

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
February 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm
At Twin Valley High School Library
MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Margaret Streeter, Susan Haughwout, James Burke, and Diane Chapman
Joined the meeting by Phone: Thomas Consolino

Others Present: Mary Towne, Mike Eldred (*DV News*), Andres Torizzo, Skip Morrow, Lorraine Morrow, Felicity Ratte, Olga Peters (*The Commons*), Bill Colvin, Bryan Starr, Ryan Edwards, Nicki Steel, Frank Sprague, Arlene Palmiter, Michelle Doucette, Susan Keese (*VPR*), and others.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm by Vice Chair Meg Streeter. Tom Consolino joined the meeting by telephone.

1. **Minutes:** Burke moved and Chapman seconded to approve minutes of February 1 and 6, 2012. Vote: All in favor.
2. **Visitors and Public Comments:** None
3. **Selectboard Member Comments:**
 - a. Haughwout gave a report on the Benefit Cost Analysis for the Town Hall building.
 - b. Chapman reported on the Trail Committee meeting she attended. There is someone in town willing to fund the Riverwalk Trail and bridge. John Greene will attend a future Selectboard meeting to inform the board of the progress of the project.
 - c. Decided to put the Wilmington Water District on the agenda for the March 21st meeting.
 - d. Burke reported that the new Town garage is just about completed. A date for an open house was discussed and will be set after town meeting.
 - e. Brief report on Smith Road and Haynes Road Bridge – cautious optimism.
4. **Discussion Regarding Reconstruction of Town Hall:** The Selectboard and Town Manager have been looking at the most cost effective way to get back into the town hall. Streeter said that the town manager would like to use the old original town hall renovation plans in order to save time and not incur engineering costs. The board had no objections and Myers will work with the new Manager Scott Murphy on the RFP. Bill Colvin is applying for a hazard mitigation grant to flood-proof the building. Michele Doucette from the LTCR village committee read a letter from the committee expressing concern with the town offices moving back to the town hall. The committee has discussed that for the long term, the building would be better used as a commercial site. The board explained that the move back is a first step to getting the town up and running again and then the long term alternatives will be considered. The town offices cannot stay where they are indefinitely, so a move needs to be made now and insurance will pay to fix the town hall. The board assured the committee that they are excited about the long term options being created by the committees.
5. **Deerfield Wind Project:** Andres Torizzo, Principal Hydrologist, Watershed Consulting Associates, LLC, water quality experts representing the opposition, gave a presentation on the wind project and reasons why the Wilmington board may want to join in the appeal of the permit. The presentation was about water runoff and downstream flood possibility. After discussion, the board asked him to send additional information, particularly about financial commitment, and they would consider the appeal. They thanked him for coming.
6. **Interview:** The board interviewed Ryan Edwards, a Trail Committee applicant and thanked him for his willingness to serve.
7. **Long Term Community Recovery:**
 - a. **Update from Bryan Starr about February 11 Meeting and next steps:** Starr reported that there were 125 attendees and there are 57 projects on the list. The list will be pared down after all comments are in. People can still participate by an on-line survey posted on the town's website through March 20th.

About 75 high school students also participated. He gave the board 2 printouts of the current ranking of the projects. In the next few weeks, the champions will be writing up a project description form, that when finished can be used to do grant applications. There will be a display of the projects at Town Meeting.

b. **Discussion and possible adoption of vision statement:** Chapman moved and Burke seconded to approve the vision statement as proposed: *“Our Community enjoys a vibrant, growing, year-round and diversified economy built upon the foundations of limitless opportunity for all ages that also preserves a unique historic, cultural and recreational heritage.”* Vote: All in favor.

c. **Recovery Partners Meeting decision on date:** The board decided to set the date for April 11.

8. **Discussion about Information re: 1% option tax:** The board went over a fact sheet prepared by Tom Consolino and discussed goals on spending the money. A suggestion was to further the goals of long-term recovery where funding is either not available or has been exhausted. This would also allow money to be spent on grant applications if needed.

9. **Discussion about FEMA/Army Corps of Engineers Data:** The FEMA/Army Corps of Engineers persons gave a presentation prior to this meeting about their visit today viewing the rivers and lake. The Selectboard will write a letter requesting a study to see what can be done to prevent or mitigate future flooding.

a. **Liquor and Tobacco Licenses:** Haughwout moved and Burke seconded to approve the following licenses: C & S Beverage: 2nd Class Liquor and Tobacco, Shaw’s Beer and Wine: 2nd Class Liquor and Tobacco, Wilmington Village Pub: 1st Class Liquor and Tobacco, Rite Aid #2481: 2nd Class Liquor and Tobacco, and Nutmeg Inn: 1st Class Liquor. Vote: All in favor

10. **Correspondence to/from Selectboard:** None

11. **Other Business:**

- a. The board will hold a special meeting on February 29th at 6pm at the Twin Valley High School library to discuss Town Meeting articles with the public and other business.
- b. A town garage open house will be arranged for some time after town meeting.
- c. Chapman moved and Haughwout seconded to change Gary Henry’s appointment on the Trail Committee from an alternate to a full member and to appoint Ryan Edwards as an Alternate member. Vote: All in favor.

12. **Town Manager’s/Assistant’s Updates:** None

Burke moved and Chapman seconded to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Towne, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas P. Consolino, Chair

Margaret L. Streeter, Vice Chair

Diane Chapman, Clerk

Susan Joy Haughwout

James R. Burke