

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes November 20, 2018

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Bill Hunt, Matt and Jacki Murano, Mason and Cameron Murano, Gretchen Havreluk, Thad Quimby, Heidi Taylor, Eric Durocher, Scott Moore, Eric St Denis, Mark Denault, Susan Luchsinger, Greg and Shannon Murano, Steve Naratko, Laura Sibilia, Hannah and Greg Nido, Max, Jack and Sam Nido, Bill Hunt, Elizabeth McEwen, Mike Eldred, Merrill Mundell, Cliff Duncan, Tamara Grush, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Thea Shlieben, Sasha Kondraski, Hans Speisicke, Jason Aplin, Jeanie Jeffers, Tim Jeffers, Janet and Bob Murano

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

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

- Add the approval of November 16, 2018 minutes to item #2.

2. Approve Minutes of October 30 and November 5 and 13, 2018

- Gannon moved to approve the minutes of October 30, November 13 and November 16, 2018, Rice second; all in favor.
- Gannon moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018, Fisher second; all in favor.

3. Introduction of Police Chief

- Tucker gave an overview of Chief Murano's history with the Wilmington Police Department. Detective Kinney and District Attorney Shriver were supportive of both Chief Murano and his wife Jackie's high moral values. His hiring committee felt they had a "no-brainer" after interviewing Murano for the Chief position. Fitzgerald is pleased to have Murano as Wilmington's next Chief. Manwaring looks forward to see where he's going. Chief Murano really enjoys Wilmington. Community policing is important and the support for the department has been tremendous. "My wife Jackie has been an amazing supporter and co-parent." Informal contact with people is just as important as the formal ones. A simple thank you, even in passing, can make a difference.

4. Action Items

- Hunt is recommending Doug Furlon for one year. He is going to test a piece of equipment for the town to possibly purchase in the future. He was significantly less than the second bid. Gannon moved to approve DM Furlon's bid for snow removal for 2018-2019, Rice second; 4-0 Manwaring abstained.

5. Bi-Town Marketing Update

- Havreluk and members from the Bi-Town Marketing Committee gave a brief update of Bi-Town Marketing. A joint marketing campaign with Dover would be more sensible. Advertising for summer will be May-October 1. Two Option: Maintain as is, or add a little bit more; ie: billboards on I-91, more social targeted ads. Video blogging is becoming more popular over regular blog articles. If the budget needed to be trimmed down, billboards could be removed. Town policy prohibits the Board from voting on the full three years because the amount is more than 20% of the 1% balance. Manwaring asked to see the previous budget.

6. Deerfield Valley Rescue

- Deerfield Valley Rescue discussed with the Selectboard a possible article for funding on the town meeting warning. DVR started in 1974. Whitingham and Halifax have been paying for 5 years. They are asking for \$20,000 to help with costs such as maintaining the ambulances. Volunteers get a small stipend. New equipment is needed this year; a new stretcher. The membership drive is still happening. Gannon moved to add an article for funding to the town meeting warning for \$20,000 to DVR, Fisher second; all in favor.

7. Duncan Cable

- Cliff Duncan discussed with the Selectboard the possibility of recording their meetings again. Cameras will be remotely controlled. Fiber is now on the corner on Main St which will be able to connect the newer camera. Tabletop microphones would be used for the board, three cameras around the room. A manual switch will be accessible to turn recordings off for executive sessions. He will also be recording Dover meetings. Duncan Cable will pay for the installation and the equipment. Possibility of a podium for people in the audience speaking. This can hopefully be in place for the 1st of the year. Tucker and Duncan will meet and make a plan on where equipment will be.

Rice moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 8:02 pm, Gannon second; all in favor.

8. Liquor Commission

- Gannon moved to approve a First-Class Liquor License for L & W Hospitality dba The Vermont House at 15 West Main St, Fisher second; all in favor.

Rice moved to come out of Liquor Commission at 8:03 pm, Manwaring second; all in favor.

9. Correspondence to/from Selectboard

10. Other Business

11. Select Board Members Comments

- Fisher sent the plastic bag ordinance to Tucker to review with the town attorney.
- Manwaring thanked Tucker for putting together the announcement for the Police Chief tonight.

12. Town Manager's Updates

- Detective Denault received a letter of thanks for his work on an embezzlement case from CHOA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 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