

Resolution of the Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington

Creating the Town of Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee

WHEREAS, under the authority granted to it pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Section 872, the Town of Wilmington Selectboard has authority to create supplemental committees, boards, or commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Selectboard that there shall be established for the Town of Wilmington, effective July 1, 2020, a Public Safety Facility Committee according to the following terms:

1. The Wilmington Public Safety Committee will be composed of not more than seven (7) members appointed by the Selectboard of the Town of Wilmington. All members will be residents of the Town of Wilmington, with an exception made for employee members. The terms of committee members shall be for 2-years.
2. The purpose of the Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee shall be to:
 - A. Work closely with the Town Manager and Economic Development Consultant to identify grants, expertise and funding sources in support of construction for a new Wilmington Public Safety Facility.
 - B. Recommend to the Selectboard an architectural team with emergency facilities design/construction/budget experience via a competitive RFP process.
 - C. Recommend to the Selectboard the building site for a new Public Safety Facility.
 - D. Develop and recommend to the Selectboard an article for Town Meeting promoting a financial instrument, such as a bond, in support of construction for a new Public Safety Facility.
 - E. Recommend to the Selectboard a construction firm to build a new Public Safety Facility with significant energy efficiencies, balancing 21st Century professional Police and Fire Department needs with taxpayer's expectations for return on investment over 50-years, via a competitive RFP or Bid process.
 - F. Hold public meetings and report to the Town Manager and Selectboard, as required.
 - G. Enthusiastically promote and market the co-relocation of Police and Fire out of the floodplain to a new Wilmington Public Safety Facility in partnership with the Selectboard.
3. Officers of the Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee will consist of a chairperson, vice-chairperson and a secretary either selected annually by a majority vote of the committee or appointed by the Selectboard at their discretion.

4. It will be the duty of the chairperson to preside at all meetings of the Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee and to call special meetings of the Committee when needed. The vice-chairperson will perform the duties of the chairperson in the latter's absence. The secretary will keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the committee, take minutes at the meetings, and post the agenda and minutes of meetings through the Office of the Town Manager.

5. All meetings held by the Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee will be open to the public unless an issue arises that requires an executive session. Regular meetings will be held each month. The meeting times and locations will be posted through the Office of Town Manager, no later than a 48-hour notice. A quorum will not be less than a majority of the members of the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals are appointed to the Wilmington Public Safety Facility Committee for the terms set forth herein:

Member Names

Chief Matthew Murano

Chief Scott Moore

Chuck Clerici

Melanie Lopez

Jeremy White

Dennis Richter

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6. Additional committee members will be selected through an open and transparent solicitation for volunteers who are Town of Wilmington residents with recommendations made to the Selectboard through the Office of Town Manager.

Dated at Wilmington, Vermont this 7th day of July 2020.

Selectboard Signatures:

Tom Fitzgerald



John Gannon

Vince Rice



Sarah Fisher

