

**Selectboard  
January 23, 2017  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, Diane Chapman, Susan Haughwout, Vince Rice, John Gannon

**Others Present:** Jessica DeFrancesco, Meg Streeter

Meeting called to order at 12:04 pm

**1. Visitors, public comments, changes to agenda**

Streeter commented that having been through the Town Manager hiring process 3 times as a Board member, it takes a long time to find a good candidate. After reading the article in the Deerfield Valley News she was a little concerned and hopes that adequate time is given to hire someone good. Streeter also asked Gannon if he was running for Selectboard again. Gannon replied in the affirmative. Gannon discussed a little bit about Act 46 and education concerns. He hopes that School Boards will communicate a little better in the future regarding "dire" issues so that he can advocate for our area to the fullest.

**2. Possibly Approve Town Meeting Warning**

Whitingham Selectboard has added an article to their warning asking to appropriate \$100,000 should they need to litigate the inequality of the school tax. They have asked if Wilmington is going to do the same. The Board agreed that a meeting with the Whitingham Selectboard is warranted. Fitzgerald will call and set one up.

Article 5–remove "dual–stream" from the question. Merrill Mundell contacted Fitzgerald and told him there is a group trying to create a way to continue recycling that won't cost towns so much money. It is still in the works and he will update the town when possible.

Haughwout moved to approve the Town Meeting Warning as presented with the correction to article 5, Chapman second; all in favor.

**3. Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue**

Chapman moved to enter into Executive Session at 12:28 pm to include the Town Attorney to discuss the disciplinary actions of an employee, Gannon second; all in favor.

Exited Executive Session at 1:30 pm, no action taken.

Rice moved to adjourn at 1:30 pm, Haughwout second; all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica DeFrancesco  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Vince Rice, Clerk

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Susan Joy Haughwout

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Diane Chapman