

TOWN OF WILTON  
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES  
WILTON FIRE STATION

Date: September 11, 2017  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Place: Fire Station  
Present: Chairman William F. Condra and Selectman Kermit R. Williams. Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood. Selectwoman Kellie-Sue Boissonnault was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Condra. He proposed doing a pledge of allegiance in memory of those who died on September 11, 2001.

Next, Chairman Condra explained what the three public hearings were about.

The first public hearing was called to ratify and confirm all actions, votes, and proceedings taken at the voting session of the Town meeting that was scheduled to take place on March 14, 2017, but was postponed due to weather, and was held on March 21, 2017.

Selectman Williams spoke about being a co-sponsor for this legislation and he explained it further. Chairman Condra opened the meeting to public comment.

Harry Daily asked if we were ratifying the entire ballot or just the ballot questions. Selectman Williams answered that it was only to ratify the two or three questions on the ballot from the Planning Board.

There was a discussion about why the Town Meeting was not postponed and Chairman Condra spoke about low voter turnout.

**Motion:** Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra that pursuant to House Bill 329 we ratify and confirm all actions, votes, and proceedings taken at the voting session of the Town Meeting that was scheduled to take place March 14, 2017, but was postponed due to weather and was held on March 21, 2017. Motion passed unanimously, 2, 0.

The second public hearing is to accept and expend unanticipated highway funds in the amount of \$107,455.42 from the NH Department of Transportation. Selectman Williams explained the unanticipated funds. Speaking as a Legislator, he stated that the Legislature felt the additional funds should go back to municipal road maintenance. The Select Board has to vote to accept the additional funds.

Town Administrator Scott Butcher told how the money could be used if accepted. Road and sidewalk repairs are a possibility; he suggested consultation with the Director of Public Works to see if the most critical needs could be moved up on his schedule. Selectman Williams said it is too late for this year but the funds are non-lapsing so we can use them next year, but we must spend them on highway uses. Chairman Condra opened this hearing to public comment.

Library Trustee Ron Brown read the letter he dropped off for the Select Board. The letter is requesting that some of the money be used to solve the icing issue in the library parking area and walkway. An area, he said, that won't take a whole lot of money. Ron attested to problems with icing in the winter, as he has had to personally chip away the ice on the walkway. Resident Ruth Smith asked if there was a down side to taking the money.

Police Chief Brent Hautanen asked if they could be used as matching funds for the Safe Routes to Schools Program. He asked the Select Board to consider this request.

Budget Committee member Harry Dailey told how the Capital Improvement Plan is a well thought out plan for major needs. He suggested looking at that to use as a blue print to spend some of this money. To possibly draw more important projects forward for less burden on the tax payers.

Selectman Williams said the money allows for sidewalks and equipment for highway maintenance; it does not say for a parking lot. He thought Gregg Street paving was scheduled for 2018 but PWD Steve Elliott said it is scheduled for 2020. Selectman Williams suggested moving that project up. Ron Brown confirmed that the storm drain is in the roadway, not the parking lot.

Harry Dailey recommends putting it toward the Mack truck purchase next year.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra to accept the additional funds offered under Senate Bill 38 and to determine at a later date how to expend them under the requirements of the legislature. Motion passes unanimously, 2 to 0.

The third public hearing is to amend parking regulation #200-18. Chairman Condra explained the parking situation at Garwin Falls which are causing life safety issues on Isaac Frye Highway so the Board decided to post that portion of Isaac Frye Hwy as no parking and a tow zone. This public hearing is to implement it.

Chief Hautanen read the ordinance. TA Scott Butcher told that there had been many complaints from the neighbors and with the parking problems it would not be possible to get emergency vehicles through the area. The temporary signs that were posted have been widely ignored. Chief Hautanen showed the Board and the audience photos he recently took of the area. Chairman Condra told that the Town can only act on the concern on the road; they cannot kick people off private property.

Sara Spittel asked if the Town had received input from the owners of Garwin Falls. Selectman Williams said they are willing to work with the Town but the options are limited. Other residents spoke about the access off of Sand Hill Road; similarities with the Horseshoe area; the speed of vehicles using the roads; and that all of these concerns are part of the ongoing problem. Chairman Condra reminded the audience of the purpose of this public hearing, and that if they wanted to direct other concerns to the Select Board they could get on an upcoming agenda.

Lynn Pentler of Putnam Hill Road said she would like to see a long term plan to make that beautiful area accessible to people. She suggested that possibly the Conservation Commission could help.

Chairman Condra spoke about the discussions that had taken place regarding the future of the New Reservoir. He said the Select Board may seek volunteers for a committee to study this subject. After further discussion about the complaints received and who should or should not be allowed to use the area, Selectman Williams stated that it is a complicated issue. He also stated that Wilton is not alone in this issue; take a look at Purgatory Falls. He said it is nice that people find Wilton an attractive place, so it may not be in our best interest to not shut it down altogether.

Charlie McGettigan spoke about the history of the reservoirs and how there were no problem with Garwin Falls years ago. Robin Shoen of Sand Hill Road would like the problem addressed from a safety issue for the residents. She wants it to be a nice place for families.

After further discussion Chairman Condra closed public hearing.

**Motion:** Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra to approve the proposed amendment to parking regulation #200-18 to prohibit parking at the Garwin Falls entrance and Putnam Hill Road, as written, and to designate it a tow zone, also as written on the regulation. Motion passed unanimously 2, 0.

**Fuel bid opening**

**Motion:** Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra to accept the bid for propane from Suburban Propane at \$1.48 per gallon, and to accept the bid from Ciardelli Fuel in the amounts of \$1.879 for #2 heating oil, and “cost plus 20 cents” for diesel fuel. Motion passed unanimously 2, 0.

**Town Administrator Update**

Scott told that the Riverwalk Park project is nearing completion. The lights are installed. There is a lighting ceremony scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup> with food, musical entertainment and speeches.

The Town Hall project may be ready by the first week in October.

**Old/New Business**

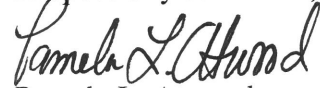
TA Scott Butcher explained that the Economic Revitalization Zones will need a vote from the Select Board endorsing the zones to go along with the application. It is a formal process that they need to go through.

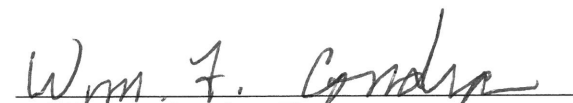
Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II (a) at 7:53 P.M. The motion passed unanimously 2, 0.


Motion: Selectman Williams moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting, seconded by Chairman Condra. Motion passed by roll call vote: Condra, Aye; Williams, Aye.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Chairman Condra to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. The motion passed unanimously 2, 0.

Respectfully submitted;

  
Pamela L. Atwood,  
Recording Secretary

  
William F. Condra, Chairman

  
Kermit R. Williams

9-18-17  
Date Signed