

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
January 4, 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: Mary Towne, Mike Eldred (*DV News*), Bill Colvin, Thomas Rounds, Cheryl LaFlamme, Lisa Sullivan, Susan Spengler, Ken March, John Lazelle, Jake White, Jeremy White, Christine Richter, Dennis Richter, Barbara Schuster, and Scott Murphy.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. **Minutes:** Streeter moved and Burke seconded to approve minutes of Dec. 5 and 8, 2011. Vote: All in favor. Streeter moved and Burke seconded to approve minutes of Dec. 14 and 15, 2011. Vote: Three in favor. Chapman and Haughwout abstained. Haughwout moved and Streeter seconded to approve minutes of Dec. 27, 28, 29, 2011. Vote: Four in favor. Chapman abstained.
2. **Visitors and Public Comments:** None
3. **Action Items Review from Previous Meetings and Selectboard Member Comments:** Burke gave an update on the new town garage.
4. **Funding Requests:**
 - a. **Cheryl LaFlamme and Lisa Sullivan, Chamber of Commerce re: Vermont Life Wine and Harvest Festival:** The Selectboard had invited them in to clarify the funding request. The town has budgeted \$1750 for police coverage and marketing of the festival for the last two years. Last year it was not paid because the festival was cancelled due to tropical storm Irene. The festival includes Friday night in the village of Wilmington with wine tastings and the soup contest as part of a village stroll. The goal of the Chamber is for the festival to grow to be self supporting in the future, but the funds are still needed now. The Board thanked Sullivan and LaFlamme for coming in.
 - b. **Susan Spengler, Deerfield Valley Community Cares:** Spengler said she knows things are tight now, but there were 24 Wilmington families helped with heat last year and may be more this year, so she is requesting an additional \$500 donation for a total of \$1,000.

She also mentioned the opening of Haystack Ski Area last week and her disappointment that more Wilmington people did not attend. The Board responded that they fully support the Haystack Club project, and have provided support in several other ways.
5. **Budget Review:**
 - a. **Wastewater Department:** Chief Operator John Lazelle went over the proposed budget for his department and answered questions. Expenses are down and he is not requesting to spend anything from the capital account this year. The wastewater budget is usually adopted in June and the ECU rate set at that time, but this year the board is including it with the other budgets. The ECU rate will be voted on in June. The Board thanked him for coming in.
 - b. **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Ken March presented his budget and answered questions. His expenses are also down. He commented that Barker Willard, III, did a fantastic job rebuilding the fire station after the flooding damage. The Board thanked him for coming in.

6. **Initial Community Recovery Meeting Preparation:** Bill Colvin and Thom Rounds handed out a sheet with categories to be discussed at the Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Deerfield Valley Elementary School gymnasium at 7 pm. The goal of the Community Recovery process is to come up with a document outlining recovery related projects – to take the challenges from the storm and turn them into opportunities. The town has three months to come up with the document. The January 17th meeting is for the community to express their point of view. The topics listed on the sheet came from the Long Term Recovery Committee. Each category has a FEMA person assigned and Colvin and Rounds asked to have a Selectboard member act as facilitator. The board was paired as follows:

- Chapman - Natural Resources and Recreation, including recreation, pathways and walkways, flood mitigation
- Streeter – Housing Health, and Human Services, including emergency response capabilities
- Burke – Infrastructure, including municipal facilities condition and capacity, municipal facilities location, emergency operations center, district topics, roads and transportation
- Haughwout – Community Development and Capacity Building, including digital archives, electronic town hall, emergency operations center, districts topics, assignment of topics to standing committees, creation of new ad hoc committees
- Consolino – Village, including downtown parking, streetscape, beautification, town hall restoration
- Someone from Economic Development Committee – Economic Development, including parking plan, business assistance program- aesthetics, Mullin Report recommendations, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, cellular and broadband

This is the initial meeting and it is hoped that people will come forward and express interest in working on this project. Information will be made available soon. The Board thanked Colvin and Rounds for their work.

7. **Correspondence to/from Selectboard:**

- a. Act 250 Log reviewed – no action taken.
- b. Other correspondence: Letter regarding Mrs. Rech donating property to Molly Stark Park.

Board will discuss at next meeting.

8. Other Business:

- a. Grant applications for Youth Conservation Group projects are due January 18th. Streeter volunteered to write an application for Green Mountain Beach if they want to apply. Chapman will check with the trail committee to see if they want to apply.
- b. Workshop on Flood Mitigation and Floodplain Design and Fluvial Erosion Hazards will be held 9:30 to noon on Wednesday January 11, 2012 at the Red Mill, Wilmington, VT.
- c. Discussion of plans for town manager candidate interviews.

9. Town Manager's/Assistant's Updates:

- a. Bill Colvin updated the board for Paul Myers:
 - i. On the Hazard Mitigation program progress: The applications for Brissette and Sprague properties are underway. The two culvert projects are the priorities of the rest of the proposed projects.
 - ii. On the Baue project on Lake Raponda Road: Engineers have decided that additional rock and gravel will need to be used. The contract will need to be revised. The increased cost will be paid by the property owner.

Chapman moved and Streeter seconded to adjourn. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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