

TOWN OF WILTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

MARCH 8th, 2016 ELECTION RESULTS & MARCH 10th, 2016 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator William Keefe opened the polls at the Wilton Town Hall at 8:00 AM for the purpose of voting for Town Officers, Zoning and School Officers. The polls closed at 7:00 PM. From a voter checklist of 2538 registered voters the following votes were cast with various write-ins omitted: 258 votes, including absentee ballots and 4 new voters.

Selectmen – 3 year term Daniel E. Donovan III	215*
Moderator – 2 year term William J. Keefe	215*
Treasurer – 1 year term Jerry W. Greene	220*
Supervisor of Checklist – 6 year term Julie Scalera	228*
Trustee of the Trust Fund – 3 year term Elizabeth Castro	235*
Planning Board – 3 year term – 2 positions J. Alexander MacMartin, Jr. R. Neil Faiman	202* 211*
Water Commissioner – 3 year term Kermit Williams	221*
Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term Christopher Carter	222*
Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term Steve Elliott	181*
Cemetery Trustee – 2 year term Mary Ann Shea	238*
Planning Board – 3 year term – 2 positions Sara J. Spittel Tracey Ewing	229* 211*

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND Section 3.0 DEFINITIONS to include a definition in Section 3.1.23.a for Off Premise Sign.

The intent is to clarify the definition of an Off Premise Sign.

Yes 224* No 22

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND existing Section 16.1 Signs General Provisions, Section 16.1.c.1 to remove the references to the Planning Board regarding temporary signs and requiring sign review for portable temporary signs. Amending Section 16.1.d to allow the Building Inspector to approve any signs which conform to the Zoning Ordinance and any applicable site plans.

The intent of the article is to allow the Building Inspector to approve sign applications conforming to the Zoning Ordinance and any applicable site plans instead of going before the Planning Board.

Yes 196* No 50

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND existing Section 16.0 Signs, generally to delete Section 16.1.f Real Estate Signs; and add new section 16.1.c.2 Additional Temporary Signage; to revise sections 16.0 Signs; 16.1 General Provisions; 16.2 Residential District and General Residence and Agricultural District; 16.3 Commercial and Industrial District; 16.4 Office Park District; and 16.5 Downtown Commercial District

The intent of this Article is to change the sign ordinance to remove the restrictions based on the content of the sign based on the US Supreme Court Decision Reed vs. Town of Gilbert 1355 Ct.2218 (June 18, 2015).

Yes 200* No 4

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Wilton Zoning Ordinance as Follows:

AMEND Section 17.1 (d). to state that "A non-conforming building or structure may be rebuilt on the same footprint and with the same dimensions (including height), unless it has, *for more than one (1) year*, been unusable for its current purpose by reason of deterioration, destruction, demolition, neglect, accident, condemnation, or

any other reason”.

The intent is to correct a typographical error on the 2015 Town Meeting Ballot.

Yes 218* No 29

Moderator William Keefe began the 254th Town Meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 10th at the Florence Rideout Elementary School. He noted that according to Wilton Town History the 1st Town Meeting was held June 27, 1762. He welcomed everyone and started the meeting by noting the outcome of the Tuesday elections. He then began the Town Meeting by reading Article #6 as follows:

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the purpose of funding a Town Revaluation pursuant to RSA 35:1 and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2018 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson, seconded by Bill Condra. Bill Condra noted that NH State Law requires a town wide revaluation to be conducted in every town and/or city every 5 years. Following this explanation the article was voice vote approved.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of hiring a Town Administrator using Grade 13 on the Town Employee salary scale. Monies are to come from taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson, seconded by Kermit Williams.

The Moderator, William Keefe, stated a request for a paper ballot vote on this article had been submitted with the required five signatures. The paper ballot vote will be conducted after presentations by the study committee members and questions from the audience.

Kermit Williams explained that the study committee had been created to research this issue. The study committee consisted of Kermit Williams, Harry Dailey, Carey Hughes, Brent Hautanen, Carol Roberts, Tom Schultz & Jack Kahle.

Harry Dailey began by explaining a pay scale matrix had been established for all Wilton's employee positions. The pay matrix for a Town Administer had been determined to be a minimum sixty six thousand five hundred dollars (\$66,500) and maximum eighty four thousand six hundred dollars (\$84,600) based on a forty hour work week. The fifty thousand dollars noted in this article anticipated that a Town Administrator, if approved by the voters tonight, would be hired midway through the year.

Many positive points in hiring a Town Administrator were outlined by the Committee Members. Examples of how Town Administrator could benefit the town were:

- An Administrator could serve as a professional to help coordinate department heads planning and operations;
- They could improve efficiencies which could equate to a better use of tax payer dollars;
- Provide Selectmen more information/guidance for making decisions;
- Timely budget information would be available to department heads, selectmen and budget committee;
- A Town Administrator could apply for grant monies that are available and have been previously been overlooked;

Some of the concerns against a Town Administrator position included:

- The additional, large cost of benefits not factored into the numbers presented tonight.
- Where would this person's office be located in the Town Hall?
- What are the qualifications required for the position?

After extensive discussion the Moderator opened the polls. After the votes were tallied the Moderator announced Article 7 passed by a ballot vote in favor of the Town Administrator 90 yes, 53 no.

While the paper ballot vote was being tallied Richard Swanson made a short presentation regarding the Wilton Citizen of the Year Award. He stated that this year's award was equally deserved by two individuals as follows:

The first award is given to Harry Dailey. This is in recognition for the countless hours serving on the School Board for over five years. "He has served as a School Board representative to the School Budget Committee and as a member of the Town Budget Committee. He headed the committee that managed the renovations project at FRES. And he did yeoman's duty for the Selectmen by heading up the Wage and Salary committee and serving on the ad hoc committee that investigated the feasibility of a Town Administrator position. Harry Dailey, you earned it."

The second Citizen of the Year award belongs to Carey Hughes. "He has been on the Budget Committee since 1985 and he has chaired that committee for fifteen years. This year he volunteered to chair the committee that investigated the

feasibility of a Town Administrator position. He has been a great ambassador from High Mowing School to the Town of Wilton and vice versa. And he was one of the Men of Wilton from 2005." "Carey, you are a source of pride for Wilton."

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty two thousand dollars (\$152,000) for the purchase and installation of a wood pellet heating system in the Wilton Town Hall. This article is contingent upon receiving a N.H. Public Utilities Commission rebate for thirty two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$32,700) and the balance of one hundred nineteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$119,300) to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2108 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Richard Swanson began by saying that this presentation would show that a wood pellet heating system is the right thing to do for energy efficiency, reduced fuel cost, and return on investment.

He explained that the Energy Committee received a mandate at last year's meeting to follow through with the recommendations of the energy audit. He noted their accomplishments as follows:

- Installation of new insulation that creates a tighter building envelope.
- Reduction in heat loss through the ceiling and walls.
- Upgraded lighting to save on electric bills
- Received \$13,000 in rebates from Eversource
- Noted that twenty five thousand (\$25,000) was remaining to insulate the Building Inspector area

Rickard Swanson explained "that the current Town Hall boiler is in lousy shape," and it doesn't sufficiently heat the entire building. "John Shepardson wears a ski parka at his desk". He projected that "pellet system would be a 25% improvement in efficiency over the current steam system....".

He stated converting to a wood pellet heating system "is the right thing to do. Pellets are a renewable locally grown resource, produced with local labor, they are carbon neutral, and the price of pellets is much more predictable than fuel oil." He also noted that if the article is approved, "we are in a position to get a thirty two thousand dollar (\$32,000) rebate".

Many points of view, for and against the proposal, were discussed. Concerns against the project included maintenance of the pellet system, storage of pellets, and need for a generator if power is lost. Jim Cutler, Deputy Fire Chief, stated the

lack of a stamped plan from the State Fire Marshall and Wilton's Fire Chief was a crucial factor why the Fire Department was not in favor of this article.

Matthew Bangert stated he designs these systems for a living. Without stamped plans he could not support this article.

Following the presentation and numerous discussions, the Moderator reread the article as written. The article was defeated on a voice vote.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty seven thousand dollars (\$27,000) for the design plans, bid documents and construction inspections for renovation of the old police station area of the Wilton Town Hall. Monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Kermit stated that the "North End" of the Town Hall (the old Police Department area) currently housed the following offices: Building Inspector, Assessing, Welfare, Planning, Zoning, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Water, Sewer & Conservation. The existing space needs to be redone to better accommodate all of the departments that share the space.

Selectmen William Condra urged the voters to support the article. Following a few more questions, the article, as written, was then voice vote approved.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize fifty percent (50%) of the Land Use Change tax up to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per year to be placed in the Conservation Fund per RSA 79-A:25, II.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Jeff Stone spoke in support of this article because it would allow the Conservation Fund to receive monies that could help future land acquisition. He stated that the current means of adding to the Conservation Fund was only through the vote at Town Meeting. By continuing with the existing system, land could become available, be worth protecting, and have a Seller who would not want to wait for our Annual Town Meeting. He further stated that a majority of the towns in NH have approved this type of support for their Conservation Fund program.

William Condra spoke against the article because while land is in "Current Use"

towns receive significantly reduced tax revenue. Towns expect to recoup these monies when the Land Use Change Tax exiting penalty is triggered. Having a portion of these monies going toward the Conservation Fund will reduce the money received by the Town

Following more discussion from the floor the article was voice vote approved.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$107,500) for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department. Monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by William Condra and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Steve Elliott, Highway Road Agent, explained that the Town currently has two backhoes. The oldest machine was a 2001 model and the newer backhoe is a 2003 model. He stated that, if the voters approve the article, the 2003 backhoe would be moved to the Recycling Center where it could assist with their projects.

Following his explanation the article was voice vote approved.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of five hundred fifteen thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$515,450) for the construction of King Brook Road Bridge (#074/060) as part of the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Aid Bridge Program. The State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program shall reimburse four hundred twelve thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$412,360) and to authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of thirty three thousand ninety dollars (\$33,090) is to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2020 whichever is sooner.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Steve Elliot explained that the Department of Transportation State Aid Bridge Program monies have become available again. This program had been used in the past to repair the Burton Highway Bridge, Keyes Hill Road Bridge and the Russell Hill Road Bridge.

Kermit Williams encouraged the voters to act now as the funds backlog wait list is a ten year wait. The funds would not become available to Wilton until 2027.

Following some more discussion points the article was voice vote approved.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty seven thousand forty three dollars (\$47,043) for the purchase of a new police SUV. Costs to include purchase, equipping and lettering of the car and to authorize the withdrawal of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) from the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The balance of thirty thousand forty three dollars (\$30,043) is to come from general taxation, or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by William Condra.

Brent Hautanen (Chief of Police) explained that the department would be replacing the 2011 SUV.

Following a bit more discussion the article was voice vote approved.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Ray Dick (Fire Department Chief) explained that these monies would be added to their Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund so eventually the 1963 Engine could be replaced. The anticipated cost of a new Engine will be between three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000).

Following this explanation the article was voice vote approved.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The monies to come from general taxation or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee recommends this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Steve Elliott, Highway Road Agent, explained that this appropriation would be earmarked to eventually replace the 2002 Cat Front End Loader. The anticipated cost would be approximately one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000).

Following this explanation the article was voice vote approved.

16. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund established in the year 1982. Said funds shall be transferred into the general fund. Fund balance in the Recycling Center Capital Reserve Fund as of 12/31/2015 was forty thousand forty seven dollars and sixty three cents (\$40,047.63). Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipalities' general fund or to take any other action relating thereto.

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Andy Hoar made a motion to replace the word "municipalities" to "Wilton's" as shown on the second to last line of the original article. The motion was seconded by Paul Levesque. The Moderator next asked for a motion to amend the original article with the substitution of "municipalities" to read instead ".....transferred to Wilton's" general fund.....". The motion to amend was voice vote approved.

Steve Elliott next made a motion that Article 16 (as amended) be contingent upon the approval of Article 17. Motion to amend seconded by Cary Hughes.

The original motion, as twice amended, was voice vote approved.

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of the Recycling Center. All revenues received for the Recycling Center from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or services supported by the fund will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. Funds may be used for facilitating, designing, maintaining and/or encouraging recycling as defined in RSA 149-M:4. And, further to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand forty eight dollars (\$40,048) to be added to the Recycling Center revolving fund from the unassigned fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Majority vote required).

(Budget Committee does not recommend this article)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Richard Swanson.

Following some brief discussion the original article, as written was voice vote approved.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred eighty three thousand four hundred sixty three dollars (\$4,883,463) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto. Said sum does not include any of the special or individual articles addressed.

(Budget Committee recommends this article.) (Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Laurie McLean, Wilton Main Street Association, made a motion to amend Article 18 to read "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$4,885,962)". She stated the purpose for the amendment was to increase the Wilton Main Street Association's appropriation from one dollar (\$1) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). The motion to amend Article 18 was seconded by Kermit Williams.

Ms. McLean explained how the WMSA focus is promoting a climate where our community thrives by focusing on the 4 key elements of: design, economy, outreach, and promotion. In supporting the current merchants and using events to reach out and bring in residents of surrounding areas, the merchant's increased success will entice new businesses to open in the vacant spaces.

The budget increase will be used for the following five goals:

- 1) To hire a marketing consultant to present an internet marketing seminar;
- 2) To participate in the Milford NH Pumpkin Festival to promote our association as well each individual businesses;
- 3) To participate in the Southern NH Small Business Expo at the Hampshire Dome to further showcase our group and our individual business;
- 4) To continue to support the collaborative seasonal events;
- 5) And lastly to create three design grants that business may apply for to assist in the aesthetic improvement of their business.

After the presentation and several audience questions, the Moderator read the motion before the voters:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$4,885,962) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto. Said sum does not include any of the special or individual articles addressed."

Ms. McLean's motion to amend was approved by voice vote.

Ronald Brown, Library Trustee, moved to amend Article 18 to increase the Library appropriation by five thousand dollars (\$5,000). The article, including the prior approved amendment, would then read as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred ninety thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$4,890,962) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto. The motion to amend Article 18 was seconded by Nikki Andrews.

Mr. Brown explained this five thousand dollar (\$5,000) increase would restore half of the funds voted down by the Budget Committee.

The Moderator then read Mr. Brown's motion to amend to increase the Library appropriation by five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred ninety thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$4,890,962) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto". There was no further discussion of Article 18. Mr. Brown's motion to amend was approved by voice vote.

The Moderator then read Article 18, as twice amended, as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million, eight hundred ninety thousand nine hundred sixty two dollars (\$4,890,962) for the general municipal operation for the year 2016 or to take any other action relating thereto".

Article 18, as twice amended, was approved on a voice vote.

19. To see if the town will vote to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be funded by the sale of cemetery lots pursuant to RSA 289:2-a, for the maintenance of cemeteries. (This fund shall separate from the existing Cemetery Trust Fund used for the maintenance of perpetual trust cemetery lots.)
(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by Richard Swanson.

Following a brief explanation from Kermit Williams the article was voice vote approved.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for

persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes. A "solar energy system" means a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building in which includes one or more collectors and a storage container. "Solar energy system" also means a system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels. The exemption will go into effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2016. (Majority vote required.)

(Selectmen recommend this article.)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Richard Swanson next made a motion to amend a typographical error in the spelling of the word "statutes". As written in the article it is written as "statures". The motion to amend was seconded by Kermit Williams. The motion to amend the article was voice vote approved.

Richard Swanson spoke in support of this article to encourage utilization of our natural resources.

The article, as amended, was voice vote approved.

21. To see if the Town will urge that the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:
1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United
 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency
 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors
 4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections
 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration
 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

(By Petition)

The motion was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Abbie Dawson.

Glena Graham spoke to stress the importance that everyone needs to urge politicians to get big money out of politics. She earnestly hoped all the voters present would vote to support this article.

The article as written was voice vote approved.

22. To see if the Town of Wilton, NH will vote to strengthen its opposition to the installation of a natural gas pipeline through Southern New Hampshire, as part of the Northeast Energy Direct project by Tennessee Gas company LLC, a Kinder Morgan Company, by joining the New Hampshire Municipal Pipeline Coalition for

the following reasons:

- a. The Northeast Energy Direct project threatens a healthy living atmosphere for both Wilton residents and local wildlife, and the environmental integrity of local farms, both present and future;
- b. As proposed, the project will construct a 30 inch diameter high pressure fracked gas pipeline a few hundred feet from our town's borders and a 41,000 hp compressor station about a mile from Wilton in the town of New Ipswich;
- c. The project violates the Wilton Master Plan goal to "preserve, protect, and utilize the natural resources and unique natural features of the Town of Wilton including its agricultural lands, water resources, wildlife, forests, rivers, wetlands, scenic vistas, clean air, open space, and historic character." (Wilton Master Plan I-3). Once compromised or destroyed, these town resources and natural features are irreplaceable;
- d. The release of contaminants from drilling and fracking, and the destructive effects of blasting will jeopardize our aquifers, drinking water and wetlands;
- e. As all of Wilton is within 8 miles downwind of New Ipswich compressor station, the known emissions of toxins related to normal compressor station functions as well as the scheduled and unscheduled compressor station "blow-downs" will impact the health of town residents;
- f. This project will negatively impact town property values;
- g. The town opposes the use of eminent domain for takings of property or easements for private commercial gain; and
- h. The town wishes to stand in solidarity with neighboring towns, both within and beyond the Monadnock region, which will be endangered directly or indirectly by the proposed project.

(By Petition)(Selectmen recommend this article)

The article was moved by Richard Swanson and seconded by Kermit Williams.

Craig Herlihy spoke very strongly in his support of this article and how important it was that Wilton, and all our surrounding towns need to unify in their opposition to the NED pipeline.

Gail Hoar, Jennifer Beck and many others articulated similar concerns.

Following the many comments the article was, as written, voice vote approved.

23. To accept the report of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen to pass any vote relating thereto.

The article was moved by Kermit Williams and seconded by William Condra.

Betsy Castro, Trustee of the Trust Fund, noted that the caption of the top of page 40 should read "2015" not "2014" as printed.

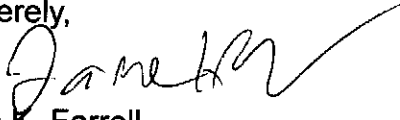
A motion to accept the reports as written, and with the correction noted previously,

was voice vote approved.

24. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

No other business was brought before the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and approved by a voice vote. The meeting closed at 10:45PM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane K. Farrell", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jane K. Farrell
Town Clerk & Tax Collector