

**Wilmington Selectboard/Sewer Commission**  
**August 15, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Mike Eldred, Gretchen Havreluk, Christine Richter, Cindy Hayford, Janet Boyd, Diane Chapman, Lenny Chapman, Steve Goldfarb, Jessica Smith, Bob Grinold.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Add to #7 Liquor Commission to possibly approve two Special Event Permits for the Brew & Chili Stroll from Snow Republic and Vermont Distillers, Inc.
2. Approve Minutes of February 4, 2020
  - Rice moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020, Manwaring second; all in favor.
3. Police Dispatch
  - Chief Murano discussed his meeting with Vermont Department of Public Safety recently with Commissioner Shirling making a presentation on the cost per call of \$64.47 each and potential changes to charge for dispatch services. It felt adversarial as some agencies pay for their own 24-hour dispatch services, while others receive DPS dispatch services for free, with Wilmington stats used as an example. Gannon explained that the modernization plans are in draft form for discussion purposes in the legislature and that Commissioner Shirling was testifying in House Government Operations Committee this week.
4. Action Items
  - Manwaring moved to accept the resignation of Fred Salway from the Recreation Commission, with regret, seconded by Rice; all in favor.
  - Rice moved to accept the resignation of Mary Towne from the Old Home Week Committee, with regret, seconded by Manwaring; all in favor.
  - Manwaring moved to appoint Mary Genella to the Old Home Week Committee, seconded by Rice; all in favor.
  - Manwaring moved to appoint Jeremy White to the Public Safety Facilities Committee, seconded by Rice, all in favor.
5. 1% Local Option Tax Fund
  - Havreluk described the request for \$80,000 to fund the East Main #1 sewer main project that was previously discussed, to replace a private shared system to be completed in conjunction with the sidewalk project, possibly this fall. Manwaring moved to approve the request to fund the East Main #1 sewer construction project up to \$80,000, seconded by Rice; all in favor.
  - Havreluk described the request for \$17,000 to be made available to landowners upon request as a loan to assist with the East Main #1 sewer main project with monies from the 1% Fund or the existing Revolving Loan Fund. After some discussion, Fitzgerald moved to approve the request to fund a Revolving Loan Program for the East Main #1 sewer project utilizing the existing Revolving Loan Fund up to \$25,000, Fisher second; all in favor.
  - Goldfarb describes OSEC's revenue shortfall that will result from the Twin Valley Unified School District reducing their annual payment from \$60,000, to \$5,000; OSEC requests \$40,000 to be spent on priority capital projects, such as the need for eight new cafeteria windows, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathrooms, repairing fascia board & slate on west side and repair slate roofing on historic structure, and more. Manwaring

moves to approve the request from OSEC for \$40,000 for repairs and renovations, seconded by Fisher; Manwaring, Fisher, Fitzgerald and Gannon vote in favor, Rice abstains.

6. Sewer Commission at 6:50 p.m.

- Grinold described a sewage back up into the basement of his property at 40 East Main that occurred on a shared private sewer line (he estimates to be in existence over 50-years) where his property is 5<sup>th</sup> in line leading to the sewer main; the town will replace the privately shared line as part of the East Main #1 sidewalk project this fall. He estimates his cost to repair at \$3,237.92 and states his neighbors were contacted and said their sewers were working fine. Grinold asks if the town would assist in hosting a meeting to discuss sharing his repair expense. The Commission thanked Grinold, with no action.

Out of Sewer Commission at 7:00 p.m.

7. Liquor Commission at 7:00 p.m.

- Rice moved to approve two Special Event Permits for Snow Republic and Vermont Distillers, Inc. for the Brew and Chili Stroll, seconded by Manwaring; all in favor.
- Manwaring moved to approve a First & Third Class License and Outside Consumption renewals for La Casita LLC dba La Casita at 14 South Main St, Pipe Dream LLC dba Anchor Seafood Restaurant at 8 South Main St, and the Dairy Barn Inc dba Dots Restaurant at 5 West Main St; First Class License and Outside Consumption renewals for L&W Hospitality Inc dba The Vermont House at 15 West Main St and dba Nutmeg Inn at 153 West Main St; and Second Class License renewals for Lucas Enterprises, Ltd dba River Valley Market at Mt Snow at 661 Rt 100 N, Red Fox Shop LLC dba Red Fox Shop at 4 South Main St, and Ratu's Liquor & Market Inc dba Ratus Liquor & Market at 34 West Main St., seconded by Rice; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission 7:16 p.m.

8. Other Business/Correspondence

- Fitzgerald moves to reschedule the March 3, 2020 meeting (Town Meeting Day) to March 10, 2020 for reorganization, Rice seconded; all in favor.

9. Selectboard Members Comments

- Manwaring would like the town to consider taking legal action with regard to the state education weighting study and to talk with surrounding towns to form a united front.
- Gannon would agree to explore and to possibly retain an attorney specializing in state education law, but would wait until the legislature finishes their work.
- No other comments.

10. Town Manager Updates

- Selectboard and Town Manager present a cake to thank Ann Manwaring for her contributions to the Town of Wilmington over the many years as this is her second time serving on the Selectboard, her record as a state representative and continuing volunteer work on broadband and as a representative on the Windham Regional Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A Tucker

Town Manager

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