

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 15, 2019

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Christine Richter, Carolyn Palmer, Carl Boyd, Gretchen Havreluk, Mark Westa, Deb Kingsley, Jerry Osler, Mike Eldred

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Town Manager asks to move CC Haynes discussion in front of the Town Meeting Warning.
2. Approve Minutes of January 8, 2018
 - Motion made to approve the minutes of January 8th by Vince, seconded by Sarah, all in favor.
3. Potential article transferring the CC Haynes Fund to the Pettee Memorial Library Trustees
 - Carl Boyd, with Carolyn Palmer, said the trust was established in 1919 when Mr. Haynes died. Mr. Haynes was an inventor and farmer who gave his life savings to the town to support agriculture, and at the time 90% of town's people were likely employed by or owned farms in the region. Since times have changed, Carl would like the trust to be administered by Pettee Memorial Library. Guidance given by the Town Attorney is that the CC Haynes Trustee is independently elected and any changes to the Trust would take place in Probate Court. Although it has no power over the Trust, the Selectboard supports Carl's proposal.
4. Action Items
 - The Selectboard to possibly approve design plans for Reardon's Bridge
Gretchen Havreluk briefly outlined the bridge's history as a gift to the town and efforts to complete the project by installing a ramp. Mark Westa from Stevens and Associates presented the two choices as precast concrete or earthen. The least costly is the earthen, and the Selectboard gave general consent to pursue the earthen ramp. The ramp cannot be built to ADA standards because of the limited space available between private property and the state's right of way. Mark discussed compensatory storage with an earthen ramp, as required by ANR.
5. Plastic Bag Informational
 - There were no comments or questions from the public.
6. Town Meeting Warning
 - The Selectboard to review the Town Meeting Warning. The warning of articles was presented in draft form, awaiting comments from the Selectboard.
 - The Selectboard to set a special meeting date to approve the town meeting warning. The date is set for January 28th, 2019, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. The Selectboard will assign articles to members at this next meeting.
7. Other business
8. Select Board Members Comments
 - We need to appoint two Wilmington residents to the Windham Regional Commission as representatives, especially in light of Tom Consolino's recent departure. Thank you, Tom, for your 13-years of dedication, counsel and representation.
 - Request to advertise for two WRC representatives.
 - John Gannon approached leadership at the state legislature regarding a statewide single-use plastic bag law and he was appointed Vice Chair of the Government Operations Committee. Congratulations John.

9. Town Manager's Updates

- The Town Attorney filed a stipulation and consent order at Vermont Superior Court Environmental Division for a "stay of proceedings" until March 15, 2019 (or longer), In Re: Hermitage in Real Estate Holding Company LLC application for extension application (DRB denial), awaiting the Court's decision.

10. Executive Session at 7:29 a.m.

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the ERESI contract would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice seconded; Manwaring-aye, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-aye, Fisher-aye, Gannon-aye.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session under 23 VSA 313 (a)(1) at 7:32 pm to include the town manager, Board of Listers' Chair Jerry Osler and Administrator Deb Kingsley to discuss the Everett Real Estate Services, Inc., contract, seconded by Rice; Manwaring-aye, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-aye, Fisher-aye, Gannon-aye.
- The Board came out of executive session at 7:32 p.m. Motion to approve the ERESI revaluation contract for commercial properties made by Manwaring, seconded by Rice; Manwaring-aye, Rice-aye, Fitzgerald-aye, Fisher-aye, Gannon-aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A Tucker

Town Manager

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Ann Manwaring