

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 8, 2019

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Ann Manwaring, John Gannon by phone

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, John Lazelle, Shawn Hammond, Scott Moore, Gretchen Havreluk, Jack Widness, Mike Eldred

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

Request to cater permit for L&W Hospitality under other business

Executive session after town manager updates to discuss the Hermitage appeal to the DRB decision

2. Approve Minutes of December 18 and 21, 2018

December 18th mark Rice as absent– Fisher moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2018 as amended, Manwaring second; Manwaring–aye, Rice–abstain, Fitzgerald–aye, Fisher–aye

December 21st add exit executive session at 9:20 am and adjourn at 9:20 am–Rice, moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2018 as amended, Gannon second; all in favor.

3. Action Items

– Rice moved to verify the Certification of Highway Mileage form, Manwaring second; all in favor.

– This will be year 3 of the Greeter Program. Data will have to be collected electronically this year. Two greeters will be hired again this year. Rice moved to approve the resolution for the Greeter Program funding not to exceed \$25,000, Manwaring second; all in favor.

4. 1% Local Option Tax Request

– The Selectboard to possibly approve \$5400 to fund the additional engineering costs for the East Main St Sewer Expansion. Gannon doesn't feel it should be paid out of 1%. Fitzgerald feels this is upgrading the infrastructure which has been neglected for many years. Enter Sewer Commission at 6:50 pm. Gannon moved to approve up to \$7000 for the East Main St sidewalk, Fisher second; Manwaring–aye, Rice–aye, Fisher–aye, Fitzgerald–nay, Gannon–aye. Out of sewer commission at 6:51 pm.

5. FY 20 Budget

– Rice moved to amend the employee wages for FY20 from 2.5% to 3%, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.

– Manwaring has issue with the two employee wage increases that are higher than the 3%. She would like it set aside somewhere else within the budget until the Board can discuss and decide on the expanse of additional duties. Manwaring moves to remove the finance officer and town clerk salaries that were increased above the 3% and move it to Selectboard miscellaneous line 231, Gannon second; Manwaring–aye, Rice–aye, Fitzgerald–nay, Fisher–nay, Gannon–aye. Rice moved to approve the FY20 budget of \$5,191,576, Gannon second; all in favor. Lazelle commented that it is really frustrating that it seems like the Selectboard doesn't trust the Town Manager's recommendations. He's been doing a great job and he finds it insulting. Also, talking about a 2.5 or 3% raise for over a month creates morale issues for the employees.

6. Other business

Enter Liquor Commission at 7:10 pm

– Fisher moved to approve a Request to Cater License for L&W Hospitality dba The Nutmeg at 15 West Main St on 1/18–21, 1/25–28 and 2/8–2/11/19, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:14 pm

7. Select Board Members Comments

– WRC is having their hearing on the Wilmington Town Plan on Monday at 3:30.

- Not disputing some employees deserve a raise, but all wages need to be looked at, not just a couple.

8. Town Manager's Updates

- Draft town meeting warning should be ready next week
- Commercial property agreement for the reappraisal is being worked on, hopefully ready for next meeting
- 24 Main St Wilmington snow removal contract has not been returned
- Police testing took place today. Two participants got stuck on the accident on Rt 9 this morning.

9. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the Hermitage appeal of the DRB decision for an extension to E court would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Gannon second; Manwaring-aye, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-aye, Fisher-recused, Gannon-aye.
- Move to enter into executive session under 23 vsa 313 (a)(1) at 7:32 pm to include the town manager to discuss ongoing litigation regarding the Hermitage appeal of the DRB decision for an extension to E court, Rice second; all in favor.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:43 pm. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica DeFrancesco
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Ann Manwaring