

## Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2020

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Sarah Fisher

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Gretchen Havreluk, Mike Tuller, Cheryl LaFlamme, Meg Staloff, John Lebron, Angela Yakovleff, Mike Eldred

### 1. Zoning Ordinance Article V Amendment Public Hearing

Fitzgerald opened the hearing at 8:00 am

LaFlamme described the change to Article V. Section 532 B. Adding 7. "Businesses may erect temporary fencing or other means of delineating outdoor areas for the sole purpose of extending dining for a period of no more than 120 days from the date of approval by the Zoning Administrator." In light of this pandemic of COVID-19, a small change to the zoning ordinances is deemed necessary in the downtown for restaurants to operate until we are back to "normal." Under T 24 VSA 4415 Interim bylaws, the legislative body may adopt interim bylaws up to 2-years and may be extended an additional year. Staloff clarified that the amended bylaw would last for 2-years without further action by the Planning Commission and Selectboard, and the permit duration is for 120-days to cover foliage. Havreluk pointed to water and wastewater capacity (permitted) if a restaurant operated outside exceeding their indoor seating capacity. Staloff indicated that the purpose was to loosen zoning for service areas, not to increase their seating capacity, which LaFlamme indicated was addressed elsewhere in the zoning bylaws. Gannon noted that we are coming into our busy time of year and we need to move forward. Fitzgerald noted that if this interim bylaw was to the advantage of the restaurant during this difficult time, all the better. Fitzgerald wanted to be sure any barrier was addressed.

Gannon moved to close the hearing at 8:14 am, Fisher second; all in favor.

### 2. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

### 3. Public Hearing Vote

Gannon moved to approve Article V. Section 531 B. adding subsection "7. Businesses may erect temporary fencing or other means of delineating outdoor areas for the sole purpose of extending dining for a period of no more than 120-days from the date of approval by the Zoning Administrator." Fisher second; all in favor.

### 4. Other Business/Correspondence

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 am

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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