

## **Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 7, 2020**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Jerry Osler, Mike Tuller, Mike Perry, Sheldon Brassor, Mike Eldred, Matt Murano, Andrew Kirkman, Bevo LaRue, John Lazelle, Scott Moore, Bill Spirka, Jake White, Chuck Clerici, Gretchen Havreluk, Jessica Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Accept the resignation of Crista Gannon from Trails under #4.
2. Approve Minutes of December 17, 2019
  - Rice moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019, Fisher second; all in favor.
  - Fitzgerald moved to enter into liquor commission at 6:03 pm, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Liquor Commission
  - This is two separate licenses for two separate businesses under one roof; challenges in maintaining who is serving what, access and control points. The Police Chief would like more detail as to why there needs to be two permits, control, and outside areas need to be better defined. Applicants explained the building layout. The inside bar will close for summer and the outside bar will be closed in the winter, licensed only by BCL. Rice moved to approve a First Class License for The Sitz BBQ LLC at 54 E Dover Rd, and a First and Third Class License for BCL Properties LLC at 54 E Dover Rd, Manwaring second; 4-0 Fisher abstained.
  - Out of Liquor Commission at 6:15 pm
4. Action Items
  - Highway is looking to replace a 30-year-old chipper that is not OSHA approved. It is not currently being used due to the compliance issue. Fisher moved to approve a \$23,000 expenditure from the highway capital fund for the highway department to purchase a used wood chipper on estimate 41344, Rice second; all in favor.
  - The Listers and Berg's came to an agreement on the Berg's property value during a state board hearing. Fitzgerald moved to approve a stipulated settlement with Joel & Andrea Berg for listed value of \$265,000 as of April 1, 2019, Rice second; 4-0 Fisher abstained.
  - Fitzgerald moved to accept, with regret, Crista Gannon's resignation from the Trails Committee, Fisher second; 4-0 Gannon second.
5. Public Safety Facility
  - The \$221,000 balance for the study and design has been put into the budget and placed as an article on the town meeting warning. There is a public input meeting with the architect on January 16<sup>th</sup> at OSEC.
6. FY21 Budget
  - Changes made are: public safety building fund for \$221,000, adjusting a salary line, and adjusting the social service requests. Gannon commented that the social services are increasing dramatically. He would like to sit down with some of these groups to find out how to work with the overlapping services. A group meeting next fall with these groups would be

helpful. Rice would like to see the PD shift differential increased, which would be approximately \$12,000 more than what is budgeted. Manwaring doesn't agree with this change; maybe a separate article at town meeting. Moved to increase the police department sworn payroll by \$12,000 to include pay increases and shift differentials, Rice second; Manwaring-no, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-aye, Fisher-aye, Gannon-aye;4-1 in favor. Rice moved to approve the FY21 budget in the amount of \$4,372,887, Fisher second; all in favor.

7. Broadband

- The Selectboard discussed a possible article at town meeting to create a Communications Union District (CUD). Two towns need to vote to create the CUD for it to take effect. Gannon moved to approve an article at town meeting to read "Shall the Town of Wilmington enter into a communications union district (CUD) to be known as Deerfield Valley Communications Union District, under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. CH82, Rice second; all in favor.

8. Other Business/Correspondence

- Special meeting to approve town meeting warning January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8 am.

9. Select Board Members Comments

- Looking for a volunteer to sit on the community engagement committee at the school; Fitzgerald will volunteer.

10. Town Manager's Updates

- Water District Merger could meet the August primary deadline.
- NBF was here talking to the Chief's
- 4 interviews for the highway position. An agreement is in the works.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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