

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting February 2, 2021

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno, John Gannon at 6:02 pm

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Debby Kingsley, Chris Curtis, Jessica Lee Smith, Gretchen Havreluk, Amelia Nick, Jerry Osler, Therese Lounsbury

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of January 19, 2021
 - Rice moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021, Tribuno second; all in favor (4-0).
3. Action Items
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve the annual Certificate of Compliance for Road & Bridge Standards, Rice second; all in favor (4-0).
 - Tribuno moved to approve a new private road name, "Camp Trail", off of Woods Rd, Rice second; all in favor.
4. Deerfield River
 - Chris Curtis from the Deerfield River Wild & Scenic River Initiative spoke about designating the Deerfield River a national wild and scenic river. This could protect the river from new federal dams, and provide funds for river restoration projects. This group is collecting letters of support from Selectboards in the Deerfield River Watershed to pursue a planning study, if possible. There is no cost to the town/community. Agency of Natural Resources and Windham Regional Commission are writing letters of support. Gannon moved that the Wilmington Selectboard write a letter of support of the Deerfield River Wild & Scenic River Initiative, Rice second; all in favor.
5. Disaster Resiliency Loan
 - The town received \$112,800 in LGER funds to cover the cost of loans. The Red Mill is the only loan that was not approved under the LGER. Fitzgerald moved to approve converting the Disaster Resiliency Loan for the Old Red Mill in the amount of \$8,000 to a grant, Rice second; 4-0, Fisher abstained.

Entered into Liquor Commission at 6:27 pm.

6. Liquor License
 - Gannon moved to approve a Second-Class renewal for Jolley Associates LLC dba #147 Wilmington Jolley at 87 East Main St and Walgreens Eastern Co Inc dba Walgreens #17379 at 107 East Main St; a First-Class and Third-Class renewal for The Dairy Bar, Inc dba Dot's Restaurant at 5 West Main St, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of liquor commission at 6:30 pm.

7. Other Business/Correspondence
 - Town Meeting articles assigned for the informational meeting

8. Select Board Members Comments

- Tribuno feels it is unfortunate the situation that came up during the meeting, but felt Tom handled it well.
- Fisher is asking the board if there is interest in a tax stabilization policy for farming properties that could help current farms and possibly attract new farms.
- Fitzgerald apologized for his outburst earlier.

9. Town Manager's Updates

- The town report has gone to the printer
- A notice to voters will be in the reformer and DVN for three consecutive weeks regarding the public safety building.
- During the Governor's press conference today, those ages 75+ are encouraged to schedule their COVID-19 vaccination. The number of vaccines the state receives will increase 5% in the coming weeks.
- A complaint regarding Walgreens has come in regarding the pharmacy customer service and pharmaceutical availability.
- The water district merger is at legislative counsel. A drafting request has been submitted.
- The police dept is looking for a full-time certified officer to fill the position of Officer Kondraski.
- Speed complaints on Ray Hill are still coming in despite enforcement efforts.
- Wilmington PD is in compliance with Presidential Executive Order 13929 meeting the U.S. Department of Justice's Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Communities, which means our Police Dept. is eligible for DOJ discretionary funds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 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