

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes August 6, 2019

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

Others Present: Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Debby Kingsley, Gerry Osler, John Lazelle, Matt Murano, Maggie Lewis, Meg Streeter

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Maggie Lewis from the Gathering Place gave a quick update of the use of funding recently received by the Selectboard.
2. Approve Minutes of July 16, 2019
 - Rice moved to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019, Gannon second; all in favor.
3. Reappraisal
 - Gerry Osler and Debby Kingsley gave an update on the reappraisal. Approximately 1800 properties have been inspected so far. The cost to have the specialty properties appraised was discussed. The Selectboard feels that all commercial properties should be reappraised. It may be beneficial to try to reappraise the Hermitage properties after the liquidation sale if possible.
4. FY 19 Year End Financial Review
 - General Fund ended up with about \$77,000 left. Listers had funds left due to switching their workload to the reappraisal; police was under budget due to short staff; health insurance was under budget due to the new plan we signed up for which is no longer available. Transfer Station was over due to recycling; legal over due to Hermitage and tax sale.
 - Highway ended up with \$26,000. Health insurance was over-due to the high deductible plan and expenses hitting more on the first end of the year; sidewalk snow removal was under budget.
 - Sewer ended up with \$6,000. Rent income under but late payments were over; heat/electric and compost was under budget.

Gannon moved to enter into sewer commission at 6:39 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

5. Sewer Commission
 - The proposed ECU will need to be adjusted due to a last-minute notification of an allocation reduction. Lazelle commented that there are a couple projects that will probably add some ECU's to the rate in the future. Gannon moved to set the FY20 ECU Rate at \$466, Fisher second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to come out of Sewer Commission at 6:46 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

6. Police Department
 - Chief Murano discussed the cruisers and the upcoming challenges. The cruiser equipment won't transfer into the newer cruisers. The 2020 Ford F-150 Police Responder would give the benefit of a cruiser but the capability of a truck, and comes in just under the price of a

2020 hybrid Ford Explorer. No other department in the valley has a vehicle like this.
Manwaring moved to authorize the purchase of Ford F-150, Rice second; all in favor.

7. Action Items

- Rice moved to approve Newcomb Masonry's bid for repairing the Memorial Hall Chimneys, Manwaring second; all in favor.
- Fisher moved to accept \$176,317.47 from Wilmington Fund with the stipulations as outlined by Wilmington Fund, Rice second; 3-0, Gannon and Manwaring abstained.
- Fisher moved to authorize the Town Manager, Scott Tucker, as a secondary signer on town bank accounts as an alternate to Finance Officer, Christine Richter, Rice second; all in favor.

8. Broadband

- Legislature passed Act 79-increases service and provides grants; encourages partnership among towns; unlikely to get grants as individual towns. Windham County Delegation-convene towns to meet with Public Service Board and discuss projects. Federal funding is being sought after by governor Welch. Encouraging Havreluk to work with the PSB is a good place to start. Updated maps and what speeds are needed are places that need to be looked at. Discussed setting up a committee to discuss these items and who may have knowledge of this kind work.

9. Other Business/Correspondence

10. Select Board Members Comments

- Gannon was contacted by the school to set up a meeting on September 17th. Received an email from Jack Widness regarding current legislation regarding wake-boarding boats and small lakes.
- Fisher is concerned about the reappraisal and the numbers that are going to come back.

11. Town Manager's Updates

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm