

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

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon on phone, Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher **Absent:** Ann Manwaring  
**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Debby Kingsley, Tony Kilbride

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Move item #7 between #4 and #5
  - Add accept resignation of Heidi Taylor from OHW to Action Items.
  - Add a Request to Cater Permit for an event at the SVMC health center on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:30 pm after action items.
2. Approve Minutes of May 21 and June 18, 2019
  - Rice moved to approve the minutes of May 21 and June 18, 2019; all in favor.
3. Tax Penalties
  - Fisher moved to appoint the Selectboard to hear abatement hearings for homestead declaration late filing penalties, Rice second; all in favor.
  - The late filing penalty is currently at 4%. There is the option to go up to as high as 8%. Last year there was around \$5,000 in additional tax revenue due to late filers. The Selectboard chose to keep the late filing fee for homestead declarations at 4%.
4. Tax Rate
  - Education rate was received yesterday afternoon at 2.2532 for homestead and 1.7689 for non-homestead; combined with the town rate of .5675 the total homestead rate is 2.8224 and the non-homestead rate is 2.3381. Rice moved to set the town tax rate for FY20 at .5675, Fisher second; all in favor.
5. (7) Municipal Ownership of Leased Lands
  - There may be some town properties that may be subject to municipal perpetual leases under Title 24 V.S.A. 2409. Some of these lands have been transferred time and time again, and others were unable to be identified. Gannon suggests doing nothing and they will automatically become fee simple interest. The Glebe Land Lease is most likely not included in this but legal clarification should be sought.
6. 1% Local Option Tax Fund
  - The fair is going on 101 years. The largest expense is the insurance premium. Rice moved to approve a 1% request from the Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair Assoc in the amount of \$12,000, Fisher second; all in favor.
7. Action Items
  - Fisher moved to approve the special traffic regulations for the 2019 Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Rice moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Heidi Taylor from OHW Committee, Fisher second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into liquor commission at 6:44 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

8. Liquor License

- Fisher moved to approve a Request to Cater Permit for an event at the SVMC health center, catered by Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse, on July 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-8:30 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of liquor commission at 6:46 pm

9. Other Business/Correspondence

10. Select Board Members Comments

- Rice commented that in order to break even at the transfer station, the bag price would need to increase by \$2. The fees at the transfer station need to be reviewed. A presentation of different fee change options will be brought to the Board in September/October.
- Fisher commented on the startling figures in the SeVEDs report. Maybe the Selectboard could make a conservative effort to attend the fair this year, and maybe bring someone who hasn't attended the fair.

11. Town Manager's Updates

- Possibly move the work session scheduled on August 6<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>? Board is ok with that.
- Officer Kondraski will be promoted to full-time and two officers will be sent to the full-time academy in August.
- Water District agreement for financial services was signed last week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm

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