TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES WILTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Date:

December 4, 2017

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.

Tracey Ewing was first on the agenda to discuss procedures. She told that she was appointed to the Sewer Commission in September of this year. She was here tonight to speak on her own behalf, not that of the Sewer Commission. She spoke of her concerns: The jet flusher purchase; spending money in anticipation of revenue; the no confidence letter; the agreement to pay back money owed to the town; budget representation; and discussions by the Select Board that are not on the agenda.

The Select Board and Town Administrator Scott Butcher addressed her concerns. Scott told Tracey that they are here to help the Commission, although he understands it doesn't feel that way at times. They all want to see a business model that will succeed. In the event of a sewer system failure it would be the taxpayers who would help pay, and the Sewer Commission already owes the town \$46k. Chairman Condra stated that he does not support an interest charge back to the Sewer Commission but if a majority of the Board decides to charge interest then it will be charged. He voted for it as a political decision. Selectman Williams said that they have tried to appropriately charge other department with administrative fees. There is lots of cross charging so the taxpayers aren't subsidizing things that are only a part of the town; this is why he is in favor of a small amount of interest being charged to the Sewer Commission.

Tracey said it seems futile because all they do is respond to the Selectmen. She asked why Scott told the Budget Committee that they are in trouble. Scott defended his statements saying the discussion came up and the Budget Committee is a financial body. Tracey insisted that she already told the Select Board that they would pay back the money within 10 years with an annual payment. She said that she has taken days of training, but can't focus on these issues if the Commission is always battling with the Board of Selectmen.

Selectwoman Boissonnault thinks Tracey is taking it personally, saying that there is always some back and forth between boards or committees. Selectwoman Boissonnault disagreed about the jet flusher purchase. Selectwoman Boissonnault doesn't think Chris Carter understands the budget. Scott said he was encouraged that they are having a public hearing for rate increases. The Commission needs to be solvent, he said.

Tracey said she won't continue as a Commissioner if it's going to be like this. Selectman Williams is happy to hear that Tracey will be looking for grant money. He spoke about the MS-4 Storm Water issue. Chairman Condra ended the discussion and invited Tracey to come back at another time if she wants. Selectman Williams is glad Tracey is doing this stuff. The Board thanked Tracey.

Jane Farrell was next on the agenda to speak on the on-line registration process and ACH payments.

She asked if, first, the Select Board wanted to see her budget. Chairman Condra said yes. Jane said the copier is under her budget and she would like a better breakdown of usage. She explained her budget. She needs a tablet for the counter and her computer is due to be replaced. She has also budgeted for new carpet in her area. She detailed other line items. Selectman Williams asked about the copier line item, and Chairman Condra asked about on-line payments. Jane explained how the credit card process will work. She is not sure how it will work with accounting. Chairman Condra asked for timeline for the contract. Jane would like to get it going. Scott said Attorney Little has already looked at it; he can touch base with Si and have it back next Monday.

Public Comment

Charlie McGettigan talked about the wash out on the hill off Burton Highway. There's no excuse for what happened, he said. The County Farm Road Bridge has been there since the 1880's. It goes back to the supervision for stuff not getting done, per Charlie. Chairman Condra thanked Charlie.

Town Administrator Update

He updated the Board with his progress on hiring a DPW worker; he has had some interviews and he hopes to wrap up by this week. He may take another approach for the Director's position. Selectman Williams asked for the resumes. Scott will advertise in other places to broaden the scope.

Old/New Business

Selectman Williams wrote a letter to the Town of Milford regarding the MACC Base meeting. With one correction, the Board will sign the letter.

The Select Board had a discussion about how to spend the additional \$107k from the state. Selectman Williams talked about using the money to fix the Old County Farm Road Bridge. This is an unanticipated need, he said. Chairman Condra said that they had also discussed using it for the Library parking lot but he agrees with Selectman Williams that they should use it for repair of the bridge. Selectwoman Boissonnault also agreed. Chairman Condra directed Town Administrator Scott Butcher to proceed as if it is a funded project and identify a repair company and get it done. Selectman Williams and Charlie talked about the pass through. Does the arch need repair? Charlie would have to look at it. Selectman Williams said that Alec MacMartin suggested a Vermont company to look at the bridge; it would be nice to have them take a look at it. Scott said the Department of Transportation said the arch is in tack, but joints of bridge have loosened up over the years. Chairman Condra told Scot to keep the Board updated. Selectman Williams confirmed that the money is non-lapsing. They spoke about disaster funding.

Chairman Condra moved to enter into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c) at 8:05 P.M. Selectman Williams seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The Board reviewed and discussed the complaint regarding hunting in the area of Carnival Hill. Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood will respond for the Select Board.

The Board reviewed paperwork from Primex.

Health Officer Appointment

Motion: Selectman Williams moves to nominate Steven Desrosiers as Health Officer. Selectwoman Boissonnault seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0. The nomination will be sent to the state.

Greer Painting

Selectman Williams stated that the town wants to give the Greer painting to the school, the School Bboard will accept it and find a place for it. School Board member Harry Dailey will be notified.

Motion: Selectman Williams moved, seconded by Selectwoman Boissonnault to donate Mrs. Greer's painting to the Wilton School System to do with as they see fit. Motion passes unanimously 3, 0.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M. by Selectwoman Boissonnault seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;

Pamela L. Atwood, Recording Secretary

Kermit R. Williams

12-11-17

Date Signed