## TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES WILTON FIRE STATION

Date:

November 27, 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.

The first agenda item was a discussion about MACC Base. Jim Cutler joined the discussion. The Town of Milford wants to meet to renegotiate the agreement. There was a discussion about the amount each town pays for the service vs their usage. Selectwoman Boissonnault said that each town must approve the new agreement so why not just say that in a letter. Selectman Williams stated that it is a complex problem and we need to figure out what we will do. There is no incentive to go along with the agreement as they want to write it. Jim Cutler gave some scenarios. Chairman Condra said the 2 to1 vote ratio with the Town of Milford is a disaster. December 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day Milford must give their notice to withdraw. The MACC Base Board of Governors would like a seven-year agreement, and they would like to change the pull-out time to eighteen months. Joe Torre commented. He said the MACC Board of Governors and the Board of Directors have presented solutions and Milford decided not to accept the recommendations. They have tried to make it equitable so that taxpayers pay the same amount of money for the potential service. We would lose more control with the agreement Milford has written. He said Wilton should go into the discussion with a list of wants.

Jim Cutler recommends the boards get together for a work session. There was further discussion and at the end of it the Select Board decided to hold a work session on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Jane Farrell was next on the agenda to present research she had done regarding the elderly exemption. She presented a handout that shows where Wilton's elderly exemptions fit in relation to other towns of similar population. The last time it was increased was 3-4 years ago, she said, and we wanted to revisit it after a few years. She asked if the Select Board wanted to increase or decrease any part of our elderly exemption. Chairman Condra asked if this is means tested. It is said Jane. Chairman Condra stated that he was in favor of the increase a couple years ago but asked if it is being communicated well. Selectwoman Boissonnault doesn't think it is. Jane said she tells anyone who asks, and most say they don't qualify. There was further discussion. Scott said the towns with the highest asset limits have more takers. Selectwoman Boissonnault is inclined to leave it where it is for now and communicate it better. Chairman Condra agrees. They will look at those that don't qualify and find out why and then look at it again next year. Chairman Condra thanked Jane.

## **Public Comment**

Nikkie Andrews asked if something could be put up at the counter to tell people of the elderly exemption.

## **Town Administrator Update**

Scott said the new heating system that was giving us some issues. The heat pumps in the new section don't work as well as we would like, but this is part of the punch list for the construction project. Also, we need to fix a steam problem that is affecting the theater; and work will be done on the small boiler. He received clarification from DES for the permit for the bridge; it was only for the emergency repair. The final scope of work is still up for debate; to repair the immediate need or turn it into a longer term more expensive rehab of the bridge.

Chairman Condra asked if the short-term fix would get us through the winter. Scott said it should. Selectman Williams is concerned. Selectwoman Boissonnault commented that Steve Trombly, who is anticipated to do the emergency repairs, knows about the historical aspects needed. Selectman Williams asked about his experience. Selectwoman Boissonnault stated that he would not go beyond his knowledge. Chairman Condra told Scott to keep pushing on this item.

## **Old/New Business**

Selectman Williams wants to get new legal representation and the records people in to do a free evaluation of our records before the budget is finalized. Selectman Williams explained how it will work to Jane Farrell. He said there are grants available.

Jane asked to postpone the nonpublic session she had asked for.

Selectman Williams requested a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c).

Chairman Condra moved, seconded by Selectman Williams to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:06 P.M. Motion passed unanimously 3, 0.

Chairman Condra moved, seconded by Selectman Williams to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion passed unanimously 3, 0.

There was a discussion about the speed limit change on a part of Isaac Frye Highway. Scott will check to see if the signs were put up. The Board does not need a public hearing for this change as they are only modifying the current ordinance.

Selectwoman Boissonnault updated the Board on her work with the Sewer Commissioners.

Selectwoman Boissonnault contacted Eversource to ask for a proposal to do underground wiring.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. by Selectwoman Boissonnault, seconded by Selectman Williams, 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

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Date Signed