

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
WILTON FIRE STATION

Date: September 18, 2017
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Fire Station
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.

Bart Hunter from the Conservation Commission attended the meeting to discuss trees leaning over Donna Crane's property on Maple Street. The trees are on the Frog Pond property. Jeff Stone was also in attendance. Two trees have damaged her swimming pool and one has damaged her house. She would like permission to have them cut by a licensed tree professional and she will pay for it. Selectman Williams said it makes sense to him and Selectwoman Boissonnault agreed.

Bart also talked about the Garwin Falls situation. The Conservation Commission discussed this at their last meeting. Conservation Commission member Al Preston knows the Sweezy family well and is willing to start a conversation with them about the situation at the falls. Chairman Condra has no objection to outreach by the Conservation Commission. Selectman Williams agreed. The Board verified that Mr. Preston can reach out to the Sweezy family.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to authorize Donna Crane to use a licensed arborist to trim back the trees in the Frog Pond area that overhang her property. Motion unanimously passed 3, 0.

Sewer Commission Vacancy & Equipment Purchase

Sewer Commissioner Chris Carter was in attendance to discuss the vacancy on the Sewer Commission created by the resignation from Tom Herlihy. Chris said they have two candidates; Tracey Ewing and Tom Schultz. Tracey Ewing was in the audience. Tracey has been to some of their meetings and she has some good suggestions, Chris said. But also, budget season is coming up and Tom Schultz would bring his experience in that area. Chris asked for the Board's recommendation. Both candidates said they would fill the position for the rest of the term, but not necessarily run again. Tom Herlihy would have been up for re-election in March. Selectwoman Boissonnault asked Tracey if she would run for the vacancy if she enjoyed the position. Tracey said it was possible, but she has two more years left on the Planning Board. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: Chairman Condra moved, seconded by Selectman Williams to appoint Tracey Ewing for the unexpired year of the Sewer Commission. Joanna Eckstrom noted that the next meeting was this Thursday so Tracey should get sworn in as soon as possible. Motion passed unanimously, 3, 0. Chairman Condra thanked Tracey for her willingness to serve.

Next, Chris Carter spoke to the Board about an equipment purchase. Milford has a jet machine which is used for sewer flushing and is available for sale. Milford has outgrown this smaller unit and have offered their old unit to us at a reasonable price, per Chris. He thinks it would be a good purchase. The Sewer Commission would use the machine for annual flushing, which hasn't been done forever, and therefore, they have sewer plugs. They would stay ahead of their problems with this machine. Chris stated that it

would be run by the Highway Department. Milford is asking \$20,000 for the unit. Their plan is to take \$10,000 from the new equipment line item and borrow \$10,000 from another line item. Chairman Condra confirmed that half of the price is budgeted for. Chris said they will make sure not to run into arrears this year. TA Scott Butcher asked what year this piece of equipment is. Chris said 1997.

Selectwoman Boissonnault asked Chris Carter to explain the training that would be given to the Highway Department. Chris said they will do the work with the machine. Public Works Director Steve Elliott will be the one to schedule the annual maintenance. The Sewer Commission will have to adjust their labor line so the Highway Department can do this next summer. Chairman Condra asked if he had a buy-in from the DPW. Scott Butcher asked if there was a deadline for a decision. Chris said the end of September. Joanna Eckstrom stated that there is a place in the Highway Garage to store the unit in a heated space; the expenses will be passed onto the Sewer Commission.

Chairman Condra reminded them of the finance issues with the town. Chris said they are holding their own this year. He hasn't heard from the Selectmen how they are going to repay the debt, but they should have some money to give this year. Selectman Williams said this proposal is an economically valuable one to cut other costs.

Chairman Condra asked for the Town Administrator's opinion. Scott Butcher wants to look at the value of a 20 year old piece of equipment, and he wants to discuss with the DPW how much training will be required and who will take the training. Chris wants to move forward with their decision from Thursday night to purchase the unit. Selectman Williams told Chris Carter that the Commission is authorized to spend money that has been approved at Town Meeting, but they may need the Board's approval to overspend a line item. Chris thinks they have the right to move money. Selectman Williams is not sure how that is interpreted by the DRA. Chris will tell the Select Board when and how. Chairman Condra has no objection. Selectman Williams said it did make sense. Chairman Condra instructed Chris Carter to meet with TA Scott Butcher to fast track the order, saying that the Board has appointed Scott to be the purchasing agent.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to support the Sewer Commissions efforts to acquire a jet system from the Town of Milford for \$20,000. Motion carries unanimously 3, 0.

Public Comment

Resident Bill Chalmers told the Board about a large diseased tree in the area of Adrian Avenue and Gregoire Circle. He said it is rotted, diseased and close to the power line, and that during a strong storm it will take the power line out. He has spoken to Asplundh tree crews, but he thinks the decision lies with Eversource. The Board asked TA Scott Butcher to contact Eversource regarding this tree.

New Reservoir Committee Charter

Chairman Condra explained the possibilities for the future of the New Reservoir, and said that the Board is going to form a committee to make recommendations back to them. Selectman Williams said we need representation from members of the entire town, not just the neighbors. Chairman Condra asked TA Scott Butcher to recruit a committee. Scott has a charter format but needs to know the number of committee members the Select Board is looking for. They said five. Tracey Ewing asked if the charter will give direction to turn this into a park, which sparked a discussion with opinions on both sides. Scott will have a draft document ready for next Monday.

Zone Map Vote

TA Scott Butcher updated the Select Board on the next step for the Economic Revitalization Zones. The NH Department of Economic Development needs the minutes of the meeting where the vote is taken to put these zones together. He showed the Board the map with the five zones mapped out. The Board studied the maps. Selectman Williams and Chairman Condra do not support zone 3 because the wells are across the street and the Town will eventually own that spot. Selectwoman Boissonnault agrees. TA Scott Butcher will redefine zone 3. Selectman Williams asked about including Hampshire Hills Lane by making it a separate zone. Chairman Condra in favor of all except totality of zone 3. They will revisit the item next week.

Town Administrator Update

Selectwoman Boissonnault asked about propane tank ownership. Scott said they are following the paper trail, and that we own most of them; it is the Fire Station tank that is up in air. Scott said we might want to become self-sufficient in that arena. More research is needed.

Old/New Business

The Board talked about a letter that was in their correspondence folder. It was regarding a burial at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. TA Scott Butcher said it was a bit of miscommunication between the Director of Public Works and his employees; and that it was an unfortunate event. He explained the situation. The Board will write a letter to the resident.

Selectwoman Boissonnault spoke about overgrown hedges and bushes on private property that become a sight problem. Scott said when they get overgrown into the Town's right-of-way then we should clear them. Selectwoman Boissonnault said we also need to clear the back banking at the Fire Station. We are not taking care of our town properties, she stated. Also, the Main Street sidewalks have weeds. TA Scott Butcher said we probably don't have enough manpower and resources. It becomes a question of how much are tax payers are willing to pay to keep the town well groomed. Selectman Williams said they should look to modify the DPW budget for maintenance of town properties, for example, the Library. TA Scott Butcher agreed, saying the Town buildings are suffering from neglect. Selectman Williams said they will revisit how we spend DPW dollars, and Scott Butcher said we should adopt a philosophy to maintain our equipment.

Selectwoman Boissonnault asked for an update on ambulance collections. Scott is working with Assistant Chief Karen Artemik. He said there are better options out there.

Selectman Williams presented a letter of support for the Select Board to sign for Andy's Summer Playhouse.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to sign the letter of support to the National Endowment of the Arts. The letter will then be given to Jane Farrell. Motion passed unanimously, 3, 0.

Selectman Williams told the Board about a meeting he had with Senator Gary Daniels regarding a Wilton resident who is concerned that his property is contaminated by mold. TA Scott Butcher was familiar with the situation and updated the Select Board.

Next, the Board discussed the SegTEL situation.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to abate SegTEL's taxes for 2016 and 2017 but also to ask the Assessor to provide information as to how to take the other approach.

Discussion followed. A lease agreement is another approach which TA Scott Butcher explained. Motion passed unanimously 3, 0.

Chairman Condra called for a nonpublic at 8:58 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously 3, 0.

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:18 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.

Town Clerk Jane Farrell told the Board about a Motor Vehicle update and the dates that her office would not be able to process Motor Vehicle registrations. She has put a sign out front of Town Hall posting the dates.

Next, Jane asked when our copy machine would be set up to send and receive faxes. TA Scott Butcher said we can figure it out. Jane said she is happy with the new furniture in her office; and she has asked Alec Ingram to put in two more outlets and a phone line.


Selectman Williams moved to enter a nonpublic session at 9:25 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(a). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously 3, 0.

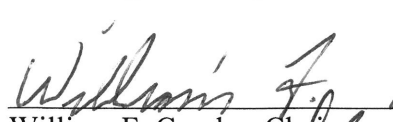
The regular meeting was called to order at 9:55 P.M. Selectwoman Boissonnault moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic meeting, seconded by Selectman Williams. Motion passed with vote: Condra, Aye; Boissonnault, Aye; Williams, Aye.

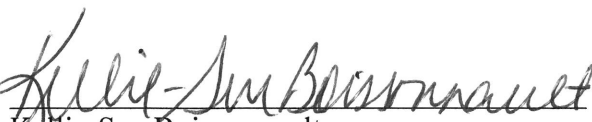
The Board signed their paperwork and reviewed their correspondence and informational material.


A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 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


Kellie-Sue Boissonnault


Kermit R. Williams

9-25-17
Date Signed