it along.

Scott asked the question his office received from Chris Balch regarding the Energy Committee: Who appoints members to this committee? Selectman Williams answered that they do with no limitations to membership. Chairman Condra agreed that the committee recommends membership requests and the Board approves and appoints. Scott will relay the information.

Next, Scott had a request from a local Girl Scout troop to do a project to put dog waste bags on Main Street like we have on Whiting Park. Selectwoman Boissonnault asked who is going to man them and where will they be put? Scott said the DPW would be responsible for the maintenance. Chairman Condra wants a plan for implementation after they have funded them. Selectman Williams said they will need to work with Public Works Director Jim Lavacchia.

Selectwoman Boissonnault stated that she thinks Ambulance Chief Steve Desrosiers should be assigned to discuss the warrant articles for his department. Selectman Williams responded that one issue is buying the ambulance out of the planned year and the other is changing our buying mechanism to a leasing mechanism. He would like to speak to those issues but Steve can speak to the equipment specifics.

New Business

Selectwoman Boissonnault brought up a question from a resident about our bridge warrant article. It was about project sponsor certification requirements. The Board said it would make sense to have this certification at some point.

Selectman Williams spoke about the snowstorm coming tomorrow on Election Day. There is a potential for 16-18 inches of snow and he would like to have parking restrictions downtown; having spots in front of Town Hall posted as temporary for voting only.

Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion that for the purpose of Election Day only, to restrict parking in the block of Main Street in front of Town Hall for voter parking only, and further restrict other parking to the Police Station lot. There was further discussion regarding how to set the area up, and having the DPW help as much as they could. There was no second, and no vote. Motion dies.

Selectman Williams spoke about the letter from DTC, our legal firm. They suggested we do a straw poll at Town Meeting to get the position of the Town in the minutes regarding preserving the train tracks. He is very concerned with anything that would get that bridge closed. It can be done under other business at Town Meeting. Kermit will present it. He will put together a flyer to encourage people to stay late. The Board agreed for Selectman Williams to do that.

Selectman Williams moved seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to enter into a nonpublic session at 8:01 P.M. Motion carries 3, 0.

The regular meeting was back at 8:14 P.M. Chairman Condra moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault. Motion passed with vote: Condra, Aye; Boissonnault, Aye; Williams, Aye.

Pam explained the Assessment Review request from the Department of Revenue. After a discussion, the Board decided to sign the letter.

Motion: Selectwoman Boissonnault made a motion, seconded by Selectman Williams to appoint Chris Balch to the Wilton Energy Committee. Motion carries, 3, 0.

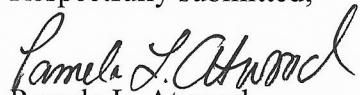
Scott asked the Board to reconsider sealing a set of nonpublic minutes from last week. The Board agreed. **Motion:** Selectman Williams made a motion to seal the nonpublic minutes from March 5th. Selectwoman Boissonnault seconded the motion followed by a roll call vote: Condra, Aye; Boissonnault, Aye; Williams, aye. Motion carries.

Selectman Williams noted that the minutes did not include a vote last week about paying the \$750 bill for the New Reservoir dam. Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood confirmed that there had been no second and no vote on the motion.

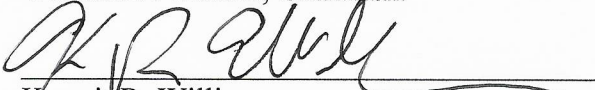
Motion: Selectman Williams made a motion, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault that the Town pay the \$750 dam registration fee. Selectwoman Boissonnault noted that it had always been paid by the Water Commission previously. She thinks it should be paid by them since it was in their budget last year. Selectman Williams said the Water Commission hasn't had control of the dam and that paying for a Town owned piece of property from user fees seems inappropriate. Chairman Condra agreed. Selectman Williams is not sure how it ended up in their 2017 budget. After further discussion, the vote was taken. Selectman Williams, aye; Chairman Condra, aye; Selectwoman Boissonnault, abstain. Motion carries 2, 0. Scott asked where to get the money. Just find it somewhere.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary

William F. Condra, Chairman


Kermit R. Williams


Kellie-Sue Boissonnault

3/19/18
Date Signed