

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
Special Meeting February 29, 2012 at 6:00 pm
At Twin Valley High School Library
MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Thomas Consolino, Margaret Streeter, Susan Haughwout, James Burke, and Diane Chapman

Others Present: Scott Murphy, Mary Towne, Mike Eldred (*DV News*), Christine Richter, Jake White, Bob Greene, Evelyn Greene, Carolyn Palmer, Liliias Hart, Dana Consolino, Wendy Manners

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Vice Chair Meg Streeter. Tom Consolino was warmly welcomed back.

1. **Informational Meeting regarding Town Meeting Articles:** Streeter gave an overview of budget items and noted that the Selectboard lowered the budget by 6.7% this year. Town employees are not getting any raise and department heads were asked to severely cut their budgets due to the tough year. Cut items will hopefully be able to be restored next year. Treasurer/Finance Officer Christine Richter gave an update on FEMA reimbursement. Currently there are 2 large projects that FEMA may not approve, in which case the worst case scenario is that the town may have to pay over one million dollars. Three fourths of that is for the Smith Road project. Once the final determination is made, the town may have to have a special town meeting to borrow money. There was discussion on the 1% option tax article, especially how the money would be spent.
2. **Discussion and possible extension of time frame for waiver of flood-related fees:** The previous fee waiver expired December 31, 2011. Haughwout moved and Consolino seconded to extend the waiver of flood related fees including signs through June 30, 2012. Discussion: If any fees were collected for flood related permits between Dec. 31, 2011 and now, they should be refunded. Liliias hart requested that the short form continued to be used. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Assignment of warning articles for Town Meeting:** The board divided up the articles that each would speak to at Town meeting.
4. **Review Parking Agreement for West Main Street:** Carolyn Palmer, along with Liliias Hart, Wendy Manners, and Sue Spengler, is a member of the parking subcommittee of the Village Committee of the Long Term Community Recovery Project. Palmer told the board that their committee has obtained verbal agreement from all property owners abutting the proposed parking area along West Main Street to allow use of their property for parking for \$1.00 per year, so long as the town maintains the area and accepts liability. The proposal would provide 70 parking spaces in the area behind the buildings from Memorial Hall through Wurzberger property. The driveway closest to Memorial Hall would be eliminated and a new ingress/egress would be built on the other side of the Incurable Romantic. Saying the time is now to move on this project, the subcommittee asked for the board's support and to apply for a curb cut with the town as applicant for the new proposed driveway. The other entrance/exit would be at the current Wurzberger property. There was discussion of costs. Murphy was asked to draft a proposed lease, do further research, and report back to the board. The Selectboard thanked Palmer and the committee for their work.
5. **Update on flood proofing studies from Stevens Associates (if available):** Not available – Passed over.

6. **Update from Treasurer:** Christine Richter told the board that taxes were due last week and the number paid was about the same as usual. She briefed them on possible cash-flow issues depending on when FEMA repayments are received. The town still has the line of credit that can be used if needed. Richter will talk with Murphy about whether a tax sale will be held before the end of this fiscal year.
7. **Other Business:**
 - a. The board set Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 6pm at Twin Valley High School library to hold a Public Hearing on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
 - b. Oxbow Road: Murphy told the board he had written a letter to the state regarding ownership of the road. The state owns it, but the town has been maintaining it. The town has no objection to the state owning the road and taking over the maintenance.
 - c. Memorial Hall repairs are starting and Murphy has spoken with Brian Johnson regarding codes.
 - d. Murphy told the board he has sent a letter to Memorial Hall Center for the Arts regarding a lease.
 - e. Mike Eldred thanked the board for the tremendous job they have done over the last year. He wanted them to know that he had noticed and a lot of other people did too.
 - f. Haughwout told the board of the School Consolidation bond vote which will be held on March 20th by Australian ballot. An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7pm at Twin Valley High School.
 - g. Burke updated the board on the new town garage.
 - h. Board members updated each other on the Long Term Community Recovery committees they were involved with.
 - i. Streeter told the board that the town received an immediate response to their appeal of the Deerfield Wind Project.

Consolino moved and Burke seconded to adjourn. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 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