

Minutes of Select Board Meeting, August 28, 2018

Bill Ezell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ken Caisse, Gail Cromwell

The motion was made by Cromwell, second by Caisse, to go into Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3(II). Voted unanimously. Members of the public were asked to go outside for this portion of the meeting.

The public meeting resumed at 6:50 p.m. It was announced that we have hired a new Administrative Assistant to replace Gretchen Rae who resigned on August 16, effective August 30.

The Quinn tax card situation was discussed. With the help of the Planning Board it has been determined that the deeds are all in order but the tax maps do not show the properties of Ruth and Ken Quinn correctly. Avitar requires the tax maps to create the necessary tax card. The select board will collect all necessary tax map changes from the planning board and administrative assistant and obtain a bid from the mapping company for these changes to be made in 2019.

The latest version of the Ambulance Contract was reviewed with two suggestions for change. Gary Scholl may also have suggestions. Ken will forward all to the Wilton Town Administrator, Paul Branscombe, as soon as he has them. The two suggestions were:

(1) include in the Recitals on the first page, this statement:

The Town of Wilton has established a Revolving Fund for providing ambulance services according to RSA 31:95-h. All Revenues will be deposited into the Fund and all expenses will be paid through it. No revenues or expenses will be part of the Town's General Fund.

(2) In paragraph 4(f): change the phrase "net operating costs" to "revenues and expenses"

The Swap Shop at the Recycling Center was discussed briefly, acknowledging both its usefulness and the trouble it presents in clutter and disorder. It was decided that the staff of the Recycling Center should address the Wilton Select Board before any discussion could take place at the next Recycling Committee meeting.

A Credit Card Policy for the Town was adopted in 2015 but does not seem appropriate to our present needs. A number of ideas were reviewed. Cromwell will write a new version for the board to consider at its next meeting.

Honey Hastings has offered to donate a 5K generator to the town. Cromwell moved to accept the donation, seconded by Ezell, voted affirmatively. Cromwell will draft a letter of acceptance.

The Board recognized that its next meeting conflicts with the State Primary on September 11. The only pressing business is expected to be a review of the NHMA policy recommendations. Those recommendations will be voted by NHMA members at a conference on September 14. The board agreed to delegate Cromwell as our representative to that meeting but we must decide our position on the proposals. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, September 12 at 6 p.m. to discuss the various proposals. Cromwell will provide copies to the board in advance for its review.

The select board will cover the primary voting as required with Caisse 4-7 pm. Cromwell and Ezell the rest of the day. It is expected that the moderator will appoint Paul Jordan as a selectman representative to help with this.

Ezell announced that he will accompany a representative from the Public Utilities Commission early in September to determine cellular coverage in Temple.

Cromwell announced that information at the most recent Selectman's Advisory Committee for Conval indicated that the school board may propose a warrant article next March to consolidate all K-3 students in Peterborough and Antrim, closing all other town elementaries, all grade 4-6 students would be consolidated in South Meadow, and the high school would become grades 7-12. It is not certain that the proposal will be made, no savings have been estimated, nor a timetable provided.

There was a discussion regarding whether the recent Fire Department bill for vehicle maintenance should come from the FD trust fund or from the regular budget accounts. Caisse expressed the worry that not using the trust fund now would make it difficult to cover routine items yet to come. It was decided to review the Fire Department budget needs for the rest of the year at the next meeting. In the meantime the FD bill will be paid as approved in the manifest.

Public Comment: Heidy Jordan asked why a new Administrative Assistant was being hired since it was not known that Gretchen Rae was leaving. The Board expressed regret over her departure since she had proved to be excellent in all aspects of the job. We felt however that we needed to move quickly with a replacement. Tara Thomson will start later this week so there will be no gap in coverage.

Connie Kieley asked if there was progress on having the Calendar on the website. Ezell said yes but it is difficult and will take time.

The Minutes for August 14 were approved as written but the two attachments were deleted as unnecessary. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Cromwell