

Wilmington Selectboard Minutes March 17, 2020

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Scott Moore, Gretchen Havreluk, Meg Staloff, Joe Levy, Hunter Charnow, Mike Eldred

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of March 10, 2020
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020, Rice second; all in favor.
3. COVID-19
 - Chief Moore gave an update on the COVID-19 virus. Town Offices and buildings will be closed to the public beginning tomorrow. Washing hands, social distancing, etc is very important. If you don't have to go out, don't go out. Most restaurants are closed down, though some are open for take-out; Maple Leaf, Village Roost, Wilmington House of Pizza, North Star, Roadhouse, Dots of Dover, West Dover Joe's and La Toscanella. Shaws is limiting quantities of two for everything and are closing at 8 pm. If you don't feel good, stay home. Compensation for employees who are impacted are some questions that have come up. There are efforts being made to provide services for the elderly and disabled who aren't able to get out to get groceries, etc. Entering homes and limiting exposure is important. Getting supplies is difficult. Preparing for some long-term affects of restaurants being closed is wise. BDCC has a resiliency program they are putting into place. Havreluk would like to suspend revolving loan repayments for those having difficulties. Fisher commented that there are other towns doing the same thing. The revolving loan could be used to help businesses as well, though some criteria would need to be tweaked. Employees of businesses that have closed will be able to apply for unemployment without it affecting the businesses. Food shelf distribution will be happening; food will be boxed and brought to cars.

The Selectboard and Health Officer make the Town Board of Health. They do have some powers, should they be needed in the future.
4. 1% Local Option Tax Request
 - Hunter and Joe present their expected schedule. There is no telling how long the building will remain closed. With the unknown situations at this time, approving additional requests need to be put on the back burner. The request can be brought back to the board in the future.
5. Action Items
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve the special traffic regulations for the 2020 Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a Motor Vehicle Racing Permit for DVFDFA Demolition Derby, Rice second; 3-0 Call dropped Fisher. Reconnected at 6:49 pm
6. Town Clerk Position
 - Questions will be compiled into one document. The Board would like to extend the deadline for submission.

Gannon moved to enter into the Liquor Commission at 6:54 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

7. Liquor Commission

- Gannon approve a First and Third Class License Renewal and Outside Consumption Renewal for BCL Properties LLC dba Sitzmark Tavern at 54 East Dover Rd; a Second Class License Renewal for Sonny's Cup & Saucer Inc dba C&S Beverage at 157 Route 100 N, Rice second; 3-0, Fisher recused.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:58 pm

8. Other Business

- The Board would like to cancel the Bi-Town Marketing meeting until the state of emergency is over.

9. Select Board Members Comments

10. Town Manager's Updates

- Jim Barnes has filed a motion asking for a 60-90-day delay on the auction. It is coming up in court tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

Thomas Fitzgerald

John Gannon

Vince Rice

Sarah Fisher