

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**September 18, 2018**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Tom Consolino, Nicki Steel, Jake Roberts, Robert Spencer, Kristen Benoit, Bev Butler, Debbie Boyd, Shannon Haaland

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Remove item #3-Living History Association
2. Approve Minutes of September 4, 2018
  - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of September 4, 2018, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Living History Association
  - Removed
4. Old Home Week
  - Gannon moved to approve the resolution to create the Old Home Week committee, Rice second; all in favor. Steel commented that previously the committee has received seed money from the town to start preparing. In 2008 they received \$35,000 and paid back 22,000. The request could be a town meeting article, or 1% money. They are looking for guidance from the Board as to where they should request the funds from. A town meeting article may be the way to go. They are looking to combine with the last weekend of the Blueberry Festival, which would fall on the first weekend in August 2020.
5. Action Items
  - The Selectboard discussed a three-year contract with Sandri Energy for town propane. They discussed contract terms. Go back to Sandri and ask for fixed price for one year, and if service is not up to par we can cancel the contract without termination fees.
  - Manwaring moved to appoint Bev Butler to the Beautification Committee, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to appoint Joanne Yankura to the Trail Committee as a regular member, and Jake Roberts as an alternate, Fisher second; all in favor.
6. Windham Solid Waste Management District
  - Kristen Benoit and Robert Spencer updated the Selectboard on the happenings at the WSWMD, and discuss ways they can help reduce waste. Wilmington is the only town in the district that has a transfer station and a 24-hour drop off. WSWMD finished the fiscal year within budget with revenues higher than anticipated. Wilmington's assessment is proposed to be lower next fiscal year, due to employee reduction and leasing landfill to the solar project. Whitingham has left the district. Wilmington is diverting 52% of their trash to recycling. WW collects CFL lights and paints. Dover, Jamaica and Whitingham collect electronics. Since Wilmington transfer station already offers bins for residents to compost, we should meet the mandatory requirement starting next year. The ribbon cutting for the solar project will be October 11<sup>th</sup>. Twin Valley High School is composting.

7. Police Regionalization Discussion

- The Selectboard discussed the possibility of unified policing. Gannon feels they have the opportunity now to look into this. Merger possibilities should be looked at. Dispatch regionalization will be occurring. This could open up the possibility of 24-hour dispatch vs relying on state police at times. Manwaring agrees with Gannon. It will probably take a while, but it is a path we should get on. Rice and Fisher agree. Fitzgerald disagrees. He talked with the Dover Selectboard Chair and feels there should be a meeting with Dover to see if there is any interest from the other town. The Dover Chair is going to mention it to her board. We will send them a letter to see if there is interest. If Dover is interested in meeting, Tucker will organize a facilitator to meet with the two boards. Fitzgerald moved to send a letter to Dover Selectboard to see if they are interested in having a meeting regarding a joint police department and the chair will sign it, Fisher second; all in favor.

Roberts commented that when he lived in Australia he went through a consolidation and they hired a consultant from the beginning that was able to answer questions that arose.

8. Correspondence to/from Selectboard

9. Other Business

10. Select Board Members Comments and Other Action Items

- Fisher will work on the plastic bag ordinance, hopefully for the next Selectboard meeting.

11. Town Manager’s Updates

- Highway just put in a box culvert on Old Town Rd.
- Vt Community Leadership Summit; a nominee has been submitted
- Coffee with a cop was today; good marketing ideas were discussed to market the next one
- 3 police officer openings with the retirement of Chief Szarejko
- Water District merger; MOU will be sent to our attorney for review. A joint meeting will be scheduled once it is ready.
- RT 9 W work has started and RT 100 has been paved with a skim coat (thank you note to AOT)
- Thanks received for the work on Lake Raponda and hiring John Reade as a greeter.
- Flower barrels and the beautification committee were praised.
- Kathy and Dave Larsen congratulated the Chief on his retirement.

Rice moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm; Gannon second; all in favor.

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