

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**

**August 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Twin Valley High School Library**

**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Consolino, Margaret Streeter, Diane Chapman

**Selectboard Members Absent:** James Burke, Susan Haughwout

**Others Present:** Scott Murphy, Dawn Baxter, Mike Eldred, Lee Rich, Bob Rubin, Keith Johnson, Ken March, Billy Spirka, Richard Covey, Laraine Muha

Consolino called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** Streeter moved and Chapman seconded to approve the minutes of August 1, 2012.  
Vote: All in favor
2. **Liquor Licenses:** Application for Open Container Permit and Application for Special Event Permit – Honora Winery & Vineyard, Inc. for the Vermont Life Wine and Harvest Festival. Laraine Muha was on hand to answer questions. Streeter moved to approve applications for Open Container Permit and Special Event Permit for Honora Winery for the Vermont Life Wine and Harvest Festival. Chapman Seconded. Vote: All in favor
3. **Haystack Fire Agreement:** Fire Chief Ken March, Assistant Fire Chief Richard Covey, and Bob Rubin, Representing Haystack Club, came forward to address the Board. Murphy explained that Haystack Club intends on honoring the 2005 agreement with the exception of the payment structure, in order to purchase an aerial firefighting truck capable of servicing a multistory building. Chief March explained that the original “quint” design is not adequate for the hotel, which is slated to be constructed in the next 3-5 years, and is permitted for five stories. He also stated that the apparatus was too large to fit into the current Fire Department bays. The consensus of the Board was to authorize the Town Manager to continue negotiations with Haystack Club and to revisit this issue again at a future meeting. Rubin requested a letter from the Board to bring to an upcoming Act 250 hearing and Murphy was authorized to furnish it.
4. **Fuel Costs for Fiscal Year 2013:** Murphy informed the Board that a price of \$3.16/gallon for 5,452 gallons of heating fuel has been locked in. This is down from last year’s price of \$3.44/gallon. This breaks down to 716 gallons allocated for the Pettee Memorial Library, 1,600 gallons for the Fire Department, 1,900 gallons for Memorial Hall, and 1,250 gallons for the Town Offices. Murphy then reviewed the amounts that were budgeted for each department.
5. **Lee Rich Donation of Art for Town Hall:** Local Artist Lee Rich has agreed to donate several prints for the Town Offices. Carolyn Palmer from Roseate Creations will contribute frames. Murphy suggested that he show the artwork to staff members for them to decide which pieces would look best in which locations throughout the building. The Board thanked Mr. Rich for his generosity.

6. **Discussion of Possible Uses for the 1% Option Tax:** Murphy suggested that it was a good idea to have a procedure in place for use of the funds from the 1% option tax which are paid quarterly beginning in the fall. Chapman asked, "Why reinvent the wheel?" She suggested that there be some research into what procedures other towns that have the option tax use. Murphy will make inquiries and report back to the Board at a future meeting.
7. **Correspondence:** Act 250 Log
8. **Other Business:** Consolino asked how things were coming along in the hiring process of a new police officer. Murphy explained that out of many applications that were received, three candidates were interviewed and that the officer that was hired can start work on a limited basis before going to the Police Academy which starts in February. Murphy then gave an update on the Bridge on Rte. 9 near Dot's. During the course of repairing the retaining wall next the Crafts Inn, it was discovered that the abutment wings of the bridge were crumbling on both sides of the stream. This was called to the attention of VTRANS. The engineering report indicates that this is a non-critical issue and that the bridge has a lifespan of 35-40 years. VTRANS also said that they will not pay for repairs to non-critical parts of the bridge.
9. **Town Manager Updates:** Murphy stated that Governor Shumlin will visit Wilmington on August 25 for the one year anniversary of Irene. He will be at the riverside next to Crafts Inn. Murphy also informed the Board that the Request for Proposals for the Haynes Road Bridge have gone out and that the deadline to submit proposals is September 5, 2012. The goal is to complete the project by the end of the fall season, however, depending on the contractor's schedule, it may have to wait until spring. The estimated cost of the repair is \$460,000, 10% of which will be paid with Town monies. Castle Hill Bridge: Murphy explained that there is no choice but to close the Castle Hill Bridge for repairs beginning on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> due to severe deterioration of the deck. The time frame to complete the project is 2-3 weeks. The bridge will need to remain closed to traffic during that period, but it will be accessible to pedestrians. Although the timing is unfortunate, as there is a possibility that the bridge will not be open in time for Labor Day weekend, there are no other alternatives that will not drive up the cost of repairs or extend the length of the closure significantly. Board members will contact Pyrofax, the Moover and the Fire Department to let them know about the bridge closure. Mike Eldred asked how the deterioration was discovered and Murphy answered that it was found when the paving coat was removed during milling of the roadway. Mike then asked if this had anything to do with the flooding. Murphy answered that since the underside of the bridge is in good condition, the deterioration was not flood related.
10. **Joint Meeting with Dover Selectboard Regarding Educational Task Force:** Consolino suggested that the Board listen and participate in the upcoming meeting and then come to a consensus of what the goals are and how success would be measured.

11. **Executive Session for Personnel Issue:** Chapman motioned that the Board go into executive session to include the Town Manager in order to discuss a personnel issue. Streeter seconded. Vote: All in favor. The Board entered into executive session at 7:15 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. No action was taken. There being no further business, Chapman moved to adjourn meeting and Streeter seconded. Vote: All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Dawn Baxter, Administrative Assistant**

**Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:**

**Thomas P. Consolino, Chair**

**Margaret L. Streeter, Vice Chair**

**Diane Chapman, Clerk**

**Susan Joy Haughwout**

**James Burke**