

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission

November 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Present: Diane Chapman, Tom Fitzgerald, Jake White, John Gannon

Others Present: Town Manager Scott Murphy, Christine Richter, Nan Parati, Merrill Mundell of Windham Solid Waste Management, Anna Drozdowski, Mike Eldred, Carolyn Palmer, Tom Consolino, Allison Maynard, Louis Clark, Police Chief Joe Szarejko

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to SB Agenda

Murphy asked to move item #8 1% Option Tax Request to number 7 as Nan Parati was already at meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of November 4, and November 11, 2015

Chapman moved to approve minutes of November 4 and November 11, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.

3. Action Items

None

Chapman moved to enter Liquor Commission at 6:01 pm, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.

4. Liquor License

The Selectboard to possibly approve several Request to Cater applications by the Hermitage Club, LLC for events held at the Hermitage Golf Club, 70 Spyglass Drive on the following dates: 12/10-12/13/2015, 12/17-12/20/2015, 12/24-12/27/2015, 12/28-12/31/2015, 1/01-1/04/2016, all from 8AM to 1AM. White moved to approve the Request to Cater license, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.

First Class Liquor License application for the Hermitage Inn, LLC dba The White House at 178 Rt 9 East. Fitzgerald moved to approve the license, White second; all in favor.

Chapman moved to come out of Liquor Commission at 6:04 pm, White second; all in favor.

5. Merrill Mundell WSSWD Update

Mr. Mundell, the Town's representative on the Windham Solid Waste Management District Board, updated the Selectboard on the proposed WSWMD budget and other concerns.

Mr. Mundell handed out copies of two budgets, one approved and one not. He talked about the District discussion of single stream vs. double stream, recycling of plastics 2, 3, 7, compost sales of bulk vs bagged. He also talked about Pristine Sun Solar project issues associated with

Brattleboro Organic's methane gas lines. Overall the Town's assessment for FY17 is proposed to be down 11% to \$22,928.92.

6. Drug and Alcohol Policy for Town CMV Operators

The Selectboard received a draft policy for Drug and Alcohol use and testing of Town employees who operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV), as recommended by the VLCT Loss Control Consultant. Gannon requested that both the Personnel Policy and the Drug and Alcohol Policy be reviewed to ensure no conflicts. He also asked about what the procedure is for the police when an accident happens, does this policy duplicate those tests. Szarejko answered that the testing they do is for alcohol but the other test does drug testing as well.

7. 1% Option Tax Fund Request

The Selectboard considered a funding request from Nan Parati to attach permanent LED string lights to the Town Office/Police Dept building for the Holiday season. Parati showed a sketch of the proposed light display, discussed timing and cost (\$9500 estimate). Chapman asked about the warranty of the lights. There was discussion about whether any local business may have a lift truck to help put the lights up; Black Diamond and Fireside True Value were mentioned. Palmer commented that the proposed new Planning Ordinances would not allow for Christmas lights to be up after March. Consolino commented on whether the Selectboard should pursue this frivolous spending in light of the millions of dollars needed for capital expenditures per previous meeting. Selectboard members all felt that this would help for Economic & Community Development and the Town Offices should be lit during the holidays.

8. FY 17 Budget Discussions

Police

Joe Szarejko went over his budget discussing the new SUV cruisers and a need to replace Bullet Proof Vests which are over 5 years old and are required to be replaced. He discussed the On-Call pay for officers explaining the hours they have to be available but currently aren't paid for, giving estimated hours and percentage options for these hours. The move to Plan D retirement was discussed, along with the difficulty in getting and keeping good officers, not only here but around the State. Chapman questioned the cost for training. Consolino had questions about the cruiser maintenance costs and training aids.

Library

Louis Clark and Librarian Allison Maynard went over the Library budget. There are minor increases due to some new chairs being needed and other maintenance issues. They discussed the many ways patrons are using the library and expansion of services they want to provide. Consolino asked about the collections. Palmer brought up the possibility of needing to expand the space and how to ask for funding and timing of request.

9. Correspondence to/from Selectboard

Board reviewed their mail and letters. Stump Jumpers Snowmobile Club Road to be put on next agenda.

10. Other Business

None

11. Selectboard Members Comments

None

12. Town Manager's Updates

Temporary steps up at footbridge. RBC at Wastewater plant has broke and will need to be repaired prior to the planned upgrade.

Chapman moved to adjourn meeting at 7:30, White second; all in favor.

Respectively Submitted,

Christine Richter
Finance Officer/Treasurer

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Diane Chapman, Chair

Tom Fitzgerald, Vice Chair

Jacob White

Susan Joy Haughwout, Clerk

John Gannon