

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
May 8, 2013 at 6:00pm
MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Margaret Streeter, James Burke, Diane Chapman, Susan Haughwout and Jacob White

Others Present: Scott Murphy, Mary Towne, Chris Mays of Brattleboro Reformer, Jack Deming of Deerfield Valley News, Tom Consolino, Adam Grinold, Lynne Matthews, and Chris Helmstetter.

1. **Minutes:** Haughwout moved and Chapman seconded to approve minutes of April 17, 2013. Vote: All in favor. White moved and Chapman seconded to approve minutes of April 24, 2013. Vote: Three in favor and Burke and Haughwout abstained as they were not present.
2. **Visitors and Public Comments:** None
3. **Action Items:**
 - a. Set up date for Selectboard to meet with the Town Manager to discuss long and short term goals: The board will hold a work session meeting on May 23, 2013 at 6 pm at the Town Hall.
 - b. The Memorial Hall Board would like to add another member to replace the Town Manger as voting member of the Board. The board agreed by consensus to remove Murphy as a voting member. Doris Horton is interested and will be scheduled to come in to interview.
4. **Chamber of Commerce Request for “Urgency of Now” Funding:** Chamber of Commerce Director Adam Grinold came to the board to request funding for the Chamber’s “Urgency of Now” proposal. He is requesting \$5,000 to match the \$5,000 grant from the Wilmington Fund VT. He went over the grant details and answered questions. Haughwout moved and Burke seconded to award \$5,000 from the grant matching funds budget line item for the Urgency of Now program. Vote: All in favor.
5. **Green Mountain Power Building Update:** Murphy asked the board if they want him to continue discussions with Green Mountain Power about the town possibly purchasing their building on Haystack Road as a potential relocation site of the Police Department. Discussion included:
 - The Police Department wants to be moved out of the flood zone and this would be a good spot for them.
 - Renovations would need to be done. Building maintenance costs would need to be assessed.
 - The purchase would take the building off the tax rolls.
 - There have been discussions about co-locating fire, police and rescue all in one location, but this building would not be large enough although there is room for expansion.
 - The town has applied for a grant to study feasibility of co-location of emergency services. If we get the grant this could be one option studied. The study would be done by the end of the summer.The consensus was to have Murphy continue discussions with Green Mountain Power.
6. **Tax Stabilization Draft:** Murphy gave the board a revised draft incorporating comments from their last discussion. The proposed Tax Stabilization Policy would need to be approved by voters. It is anticipated there will be a Special Town Meeting before next March and this could be added to the warning as an Australian Ballot question with an informational meeting prior to the vote.

7. **Memorial Day Special Traffic Regulations:** Burke moved and Chapman seconded to approve Special Traffic Regulations for the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2013. Vote: All in favor.
8. **Hermitage Inn Real Estate Holding Company LLC Proposal:** The Board discussed a preliminary proposal by Hermitage to purchase Town owned land and to pursue other agreements with the Town regarding their future development including improvements to the Mount Snow Airport. The town policy is to sell tax sale lots when possible to get them back on the tax rolls. Specific details or negotiations will be discussed later in executive session.
9. **Correspondence to/from Selectboard:**
- Review Act 250 log: Reviewed and no action taken
 - Other correspondence reviewed and no action taken.
10. **Other Business - Selectboard Members Comments and Other Action Items:**
- a. White gave an update on trails. They are getting landowner permissions for the bi-town trail. A lot of work has been done on other local trails.
 - b. Chapman updated the board on Wilmington Works – they had a training meeting and are raring to go. She also said the Recreation Committee is planning summer programs and working on expanding activities.
 - c. Haughwout updated the board on the education lobby effort and also the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing soon and then pass the Zoning Ordinance revisions to the Selectboard.
 - d. Streeter reported on her and Burke’s exit interview with Karen Grinold who chose not to be reappointed to the Planning Commission (PC). She encouraged the Selectboard and Town Manager to support the PC.
11. **Town Manager’s Updates:**
- a. Pedestrian Footbridge: The bridge should be delivered on May 15 and the grand opening held on June 1st. Merrill Mundell and the Highway Department have done a lot of work on the project. A question why the road crew was doing work on it was answered that the town contributes as we can to town projects.
 - b. Green-Up: A lot of trash was pulled from the river and 23 cy of trash and 33 tires were picked up.
 - c. RFP for Memorial Hall Architecture Work: Bids are due May 20th and there has been quite a bit of interest so far.
 - d. Removal of Underground Storage Tanks at the old Town Garage: The tanks were removed and the surrounding soil tested OK.
 - e. The Conway School students are working diligently and they are looking for public input at a meeting on May 14th at 6:30 pm at the town hall. They are looking for donations to support the project.
 - f. The Events Fund has approved 3 events so far: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall, A July Village Stroll, and Respect the Receptacles (painted barrels to be put out during downtown village events.
 - g. Whites Road Bridge – an RFP has gone out with bids due June 7th. This is the last of the FEMA projects.
 - h. Wilmington Works Update: They are moving ahead. There will be a workshop on May 21st at Memorial Hall.
 - i. Streeter said the library needs a new slate roof and Murphy is helping with the RFP.
 - j. White said there was a group from outside who came to help with the river clean-up and they were much appreciated.

12. **Executive Session:** Burke moved and Haughwout seconded to go into executive session with Murphy present to discuss a Real Estate Contract and for Evaluation of a Public Official. All were in favor and they entered executive session at 7:15 pm. They came out of executive session at 8 pm and adjourned with no action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Towne, Administrative Assistant

Approved by Wilmington Selectboard:

Margaret L. Streeter, Chair

James R. Burke, Vice Chair

Diane Chapman, Clerk

Susan Joy Haughwout

Jacob White