

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
September 20, 2017
Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Gretchen Havreluk, Jack Dolan, Cindy Hayford, Chris Mays, Mike Eldred

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
Hayford inquired when Deerfield Valley Rescue came in and requested \$30,000 from 1% and the Board gave them \$50,000, did they own the building? Fitzgerald replied that they were working on purchasing the building at the time of request.
2. Approve Minutes of August 29 and September 6, 2017
Gannon moved to approve the minutes of August 29, 2017, Fisher second; 3-0 Fitzgerald and Rice abstained due to absence.

Fisher moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017, Rice second; 4-0 Gannon abstained due to absence.
3. West Main St Project Close-Out Hearing
Havreluk presented the completed West Main St Sidewalk Project to close-out the grant. The Town received \$300,000 from a CDBG-DR Grant. The original project amount was \$363,000 but finished out at \$358,274.98. The grant was to create 595 linear feet of accessible pedestrian walkway. This included granite curbing, sidewalk, stone retaining wall, fencing and lighting. Gannon commented that those who have mentioned the sidewalk to him were very pleased with the outcome and two businesses have seen an increase in sales.
4. Special Town Meeting
The Selectboard set special town meeting for October 24, 2017 at 7 pm, in which the voters shall vote on the amended Traffic Ordinance. The Selectboard will hold a special meeting on Friday at 8 am to approve and sign the warning.
5. Action Items
The Selectboard accepts, with great regret, Tim Hall's resignation from the DRB.

Gannon moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 6:17 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.
6. Liquor Commission
Gannon commented that after some quick research, he found that the town of Brattleboro has an addendum to their State Liquor License and Tobacco Licenses. All property tax, water, sewer or related fees, costs or penalties applicable by law and due as of date of renewal or application must be current. The Board discussed possibly looking into this more at a later date, as it would affect more than just one business.
Manwaring moved to approve a Special Event Permit for Appalachian Gap Distillery, Inc for a tasting event at the Hermitage Club, 183 Gatehouse Trail, on October 7, 2017, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:25 pm
7. Other Business

8. Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items

Manwaring appreciates that they were able to have a work session regarding the 1%. In terms of OSEC, to let the building rot is not in the interest of the tax payers. It is more than just another building in town. Fitzgerald commented that there are so many large capital projects, the town can't "be the bank" for the Old School. Fisher then commented something that was targeted in the capital list last year was a community center, and this is a step toward that. She also felt that the end of the work session was disrespectful toward Manwaring and meetings shouldn't be disrespectful. Rice feels the building is past the point of repair. Gannon then commented that the Board needs to agree and pick a path; either it is not viable or it can be turned into a community center.

Gannon asked the Board if they were interested in participating in a discussion with himself and Representative Sabilia regarding education and the impact on schools. This discussion would hopefully include the Whitingham Selectboard and the Twin Valley School Board. The Board is interested in participating.

9. Town Manager Updates

Visiting Department Heads—hoping to have the meetings with individuals department heads in a couple of weeks, will not meet the October 1st deadline. They are currently working to identify goals within each department.

Look Rd Bridge—engineers met with Bill Hunt today. They have not passed the project because there is some work to be done under the bridge to meet the 30" requirement.

Lake Raponda— met with Amy Picotte from Department of Environmental Conservation. He got a little schooling on mitigation and the work they have been doing.

Fire Dept— still working on the job description and assembling a hiring board, then the position will be posted internally.

Coldbrook Rd— paving done and centerlines painted.

Highway—they are working on the roadbase on Lake Raponda Rd from Rt 9 to the 4-way intersection. Currently it is closed day and night, but hoping to open it a little by the end of the week.

10. Possible Executive Session

Rice moved to enter into executive session to discuss a possible civil litigation at 6:48 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:15 pm; no action taken

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica DeFrancesco
Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Ann Manwaring