

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2020**

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Chris Lavoy, Rob Marzelli, Joe Boyd, Ed Adrian, Chris May, Mike Eldred, John Lazelle, Christine Richter

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Changes to the agenda
2. Water District Merger
 - The Plan of Merger is required by statute, containing details about how the two entities (the Town and Water District) plan to merge and liabilities. The Selectboard will serve as the Water Commissioners. The Water District and the current Commission will cease to exist if the voters approve the merger. The permit held by the Water District does not automatically transfer, so the Town will reapply to ANR for a Permit to Operate (a Public Community Water System), though Adrian believes it is a simple process. The merger will terminate if the Town does not receive the permit from the state. There is a period between adoption and transfer. There was a lien still pending from 201, Gannon asked if this is still the case? The IRS did not list this lien in their records last year and perhaps a release was not filed. The Water District is working on collecting old balances and delinquency notices/shut off notices were issued up until COVID. The Water District ended last year (calendar year) with a surplus, some due to outstanding balances being collected and finishing up grants. Two loans on the books for over \$1M each, up to the year 2033 and 2048; and there is an annual leave liability to pay-off. Gannon moved to approve the short and long form of the Plan of Merger between the Town of Wilmington and the Wilmington Water District, Tribuno second; all in favor (roll call vote).
 - Documents signed on 9/9/20; plan of merger posted by 9/11/20; Hearing dates for the Water District merger-10/13/20 and 10/27/20 at 6 pm. Gannon moved to hold public hearings on the Water District merger on 10/13/20 and 10/27/20 at 6 pm, Tribuno second; all in favor (roll call vote).
 - Gannon moved to approve vote-by-mail balloting option for the Wilmington Water District and Town of Wilmington merger on election day of November 3rd, Tribuno second; all in favor (roll call vote).
3. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am

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