

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
September 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm
At Wilmington Town Office
MINUTES

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

Others Present: Scott Murphy, Mary Towne, Mike Eldred, Phil Taylor, Steve Goldfarb, Alice Greenspan, Renee Galle, and Mary Wright.

1. **Minutes:** Motion by Streeter and second by Haughwout to approve minutes of September 5, 2012. Vote: All in favor.
2. **Visitors and Public Comments:** None
3. **Action Items:**
 - The Board re-signed the Traffic Ordinance of 2010 to recreate the document that was lost in the flood.
 - The Board signed the form giving Scott Murphy Signature Authority for EWP Projects. (Smith Road Project)
 - Streeter moved and Haughwout seconded to approve the renewal of Municipal Parking Lot Lease for St. Mary's in the Mountains Episcopal Church, which has purchased the former Congregational Church property. Vote: In favor – Streeter, Haughwout, and Consolino. Abstained – Chapman and Burke. The Board signed the lease.
4. **Interview:** The Board interviewed Alice Greenspan for appointment to the Memorial Hall Board, and thanked her for coming in.
5. **Phil Taylor from the Wilmington School Board and Steve Goldfarb, Recovery Champion,** came to ask if the Town would be a co-sponsor and pay half of the cost of a grant writer who has been hired to complete a grant application for the CDBG-DR funds for a Feasibility Study regarding the future use of the High School building. After discussion Streeter moved and Burke seconded to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2000 to co-pay a grant writer to apply for CDBG-DR funds for a Feasibility Study regarding the future use of the High School building. Vote: All in favor.
6. **Haystack Fire Agreement Discussion:** As previously discussed, an agreement was signed in 2005 by the former owners of the Haystack property, but the agreement was not complied with because the company went out of business. The new owners are willing to agree to the same terms, however there will be a meeting about possible changes to the proposed new agreement. The Fire Chief wants to change the reference to a specific type of truck to a non-specific truck. Fire Chief Ken March will come to the next Selectboard meeting to update the Selectboard.
7. **Tom Consolino Update on the Procedural Use of the 1% Option Tax by Other Towns:** This was passed over until the next meeting because Consolino is waiting for additional information.
8. **CDBG-DR Application Ideas Discussion:** Murphy listed ideas that the Selectboard had submitted to him for a possible grant application by the Town for the CDBG-DR funds. Haughwout asked to include the items that had been applied for after the flood and were denied. Murphy explained the procedure and stressed that the grants should be aimed at unmet needs and low to moderate income needs. The Town needs to give a 15 day notice and hold a Public Meeting prior to submission of the application. The Long

Term Community Recovery Steering Committee plans to meet and prioritize projects within 2 weeks and will report back to the Selectboard. Murphy will group the ideas into categories specifying which are ready to go and send to the Board. This will be discussed at the next meeting on October 3.

9. Correspondence to/from Selectboard:

- Reviewed Act 250 log and no action taken.
- Other correspondence reviewed.

10. Other Business - Selectboard Members Comments and Other Action Items:

- Haughwout** thanked the Town Manager for contacting VTRANS to correct the curb painting on West Main Street – changing it from yellow back to white.
- Streeter** reported that the signs on the new Bennington Bypass do not mention Wilmington.
- Streeter** said the CERT training started last night with about 30 people attending. They will meet once a month with the next meeting October 16 at 7pm at the firehouse. Anyone may attend any or all of the trainings, but to be on the CERT Team, you will need 20 hours of training.
- Streeter** reported that the Bi-Town Economic Development Committee has started meeting again.
- Consolino** said that Nicki Steel had asked him about recruiting volunteers for public boards and committees. He asked the Board to bring their suggestions to the next meeting for discussion as an Agenda item.
- Chapman moved and Streeter seconded to appoint Alice Greenspan to the vacancy on the Memorial Hall Board. Vote: All in favor.

11. Town Manager's Updates:

- The Long Term Community Recovery Steering Committee will meet again September 26. They also are planning a presentation to the public on October 9th.
- Economic Development Position: 6 applications were received – 2 of them local. Streeter will help with the interviews.
- Haynes Road Bridge: The contract has been awarded to Northern Construction Services from Massachusetts. There will be a pre-construction meeting on Friday, 9/21.
- Smith Road Embankment: Money has been found to do the project, which involves a lot of concrete to stabilize the bank. The owner of the property needs to give permission for the work. There will be a meeting on Monday, 9/24.

Streeter moved and Burke seconded to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

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