

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Matt Murano, Mike Eldred, Therese Lounsbury, Tracy Bartels, Jessica Lee Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Under other business, possibly cancel November 3rd SB meeting
2. Approve Minutes of September 1 and 8, 2020
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of 9/1/2020, Gannon second; all in favor
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of 9/8/2020, Fitzgerald second; 3-0 Rice abstained

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 6:07 pm, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Liquor Commission
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a Third-Class Liquor License renewal for VT Golf Hospitality Inc dba The Stack Restaurant at 70 Spyglass Dr, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:09 pm
4. Police Dept Dispatch fees
 - The Selectboard and Police Chief discussed the fees being proposed by Vermont State Police; continued from the previous meeting. The Chief is concerned about the invoice for dispatch from VSP. There are issues with the assessment schedule, such as being assessed fees for calls handled by our own dispatch. Over the next 4 years we would be in a step-system, with invoices increasing annually, maxing out around \$78,000 in year 4. Gannon appreciated the Chief's testimony at the state house. Rescue and Fire Depts would also be included in these assessments. Gannon feels the state will be going in a different direction after a collaborative group does some more work to help set these fees at a more reasonable rate. These fees as currently proposed would hit property tax. To find a way to assess fees without affecting the property tax would be in the best interest of property owners and residents. Regional dispatching could be an option.
5. Other Business
 - November 3rd is the presidential election, so the Selectboard meeting will need to be cancelled. We can schedule a special meeting if there is something that needs to be acted upon, otherwise it all could be held for the next meeting on November 17th. Gannon moved to cancel the meeting on November 3, 2020, Rice second; all in favor.
6. Select Board Members Comments
 - Fisher asked about tax bills. Tax bills are hopefully going out in early-October.
7. Town Manager's Updates
 - We will hear if we got approved for the LGER (local government emergency reimbursement) grant for COVID expenses.
 - We were approved for the digitization grant for the listers files.
 - Governor Scott extended the state of emergency until October 15th.

- Mailing of ballots and the polling on Election Day is being worked out.
- A DRB hearing is scheduled for October 5th regarding the design and signage for the public safety building; an RFP and construction documents will be the next steps after the DRB.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 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