

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2020

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon (6:02), Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Debby Kingsley, Mike Eldred, Diane Olanyk, John Lazelle, Matt Murano, Therese Lounsbury, Jessica Lee Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of August 18, 2020
 - Vince moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020, Fisher second; 3-0 Tribuno abstained.Entered into liquor commission at 6:01 pm
3. Liquor Commission
 - Fisher moved to approve a Second-Class Liquor License for Bearclaw Holdings LLC dba River Valley Market at Mount Snow at 661 VT RT 100 N, Rice second; all in favor.Out of liquor commission at 6:03 pm
4. Municipal Records Digitization Application
 - The Municipal Records Digitization Grant is part of the COVID relief and it will be used to digitize 427 parcel survey and the correction of roadways and water boundary lines. This would be performed by Cartographic, who has worked with the listers office for about 20 years. The amount requested is \$18,080. Cartographics reached out to Deb regarding the grant. The work won't be done if the grant isn't awarded because this wasn't budgeted. They would also link the new grandlist. Gannon moved to approve a contract for a Municipal Records Digitization Grant, Rice second; all in favor.
5. Fairview Avenue Petition
 - Chief Murano has been watching and studying the speed on Fairview Ave this summer. This year has had a considerable increase in traffic. Three quarters of the road is paved, the end quarter is dirt; no shoulders, no sidewalks. There have been about 300 vehicles a day on Sundays, 350 a day on Saturdays. It is currently a 30-mph zone. The speeds are consistently ranging from 27-29 mph. The speed doesn't seem to be the issue, but the volume increase is. A recommendation will be given hopefully in the next few weeks to reduce the speed to 25-mph after an engineering study is completed. Parking signs are also being looked at, especially down by the gate. Fitzgerald asked if the temporary signs that had been put up were effective, and if that could become permanent. If permanent signs aren't posted all the way down that portion of the road could push the problem further back. With the bus turn-around further down the road, encouraging parking there isn't a good idea. The police department is encouraging homeowners to call the office with parking issues and they have been dealing with them on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Olanyk feels that no parking signs would be best for the community. Fisher asked about leaving the gate open. Chief replied that they had tried that but it led to other issues on Great River Hydro's property, and it alleviates the PD having to respond to incidents at night down there. Tribuno asked about opening earlier in the mornings, and signs should include no

idling. Olanyk also suggested adding a sign with launch hours at the end of Fairview Ave with the street sign. There is no sign stating there is a locked gate.

6. Other Business

7. Select Board Members Comments

- John Gannon and Laura Sibilgia met with chief Murano and Chief Johnson about two bills dealing with police reform and dispatch fees. The state has sent out emails stating fees will be charged starting next year, the bill states it won't happen until 2024. Dispatch fees aren't being assessed fairly. The legislature should make sure the fees are accurate. This will be put on the next Selectboard agenda.

8. Town Manager's Updates

- Looking at a meeting with the Water District Chair, Selectboard Chair, Town Clerk and Town to discuss the tight timeline we are on for the 11/3 election to merge the water district. Once it is passed, it has to go to the Secretary of State, and then needs to be approved by the house and senate. If it waits until town meeting, it may not be approved within this year. There will need to be a joint meeting to approve the plan of merger, then post it. It must appear in the paper at least 3 times. We are proposing joint public hearings to make the process easier. The 1st would be on the 14th and the 2nd would be on the 28th.
- The tax dept can take up to two weeks after grievance is complete to get us an education rate. This would put a special meeting to set the rate around late September.
- Brandon is working on a plan for winter payment collection and modifying the transfer station.
- Generators, parking, etc are being working on within the Public Safety Facility Committee.
- Signage will be put up asking for boats and canoes to be removed from Lake Raponda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica DeFrancesco, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno