

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
November 19, 2014 at 6 pm
MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: James Burke, Jacob White, and Thomas Fitzgerald, Susan Haughwout

Selectboard Member Absent: Diane Chapman

Others Present: Scott Murphy, Mary Towne, Chris Mays of Brattleboro Reformer, Craig Ohlson, John and Rachel Lazelle, Wayne Elliott, Christine and Dennis Richter

1. **Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to Agenda:** None
2. **Minutes:** White moved and Fitzgerald seconded to approve minutes of November 5, 6, and 12, 2014.
Vote: All in favor. White moved and Fitzgerald seconded to approve minutes of November 11, 2014.
Vote: Three in favor and Burke abstained.
3. **Action Items:** None
4. **Wayne Elliott of A & E Water Engineers:** The Town's Water Engineer, Wayne Elliott, presented the 90% update of the Planning Study for the Refurbishment of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The project includes a new primary treatment unit, new building to house the unit, renovations to the control building, a timeline, etc. The treatment plant was built in 1987 and was designed for a useful life of 20 years and is now coming up on 30 years. Chief Operator John Lazelle was also present to present information and answer questions.

Discussion included:

- This study includes major elements now; final designs and details will come later.
- This is a refurbishment and is not intended to affect available capacity.
- The proposed equipment is expandable so could be expanded in future if needed.
- Permits and requirements.
- Costs and possible funding sources.
- Bond: the whole town will vote on a bond. Repayment would be paid by the sewer users.

The Board thanked Elliott and Lazelle for their work.

5. **Lakeshore Protection Zoning Discussion:** Murphy reminded the board that in July they had received information and public comments about the Lakeshore Protection Law that became effective July 1st. In early August they agreed by a straw vote to continue investigating the process by which the town could take over permitting rather than the state. Zoning Administrator, Craig Ohlson, presented the board with possible zoning ordinance amendments that would allow the Town to permit and enforce the required legislative changes. He worked with VLCT to prepare the possible changes that would involve Articles II and III and the Appendix of the Zoning Bylaw. The changes would include two new districts: Developed Shoreland – around Lake Raponda and Spruce Lake, and Undeveloped Shoreland – around Harriman Reservoir and Haystack Lake. If adopted, this would be a service to residents so they would not have to go through the state process.

The board took a straw vote with White, Burke, and Fitzgerald in favor and Haughwout against continuing on with the process by sending the proposed amendments to the Planning Commission to begin the adoption process. Before adoption, it will come back to the Selectboard for a vote.

Ohlson also showed the board the new brochure on signs created by the Planning Commission and invited them to the public informational meeting the PC will hold on December 2 to inform the public about newly passed zoning amendments. The Board thanked him.

6. **Correspondence to/from Selectboard:** The board reviewed the Act 250 log & other correspondence.
7. **Other Business - Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items:**
 - a. Fitzgerald mentioned a road problem and will contact Bill Hunt about it.
 - b. White updated the board on recent Fire Department calls. They are experiencing a shortage of firefighters that can respond during the day. Luckily Mutual Aid can help by responding to the scene or covering the local station as needed. They are calling second alarms earlier now because of the lack of firefighters.
8. **Town Manager's Updates:**
 - a. Update on search for Highway Crew replacement: Sixteen applications were received and narrowed down to four that were interviewed. Travis Wheeler was determined to be the most qualified and had the most experience, having worked for the State Highway Department for 8 years. He will begin work on December 8th.
 - b. Update on 9 West Main St water connection construction: It is still possible that the project will be done this year. The State is on board with getting it done.

White moved and Haughwout seconded to adjourn. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Towne
Administrative Assistant

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

James R. Burke, Chair

Diane Chapman, Vice Chair

Susan Joy Haughwout, Clerk

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