

Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission
January 3, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice , Sarah Fisher, Ann Manwaring at 6:10 pm, John Gannon–by phone

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Anna Drozdowski, Jack Widness, Gretchen Havreluk, Scott & Deidre Moore, Craig Ohlson, Janet Boyd, Meg Streeter, Bill Spirka, Shawn & Melissa Hammond, Jake White, Bobby Maynard, Keith Johnson, Brian Johnson, Dan Hollister, Joanne Bourbeau

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

2. Approve Minutes of December 18 and 20, 2017

Fisher moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2017, Gannon second; Gannon–aye, Fisher–aye, Manwaring–aye, Fitzgerald–aye, Rice–abstained due to absence

No quorum to vote on December 20, 2017 minutes.

3. Fire Chief

- The Town Manager introduced the newly appointed Fire Chief, Scott Moore. Tucker expressed condolences for the loss of life at the fire rescue call in Whitingham. There was loss of property and pets at a fully involved fire in Wilmington. Tucker also thanked Chief Moore’s wife Deedee for her supports as Scott takes on the Fire Chief position. He took over the role as interim Fire Chief with distinction over the summer.

Chief Moore thanked the firefighters for their willingness to engage over the summer. He is very appreciative of the 30+ volunteers and hopes to see the involvement continue. He thanked the firefighters, officers, and his wife for their continued support.

4. Action Items

- Joanne Bourbeau and Dan Hollister, representing the Windham Disaster Animal Response Team (WinDART), are requesting an allocation of \$250 for their organization. It is an all volunteer organization. Whitingham allocates \$250 to WinDART every year, and they are just reaching out to surrounding towns this year. Their operating budget is about \$5000, most of which is insurance costs. Fitzgerald stated that the Selectboard will be putting new organizations on the town meeting warning as individual articles. Joanne will have a representative available on town meeting day, should any questions arise.
- Havreluk and Jack Widness of the Lake Raponda Association are asking the Board to sign a resolution to apply for the Greeter Program grant again this year. Last year there were 814 water crafts checked in and 3 had questionable material on them. Since last year was a success the Town may see additional funding through this program this year. The Lake Raponda Association has also offered to contribute some funds again this year. The Green Mountain Beach area needs better signage both regarding invasive species and about where you can launch your water crafts. It was suggested by the state to put in a kiosk near the handicap area. Manwaring moved to approve the resolution for the Greeter Program at Lake Raponda, Rice second; all in favor.
- The landfill at 55 Miller Rd needs to be approved as a “preferred site” by the Planning Commission, Selectboard and Windham Regional Commission with a letter of endorsement in order for the solar project to continue. Manwaring moved to approve the landfill at 55 Miller Rd as a Preferred Site for a solar array, Rice second; all in favor. Manwaring moved to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign

letters of support under rule 5.103 for 55 Miller Rd and for the Saulnier property on West Main St, Rice second; all in favor.

5. Emergency Shelter

- The Selectboard discussed the need for emergency shelter locations. The Red Cross has identified 3 possible locations for a shelter in the valley: Twin Valley Elementary School, Twin Valley Middle High School, and Snow Lake Lodge in Dover. OSEC has asked for their site to be considered but at a cost. Moore was asked if TVES was a valid location for a shelter. The town generator can't currently hook up to their system. He would need to do some research to see what all the requirements are for an emergency shelter. Fire code issues are among the reasons the OSEC building was removed as an emergency shelter. There was also rumor that the kitchen didn't function. Streeter commented that the kitchen functions and all the parts are there. Does the Red Cross designate shelters or the town? Does the Red Cross run the shelter? The Red Cross does not always run the shelter. There are times that the town opens a shelter and Red Cross does not come in. Moore will come back to the 2nd meeting in February with some more clarification.

6. Correspondence to/from Selectboard

7. Other Business

8. Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items

- Gannon commented that the Hermitage Club did not make their 2nd payment to Coldbrook Fire District and their water would be turned off on January 4th.

9. Town Manager Updates

- Need to set a special meeting to approve the town meeting warning at the end of January. January 23rd at 8 am was decided.
- Sewer Main expansion discussion was rescheduled to January 23 at 4:30
- Green Lantern is going before the DRB on January 9th regarding the solar array at the landfill.
- Pump track- have not heard back from the Secretary of Education. Manwaring commented that Mike Purcell has been in contact with her council. Tucker will reach out and be in touch,

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