

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
September 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm
Minutes

Present: Diane Chapman, Tom Fitzgerald, Jake White, John Gannon and Susan Haughwout

Others Present: Town Manager Scott Murphy, Deborah Kingsley, Mike Eldred, Chris Mays, Ann Manwaring, Dennis Richter, Christine Richter, Gretchen Haverluk, Alice Greenspan, Ryan Bartlett, Kathleen Brochin, Senator Dick Sears, Senator Brian Campion, Cindy Hayford, Cliff Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. John Howe, Harriet Maynard and Anna Drozdowski.

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to Agenda

-None

2. Approve Minutes of September 2, 2015

-White moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015, Gannon second; Susan Haughwout abstained because she was not present, all else approved.

3. Action Items

-A request was received from the Hermitage Club for a wedding to be held on September 25, 2015 to September 27, 2015 at the White House in Wilmington during the hours of 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Susan Haughwout spoke to the applicant explaining the time it takes to get the license. The Police Chief has also looked at the request. Chapman made a motion to approve the application, White seconded it, and all were in favor.

4. (5) Interview Candidates for the Planning Commission and DRB

Ryan Bartlett came before the board to be interviewed for the appointment to the planning commission. He wants to become a part of the community, gain experience and he has good writing abilities. Several questions were asked by the board. Haughwout made a motion to appoint Ryan Bartlett to the planning commission for the appropriate term, Fitzgerald seconded, and all were in favor.

Kathleen Brochin came before the board to be appointed to the DRB. Ms. Brochin also wants to be more involved in the community, they have been coming here for a numbers of years and own property in Wilmington. A motion was made by Haughwout to appoint Kathleen Brochin to the DRB for the appropriate term, seconded by White, all were in favor.

5. (7) Gretchen Havreluk came before the board to discuss several properties to receive monies from the Façade Grant program.

A motion was made by Haughwout to approve the application for Fat City for up to \$2,500, seconded by Chapman, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Haughwout to approve the application for 225 Rte 9 West, Moosehead Homes, for up to \$5,000, seconded by Fitzgerald all were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning Boyd Family Farm, a motion was made by Fitzgerald to approve the application for Boyd Family Farm, seconded by Haughwout, one in favor, 4 opposed, application denied.

A short discussion was held concerning time limits, applications received in 2014 have deadline of November 1, would like to extend to December 31, 2015. More discussion will be held at a later date.

6. Senators Dick Sears and Brian Campion came before the board to discuss the cost of State Education, the effect on the taxpayers and to find a way to help control its growth. Representative Ann Manwaring also became part of the discussion. Senator Brian Campion stated that he had called the Dept of Education to discuss the issues concerning Wilmington. The department gave him a statement with some facts, which he handed out to the Board and spectators. A copy is attached to the minutes. Several people spoke up concerning the problems. Cliff Duncan made some statements concerning ways to spread the impact to more people. Another suggestion concerned the definition of what the money that is sent to the state for distribution to other towns could be spent on-education or football fields.
7. (8)A request for funding through the Local Option Tax Fund to hire a consultant to evaluate the former high school building to determine the condition of the building. It would be an outside consultant, the town manager got an estimate from the Stevens & Associates, which is only an estimate, of approximately \$35,000. A motion was made by Gannon, to hire an independent consultant for the purpose of determining the condition of the former high school, and authorize an expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the 1% Fund, Fitzgerald seconded, 4 were in favor, Haughwout abstained.

8. (9) Scott brought before the board the sale of Powderhorn land. In 2012 the Board went into executive session to discuss the sale. The Board authorized the Town Manager to enter into negotiations with Mike Kimack's group for the sale. There was an issue with Kimack securing a clear title to the land. The board came out of executive session and neglected to make the negotiations a part of the public

record. The town entered into a Letter of Agreement with Kimack's group, contingent upon clearing title, and received a deposit of \$5,000. Three years later Kimack has now cleared the title to obtain the necessary title insurance. The error was discovered concerning no public notice, so the town's attorney was contacted and received direction on what to do. The town should approve the sale at our selectboard meeting and also authorize the posting of notice of the sale for the 30 day notice. A motion was made by Haughwout to sell the land for a cost of \$14,572, minus the deposit of \$5,000, post the 30 notice, and to ratify the action taken by the Board in November 28, 2012, Gannon seconded, and 4 were in favor, 1 opposed.

9. (11) There is a request from Greg Murano to place a memorial for 1LT Mark Dooley, who was lost during his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Scott informed the board of the location of the memorial, which will be on the grass in front of Memorial Hall. Some discussion was held concerning the height of the memorial. Ultimately it is the decision of the Town Manager to the placement and display. A motion was made by White to approve the memorial as presented, appropriately sized memorial for Mark Dooley, seconded by Chapman, all were in favor.

10. Wilmington Water District update. Susan Haughwout updated the board concerning the water district. Laurie Boyd resigned as treasurer/financial person, Pat Johnson resigned, Cathy Goodell resigned, and Mary Jane Finnegan resigned as commissioner. There are still 2 commissioners. Scott has reached out to the district to offer administrative support, if needed. A comment was made that more information was needed for the merger process.

11. The board went over the correspondence
All members reviewed letter from Nicki Steel, it will be taken under advisement.

12. Other business-no comments

13. Selectboard comments and Other Action Items:

-John Gannon and Susan Haughwout went to a Vigilant Guard meeting.

-Jake White talked about the relocation committee, information was received that the hotel at The Hermitage Club would not be built until 2017, so there is nothing new with the relocation.

-Diane Chapman went to visit the new MOOVER building, will be an open house in October, members should go.

-Tom Fitzgerald mentioned that he had a phone call from Carolyn Palmer concerning hiring Susan McMahon from Windham Regional to help with the Town Plan. Board thought that was a good idea.

14. Town Manager updates:

Work is progressing at the Buzzy Towne Park, there will be padding on the poles, new swing set, work on the court has been done. Brush has been removed and pushed back, fencing will be added as well.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Kingsley

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

Diane Chapman, Chair

Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Vice Chair

Susan Joy Haughwout, Clerk

Jacob White

John Gannon