

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
WILTON FIRE STATION

Date: October 16, 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 6:35 P.M.

The first order of business was Matt Fish to discuss two items: Farm Preservation Easement and Contracts for Riverwalk.

Matt began by giving his opinion of what he called a gross misjudgment on spending funds for the Riverwalk project. He explained that out of four bids submitted, he won, but was not informed that he was bidding with the town. He was told that his bid was insufficient. In the end, the work was completed by someone else. Matt spent a lot of time submitting his bid. Matt claimed that neither Town Administrator Scott Butcher nor Alison Meltzer had a clue on the bid process. Matt claimed that that is an abuse of tax dollars and he is shocked. "How do you win a bid to do the job, and then not do the jobs?" he asked. "It's piss poor to drive by and see somebody else doing the work" Matt said. TA Scott Butcher noted that none of Matt's phones work. Plus, the Town has the ability to decide to award part or all of a bid. Due to other circumstances our DPW was down two men and we had to find a vendor to come in to complete the work. There were words back and forth between Matt Fish and TA Scott Butcher to which Matt told Scott he was going down a slippery slope and in way over his head. Matt said he was appalled and asked for a retraction of statements made.

Chairman Condra ended the discussion and said that no decisions would be made tonight. Matt asked if he should file a grievance. Chairman Condra stated that the Select Board has had no opportunity to process this information. Selectman Williams said they would need time. Scott gave Selectman Williams the bid sheets and results. We will take some time to look at it. Matt Fish wants to see the rules and procedures that deal with someone with back taxes or an elected official. He expects a follow-up. Matt left the meeting.

Public Comment

Deb Mortvedt asked to speak on the previous discussion. She stated that the Heritage Commission went down there on Tuesday and they saw no reason to rush through the project just to have the opening. She asked Stan Young who made the decision. Deb then called Jennifer Beck who said it was taken care of.

Town Administrator Update

TA Scott Butcher told the Board that they have moved into the new office space in the North End. There are some minor trim and punch-list items still being done by the contractor.

The scale house at the Recycling Center is almost complete. It is being built by the DPW. Then the electronics will be installed, and entrance and exit ramps will need to be poured.

Selectman Williams asked Scott if the furniture delivered for the North End was wrong. Scott said, no, but we did change locations due to the proximity to the supply closet door; we just swapped locations.

Old/New Business

Selectwoman Boissonnault discussed the jet machine and the Sewer Commission. Sewer Commissioner Tim Mortvedt was in attendance and he was asked to join the discussion. Selectwoman Boissonnault said she is concerned that they won't have the money to pay for it as agreed to with the Town of Milford. The Select Board issued a letter of no confidence to the Sewer Commission but have not heard back from them. She contacted NHMA. Per NHMA the Sewer Commission does have the authority to make the purchase but Kellie-Sue is not confident that they have enough money for operations. Also, they need to clarify and finalize the payment agreement. Tim said that the bills will be going out this week for this quarter and that the Sewer Commission is not over budget.

TA Scott Butcher told the Board about the furnace flue problem at Town Hall. Selectman Williams feels that we need to do the roof repairs and this project. He said to look at the whole town budget and find the additional money needed to do the flue project. Scott stated that there are challenges with Therrien getting here anyway so we could encumber that money. Selectman Williams said, in reference to Matt Fish's claims, that they are not required to do competitive bidding.

Motion: Selectwoman Boissonnault moved, seconded by Selectman Williams, to accept the J. Lawrence Hall proposal to get the flue fixed. Selectman Williams asked Tim Mortvedt for his opinion. Selectman Williams is concerned about delaying it. Scott said if Tim knows a vendor who could quickly turn it around then he would be interested. Tim said he does not. Selectman Williams said to expedite the project we should move ahead. The motion passed 3, 0.

Scott spoke about the New Reservoir committee. He provided a list of nine people who are interested in serving on the committee. He stated that Ryan Courtenay is not a resident but part of the snowmobile club; the rest are Wilton residents. Selectman Williams said he will participate on the committee also. The Board decided to appoint all nine people to the committee.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to appoint all applicants for the New Reservoir committee. Motion carries 3, 0. Scott will draft a charter.

TA Scott Butcher told the Board about his meeting with Harry Dailey, Budget Committee member regarding the Library budget procedure. Harry would like to recommend that the Library get on board with the same accounting system that is used by other commissions so we can get a better accounting of how they spend their money. He wants them to budget things in the same format as other town departments and commissions. Harry wants to know if the Select Board will support this move. Selectman Williams spoke about the history of our Library and state law. Selectwoman Boissonnault would like them to be more transparent. Chairman Condra is not going to force them but would like a better explanation of what they do with the tax payer portion of their funding. Selectman Williams spoke about the role of the Budget Committee. Scott said there seems to be some reluctance to fully disclose. Selectman Williams doesn't think the Selectmen have the authority.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to enter into nonpublic session at 8:04 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(c). Motion carries 3,0.

In regular session the Board voted to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session with the following roll call vote: Condra, Aye; Boissonnault, Aye; Williams, Aye.

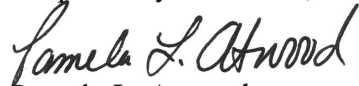
Motion: Chairman Condra moved, seconded by Selectman Williams to enter into nonpublic session at 8:31 P.M. per RSA 91-A:3,II(a). Motion carries 3,0.

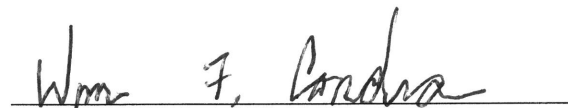
In regular session at 9:28 P.M. the Board voted to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session with the following roll call vote: Condra, Aye; Boissonnault, Aye; Williams, Aye.


TA Scott Butcher showed the Board an example of a recent post from Gary Zirpolo on *LinkedIn* where he is still representing himself as Chief of the Ambulance Department.

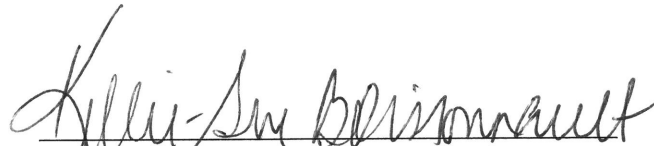
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 P.M. by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault, followed by a unanimous vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


William F. Condra, Chairman


Kermit R. Williams


Kellie-Sue Boissonnault

10-23-17
Date Signed