Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

Present: Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Ann Manwaring; Cheryl LaFlamme, Jon Lebron, Angela Yakovleff, Meg Staloff, Tom Consolino.

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Craig Ohlson, Gretchen Havreluk, David Buckley, Christopher M. Crafts, Florence Crafts, Gene Clark, Janet Boyd, Dan Boyd, Mary Genella, Ralph Ruprecht, Eric Silverstein, Ken Spicer, Bettina Krampetz, Sheila Osler, Cliff Duncan, Therese Lounsbury, Randy Capitani, John Broker-Campbell and Alyssa Sabetto.

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. for the Planning Commission and 4:07 p.m. for the Selectboard; this is a joint meeting with the Wilmington Planning Commission, Chair Cheryl LaFlamme presiding, to educate the Selectboard and the Public on proposed changes to the Flood Hazard Regulations.

- 1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
- 2. Discuss Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Regulations.
 - The new proposed Flood and Fluvial Erosion Hazard Regulations and mapping is on the Town of Wilmington, Vermont, webpage.
 - The Planning Commission feels the new proposed ordinance would be for the greater good of the town, improving long term resiliency by regulating what happens in the future and acknowledging that some properties may be adversely affected, while most would not.
 - John Broker-Campbell (DEC Floodplain Manager) presented slides outlining floodplains, river corridor, fluvial erosion and the goals related to mapping river corridors and improving Flood Hazard Regulations as: public safety, economic recovery, and improving the ecosystem. He and Alyssa Sabetto (Windham Regional Commission) fielded questions, along with the Zoning Administrator and the Planning Commission.
 - The State of Vermont currently uses river corridor mapping in their decision-making.
 - The ordinance that is in effect now includes mapping for special flood hazard areas called floodplains.
 - The new proposed ordinance adds mapping of river corridors.
 - The new proposed ordinance does not preclude a land owner from challenging the mapping on their property by contacting the Zoning Administrator, who would advise the State of Vermont and schedule a visit to reexamine the mapping.
 - Questions about planned construction on land within the proposed river corridor are directed to the Zoning Administrator for further discussion and understanding.
 - Comments about actively managing streams were repeated, which is the purview of the State of Vermont, see DEC, Watershed Management Division, Stream Alteration Engineer.
 - Comments about property values were voiced.
 - A question came up asking what the Town of Dover will be doing.

Selectboard meeting adjourn	ned at 5:40 p.m.	
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	