

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**May 2, 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, Christine Richter, Bill Hunt, Doug Wheeler, Ann and Brett Brown, and 3 more Haynes Road residents.

1. **Minutes:** Streeter moved and Burke seconded to approve minutes of April 18, 25, and 26 2012. Vote: All in favor.
2. **Visitors and Public Comments:** None
3. **Liquor and Tobacco Licenses:** Chapman moved and Burke seconded to approve First Class Restaurant liquor license for Jezabel's Restaurant and Catering LLC dba Jezabel's Eatery. Vote: All in favor.
4. **Bi-town Flag Replacement:** Murphy updated the board on a bi-town effort to replace the Main Street flags. The Chamber is ordering them and will get ROW permissions to put up the flags. Cost will be about \$560 each for Dover and Wilmington, but Murphy is checking to see if the Rotary Club will donate the funds. Due to FEMA funds and the town's insurance, there were funds left over that the Rotary had donated to repair the tennis courts, and perhaps that money could be used for the flags. The flags would be installed by volunteers – not the town road crew.
5. **Fiscal year 2012 – 2013 Financial Status Update:** Christine Richter updated the board about several items and said it doesn't look like the town will end up with deficit spending at the end of the fiscal year.
  - a. The town has received donations of \$120,374 to the post Irene flood fund that is to pay for infrastructure not covered by insurance or FEMA.
  - b. The status of Irene payments from FEMA and the town's insurance. The town has received \$648,995 in insurance compensation, and \$301,179 from FEMA. The town's portion of costs has been \$64,000. This does not include some projects including Haynes Bridge and Smith Road.
  - c. Abatements of property tax and sewer rent due to the flooding. The state has granted compensation for the education portion of tax abatements due to Irene. There were \$45,000 in abated taxes and the state will send us \$31,660, leaving the town with \$14,000 in lost revenue.
  - d. Richter went over some highlights of the General Fund and Highway Fund.
  - e. A Tax Sale will be held at the end of June. Several people have made payment arrangements.

The board thanked Christine for her work and report.

6. **RFP for construction to Haynes Road Bridge:** Murphy said that FEMA has agreed to pay to replace the 25 foot bridge but the state will not allow abutments in the stream, so the bridge must be longer, and FEMA does not want to pay for the larger bridge. The State is appealing to FEMA since it is the state rules that have caused the problem. Engineers have recommended a 52" span two-lane bridge at an approximate cost of \$432.00. Road Supervisor Bill Hunt said that by making the bridge a one-lane bridge, we could save about \$40,000 but he does not recommend it. Murphy said that we will not lose

out on possibly getting the FEMA amount changed if we move ahead and rebid the job now so that it can be done in this construction season.

Ann Brown spoke for the residents of Haynes Road saying that she and everyone on the road wants their bridge back.

The consensus of the board was for Murphy to go ahead and rebid the bridge as a 52' span and 2 lanes.

7. **Long Term Community Recovery Day Review:** The board discussed their impressions of the meeting and where to go from here. The consensus was that it was a good day and a lot of good contacts were made. Murphy will send an email to the project champions asking them to meet with their groups and crystallize what they learned and then send to the Selectboard in writing and prepare to meet with the Selectboard for a short presentation on their projects. Murphy will schedule them for future Selectboard meetings. It was also suggested to hold a meeting with the Selectboard, the champions, and Bill Colvin. After the meetings, the Selectboard will begin to set priorities for moving ahead.

Other items discussed were applying for Downtown Designation; many state people at the meeting seemed genuinely interested in helping Wilmington out; many good suggestions were made such as pulling together some projects and submitting as one application, or possibly starting with only a piece of a project at a time.

#### **8. Correspondence to/from Selectboard**

- a. Act 250 log: No action taken
- b. Other correspondence: Consolino passed on to Murphy a letter he had received from the Department of Agriculture regarding items needing to be removed from the rivers.

#### **9. Other Business and Selectboard Member Comments and Action Items:**

- a. Haughwout shared an invitation with the board to attend a presentation at Marlboro College tomorrow by Felicity Ratte's class, who had participated in Wilmington's recovery from Irene.
- b. Burke will be meeting with Bill Hunt about an open house at the new town garage once the parking area is done.
- c. Streeter said all are invited to the grand reopening of WW Supply on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Streeter suggested revisiting the fines in dog cases at a future meeting.

#### **10. Town Manager's/Assistant's updates**

- a. Murphy announced that John Lazelle has won an award from the Green Mountain Water Environment Association to be presented May 24<sup>th</sup>. The board applauds Lazelle.
- b. Memorial Hall Status: Consolino noted that the Business Plan is supposed to be updated every 3 years and has not been since approved in 2008. He volunteered to look into the Business Plan and the Charge to the Memorial Hall Board and suggest revisions where needed, then bring back to Murphy and the board.
- c. Efficiency Vermont and LED streetlights: Murphy said he met with Chuck Clerici of Efficiency Vermont and the village streetlights will be replaced with LED bulbs at their expense. The town will receive savings in energy costs.
- d. Murphy said that he has been notified that Emergency Reception Center at Twin Valley High School will be discontinued due to the high school building being closed, due to the consolidation vote recently passed. The town has received funds in the past as part of the agreement. Haughwout suggested he talk to the School Board as to when they will be abandoning the building, since it surely will not be for a while yet.

- e. Murphy also asked the board if they had objections to a regular part-time employee participating in the deferred compensation plan available to full-time town employees. The plan is run by VMERS and they have no objections. The consensus of the board was that if VMERS does not have a problem, then they don't.

Haughwout moved and Chapman seconded to adjourn. All in favor and the 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