

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**September 3, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Christine Richter, Michael Tuller, Jennifer Fitzgerald, GERALYN KOGUT, Larry and Jacki Debany, Mike Eldred, Cheryl LaFlamme, Ashley Bies.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Renumbering agenda 1-10.
2. Approve Minutes of August 15, 20 and 29, 2019
  - Fisher moved to approve the minutes of August 15 and 29, Rice second; vote 3-0 to approve, Manwaring abstained.
3. Action Items
  - Tom Fitzgerald moved to accept the resignation of Jennifer Fitzgerald as town representative to Senior Solutions, with regret, seconded by Fisher; vote 4-0, approved.
  - Rice moved to appoint Geri Kogut as the town representative to Senior Solutions, seconded by Manwaring; vote 4-0, approved.
  - A discussion by Selectboard members with Mike Tuller about his interest in Zoning and his experiences took place. Chair Cheryl LaFlamme stated the Planning Commission recommends Mike Tuller 100% as the new Zoning Administrator for the town. Rice moved to appoint Michael Tuller as Zoning Administrator and recommend to the commissioner for appointment as Health Officer for 3-year terms, seconded by Fisher; vote 4-0, approved.
  - Fisher moved to appoint Tom Fitzgerald as the town's voting delegate at the VLCT Annual Business Meeting on 10/2/19 and the Town Fair on 10/3/2019, seconded by Rice; vote 4-0, approved.
4. 1% Local Option Tax Request
  - Ashley Bies requested \$1005 to fund an invasive species survey in conjunction with the Greeter Program at Harriman Reservoir. Bies discussed his education and experiences working with the Greeter Program at Somerset and how this study could inform next year's strategy. His discussion with Matt Cole of Great River Hydro (Harriman Reservoir) indicated there was some interest for next year. There was a discussion about grants and partnerships with surrounding towns, and Bies' feeling that there was an urgent need to complete the work immediately rather than wait until the next grant cycle. Fisher moved to approve the 1% request of \$1005 to fund an invasive species survey for the Greeter Program at Harriman Reservoir managed by Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District, seconded by Rice; vote 4-0, approved. A report is due to the Selectboard at the conclusion of the study.
5. Broadband
  - Manwaring asked to invite Representatives John Gannon and Laura Sibilgia to present what the state might do and discuss how the town would move forward, in partnership with other towns.
6. Liquor Commission
  - Fitzgerald moved to enter into the Liquor Commission at 6:40 p.m., Rice seconded, all in favor.
  - Town Manager explained that the Fire Marshal's Office - Springfield did not consider 238 Stowe Hill Rd a public place based on a letter written by the landowners indicating no money changed hands and they

were present to confirm; a neighbor visited the town manager earlier to object. Rice moved to *approve a Request to Cater Permit for The Skinny Pancake dba Love Local Catering for an event on 9/14/19 at 238 Stowe Hill Rd; an Open Container Exemption Permit for the Wine and Soup Stroll on September 20, 2019 and Yoga & Mimosas on September 22, 2019 at Memorial Hall catered by Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse; Request to Cater Permits for Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse for the Wine and Soup Stroll on September 20, 2019 at Memorial Hall-14 West Main St, McGrath Gallery-22 West Main St, West End Used Books-35 West Main St, Bartleby's Books-17 West Main St, Pickwells Barn-22 West Main St; and for Yoga and Mimosas at Memorial Hall on September 22, 2019; A Special Event Permit for Vermont Distillers Inc for the Wine and Soup Stroll on September 20, 21019 at Chapman's Antiques-7 West Main St.*, seconded by Manwaring; vote 4-0, approved.

- Out at 6:51 p.m.

7. Other Business/Correspondence

- Memorial Day 2020 was discussed with the understanding that the American Legion took the lead, while the Rotary provided support. The Selectboard would like questions to be asked and answered by the Middle and High School principal and new music teacher before taking up a 1% Local Option Tax request. The town has not previously provided funds to support a parade band.

8. Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items (5 minutes)

- Manwaring is glad to be home after her Great Lakes excursion.  
- Fitzgerald thought Route 9 West was sinking again near the Wilmington Inn section of the road

9. Town Manager's Updates

- The grant submitted for sidewalks on North Main Street was turned down by AOT with 32 applicants competing, so we will resubmit in the next cycle.  
- The East Main Street grant for sidewalks is moving along with construction expected next year.  
- Reardon Bridge ramp is ready to go to bid, pending ANR's letter or email statement of approval.

10. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moves to find that premature general public knowledge of a discussion of the Wilmington Water District acquisition would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, seconded by Rice; vote 4-0 in favor.  
- Fitzgerald moves to enter executive session under T 1 VSA 313(a)(3) to discuss the Wilmington Water District acquisition, to include the Finance Officer and Town Manager, seconded by Rice; vote 4-0 in favor.  
- Executive session entered into at 7:15 p.m.; Fisher moves to conclude executive session at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Rice; vote 4-0 in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott A. Tucker, Town Manager

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