

## **Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes April 2, 2019**

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice 6:24 pm, Sarah Fisher, Ann Manwaring, John Gannon by phone

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Bill Hunt, John Lazelle, Matt Murano, Andrew Kirkman, Sasha Kondraski, Shawn Hammond, Gretchen Havreluk, Jackie Murano, Cameron Murano, Mason Murano, Thea Schlieben, Eric St Denis, Mike Eldred

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Add to Action Items the possible purchase and set up of a large and small highway truck
2. Approve Minutes of February 19 and March 19, 2019
  - Manwaring moved to approve the minutes of February 19 and March 19, 2019, Fisher second; all in favor.
3. Police Department
  - Chief Murano introduced the new full-time officer, Andrew Kirkman, and part-time officer, Sasha Kondraski. They have both endured numerous interviews, tests and screenings before going to the police academy. The Board welcomed them both to the department.
4. Action Items
  - Manwaring moved to approve the annual Highway Financial Plan, Fisher second; all in favor.
  - Bill Hunt reviewed the purchase of a large and a small truck. One company offered a trade-in for our current large truck, which brought their bid much lower than the other two. For the smaller truck a larger trade-in was offered, bringing the bid in about \$5,000 less than the other. Fisher moved to approve the purchase of a western star truck at \$179,230 with set up and a Dodge 5500 at \$74,038 with set up, Manwaring second; all in favor.

Manwaring moved to enter into sewer commission at 6:16 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

5. Sewer Commission
  - Lazelle requested funds to raise manholes on RT 100N, done by state contractor, during the scheduled paving. It's about \$1000 per manhole and there are 10-12 manholes. Manwaring moved to authorize the town manager to enter into the agreement with the state to execute this work, Fisher second; all in favor.

Rice arrived

  - Repairs and upgrades to the sewer camera would be about \$6145, and a new camera head would be about \$1147, totaling \$7292. A new camera would cost \$17,000. Fisher moved to approve the repairs to the sewer camera up to \$7500, Manwaring second; all in favor.

Out of sewer commission at 6:27 pm

6. Tax Stabilization Policy
  - Havreluk discussed with the Selectboard options regarding revisions to the tax stabilization policy. One business currently utilizes the program, one application has recently come in. Topics discussed: The incremental increases could be consistent (10% every year), or balloon it the last half of the ten years; change "state's average wage" to Southern Vermont's average wage; accountability of wage pay. Is there a goal for these criteria? Would we deny any type of business? Maybe criteria should be simpler; taxes, fees, permits paid and acquired. Havreluk will send the Board other town policies for review.

7. Recycling

- The current recycling budget will be overspent with our March bill. We had \$32,000 budgeted. Manwaring is concerned that closing at the end of April is too soon. Downtown businesses should be notified of this change. Ads can go to DVN, in the newsletter, on the web. Fisher feels mid-May is sufficient, Manwaring feels the end of May in a better time frame. Board agrees to mid-May closing.

Rice moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 7:37 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

8. Liquor Commission

- Rice moved to approve a First Class and Outside Consumption Liquor License Renewal for L&S Inc dba North Star Bowl at 179 Route 100 N, WI Foster LLC dba The Wilmington Inn at 41 West Main St and Jezebel’s Restaurant & Catering dba Jezebel’s Eatery at 26 W Main St; a Second-Class Liquor License Renewal for Blue Mountain Produce Inc at 136 RT 100 N, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:38 pm

9. Other Business/Correspondence

10. Select Board Members Comments

- Manwaring gave praise to Mike Eldred and this year’s issue of the Deerfield Valley Snooze.
- Rice asked about the water merger. Tucker will be reaching out the Chris Lavoy this week.
- Fitzgerald reported on the DRB hearing for 1 East Main St.

11. Town Manager’s Updates

- One World Center gave the town a certificate for collecting over 12,000 pounds of clothing in 2018.
- TVYS no longer uses Howe Field. Our agreement with Mt Snow renews in April, which we are looking to change to only include the community garden and remove the need to have a porta-potty on site.
- Invited to a meeting with CHOA next week.
- The wage project is underway. It should be completed before the end of the fiscal year.
- An out-of-state full-time candidate for the police department has signed an agreement for hire.
- Design has been received for Reardon’s Bridge. Electricity needs to be looked at.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica DeFrancesco  
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Vince Rice, Clerk

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Sarah Fisher

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Ann Manwaring