

**Wilmington Selectboard Special Meeting  
January 14, 2013 at 5:30pm  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Murphy, Mary Towne, Chris Mays, Mike Eldred, Gretchen Havreluk, Lynne Matthews, Adam Grinold, Jerry Osler, Mary Wright, and 20 others.

1. **Minutes:** Streeter moved and Burke seconded to approve minutes of January 9, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: All in favor.
  
2. **Budget review and possible vote to approve FY 2014 budget:**
  - a. Streeter moved and Haughwout seconded to include an allocation of \$750 for Deerfield Valley Community Cares in the proposed General Fund Budget. Consolino moved to amend the motion to \$1000. There was no second so back to the original motion. VOTE: 4 in favor and Consolino opposed.
  - b. Economic Development Consultant Gretchen Havreluk joined the board to discuss the Designated Downtown budget for 2014 and the proposal to spend \$8,000 from town funds – either the option tax funds or the general budget. Total budget is \$14,000 and \$8,000 is needed from the town with other funds to come from other sources. The consensus was to fund as a general budget line item.
  - c. Discussion of several questions including health insurance, unemployment insurance, animal control, and capital funds.
  
3. **Review and possibly approve Warning for Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday March 5, 2013:**
  - a. Streeter and Haughwout addressed the audience reviewing some of the challenges confronting the town including building is slow and the Grand List has not grown much; the town has lost people and jobs; we have to send almost 5 million to the state; possible water district merger.
  - b. The board discussed proposed Article 10 (establishing of a Reserve Fund for economic and community development). Possibly prepare a purpose statement with examples of community development and also economic development.
  - c. The board discussed proposed Article 11 (funding the reserve fund through the collection of the 1% Option Tax funds).
    - Consolino moved and Streeter seconded to add the words “and not to offset taxes” to the article. After discussion the vote was Consolino in favor and 4 against.
    - Discussion that the article as written means that it would come up for a vote each year.
    - Suggestion that wording be changed to “all” monies.
    - Suggestion that it be only economic development.
    - Several comments to change the article so it does not need to come up every year.
    - The Selectboard will get an opinion from the town attorney.

Motion by Streeter and second by Haughwout to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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