

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes December 21, 2018

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Deb Kingsley, John Lazelle, Matt Murano, Scott Moore, Craig Ohlson, Bill Hunt, Cheryl LaFlamme

Meeting called to order at 8:09 am

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Action Items
 - Manwaring to appoint Cheryl LaFlamme to the Development Review Board for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 2021, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - The Board is questioning who the owner truly is as the LLC does not appear on the Secretary of State's site. The town road crew did clear it for a couple of years. Making a hole is easy but it's so tight, it's hard to clean the area well. They stopped doing it when the owners started maintaining it themselves. Fisher commented that she feels it is a slippery slope and could be opening a can of worms. If other businesses don't open, are we then responsible for their parking? A one-year term on an emergency basis. Manwaring moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the 24 West Main Parking Lease Agreement, with changes discussed, Gannon second; Manwaring-aye, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-opposed, Fisher-opposed, Gannon-aye.
3. FY 20 Budget Discussion
 - Workers Comp and Liability was decreased slightly
 - The two social services were left the same, so if the floor votes for them at town meeting we will already be budgeted for them
 - Removed the recycling at the old highway site. It won't eliminate the full \$32,000, but it should reduce the number of loads/pickups.
 - Town attorneys are looking at some ways to possibly save some money on tax sale.
 - Removed DVFDFA. If the fair happens next year, they can request 1%
 - Rt 100 barrels were put back into 1%
 - Reduced TH Capital removed \$10,000; put it back to \$20,000
 - MH Capital removed \$10,000; Gannon doesn't think that will survive on the floor and should be put back to \$20,000.
 - Removed Planning & Acquisition appropriation
 - Salaries were put in at 3%, which is .001 on the tax rate.
 - Snow removal reduced based on the contract and what was spent last year.
4. Other business
 - In reviewing the town ordinance adoption process, there is actually no public hearing. The Board approves the ordinance, it gets posted, and then if no petition gets filed, it becomes effective in 60 days or a date the Board has chosen. So, the public hearing scheduled for February 5th should not have been scheduled. Voters have 44 days from December 18th to file a petition.
5. Executive Session
 - Fisher moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the economic development contract would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.
 - Fisher moved to enter into executive session under 23 VSA 313 (a)(1) to discuss the economic development contract, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

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