

TOWN OF WILTON
SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
FIRE STATION

Date: March 13, 2017
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Kermit R. Williams, Selectman William F. Condra and Steven J. McDonough.
Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:47 P.M. He called for a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:II,(a) which was seconded and vote in the affirmative.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.

Expected Snowstorm

Town Clerk Jane Farrell spoke about tomorrow's expected snowstorm. She told the Board about the phone calls she had had regarding the storm. Chairman Williams stated that he talked to Secretary of State Bill Gardner. Mr. Gardner told Chairman Williams that once the warrant is written you must stick to the dates and times. Jane said you must use common sense also, and the decision to postpone the elections dragged on all day. The way it stands now is that elections will be held next Tuesday. Jane has put announcements on WMUR, in the papers and other areas. Chairman Williams said other towns are postponing also. Jane said she will be in the office from 8 A.M. until the weather gets bad, and she will have absentee ballots to offer. The decision is made by the Moderator, Bill Keefe.

Abatement and added taxes

Jane went through the list of abatements and added taxes. She told the Selectmen that the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds is not getting all the deeds to Wilton in a timely manner and this recently affected one property in Wilton. The incorrect owner received the property tax bill.

Motion: Chairman Williams made a motion to abate Hymowitz Revocable Trust for the 2nd issue tax bill of \$2,609 and bill Country Baptist Church in the amount of \$2,609. Selectman Condra seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

Following a discussion on additional abatements, the following motion was made:

Motion: Chairman Williams moves to abate for lots C-013-01 through C-013-04 as listed on the paper from Jane. Selectman Condra seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

There was no public comment.

Communications Issues

Police Chief Brent Hautanen attended the meeting at the invitation of the Selectmen. Chairman Williams stated that we received the equipment proposal from 2-Way Communications. TA Scott Butcher said he heard there may be another meeting being set up for some time in April but nothing has been communicated regarding the subcommittee. Chief Hautanen responded to Selectman McDonough's question about the use of repeaters, saying they are not practical for the Police Department. He thinks they should be on the towers. Ambulance Chief Gary Zirpolo has to work off a portable radio when he goes to the scene in his own car. Chief Hautanen said we have allowed the equipment to deteriorate, now they

have to do something about it. They discussed tower locations. Fire Chief Jim Cutler said there is a repeater in Engine 2 and it doesn't help; it's not a good solution. TA Scott Butcher said we need a plan B. Chief Hautanen said it is wise to look at the options. He offered to follow up with MACC Base Director Jason Johnson tomorrow. There was further discussion about the timeframe they had. Selectman McDonough thanked Chief Hautanen for coming in.

Mercier Land

Chairman Williams doesn't think this lot is a buildable lot without going to the ZBA. The Select Board's opinion is that Mr. Mercier should offer the piece of land to the abutter. Chairman Williams asked Scott to draft a letter for his signature.

Old New Business

Scott presented the unexpected invoice for the Fire Alarm design for the Town Hall North End; he needs clarification. There was a discussion about what account to use to pay this invoice from, and if it was ours to pay. Chairman Williams thinks it should come from the money allocated to pay Scully Architects. Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood was asked to find out what we owe Scully Architects first. Chairman Williams wondered how we acquired a new bill, and said they may or may not be able to charge us for this.

Ladder Truck Inspection

TA Scott Butcher reported on the recent ladder truck inspection. There are some minor issues that can be taken care of; leaking hydraulic hoses and one leaking hydraulic piston. There is no metal fatigue. Selectman McDonough said this report is valuable for selling the vehicle. It could be worth \$10,000 - \$20,000. Scott also stated that the used ladder truck in Pennsylvania appears to be in pretty good shape. Fire Chief Jim Cutler feels pretty good about that truck. Chairman Williams said if the residents vote to buy the new ladder truck we could get something for the old one. Selectman McDonough said it would have been easier to sell to the voters if metal fatigue had been an issue. Scott said that the company that inspected it recommended that we take it out of service but Jim put it back in service because he said "it's no different today than yesterday". TA Scott Butcher said, based on research, the one we are getting is a pretty good value.

ERZ

Mark Beroney of Atlantic Prefab talked to the folks at DRED. TA Scott Butcher and Jennifer Beck had a conference call today. It is encouraging that we haven't missed the deadline. There is no reason not to pursue it. They discussed other parcels that may qualify and how the process works.

Sewer Starting Point

Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood presented the material requested by the Selectmen regarding the accounting issues for the Sewer Commission. The Selectmen wanted this material to study to determine a beginning point. There was further discussion. Scott and Pam will talk to the Auditors when they are here in April. Selectman McDonough suggested having a joint meeting with the Sewer Commissioners.

Green Burial


Motion: Selectman Condra made a motion to give the Cemetery Trustees a vote of confidence for the implementation of green interment. Selectman McDonough seconded the motion which was followed by a unanimous vote. Motion carries.

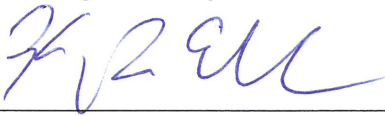
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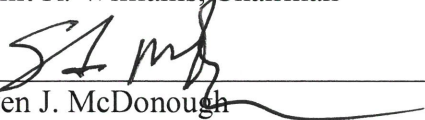
Presentations and information for Town Meeting were discussed.


A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M. by Selectman Condra, seconded by Selectman McDonough, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;


Pamela L. Atwood,
Recording Secretary


Kermit R. Williams, Chairman


Steven J. McDonough


William F. Condra

3-27-17
Date Signed