

## **Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021**

**Present:** Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon (6:16pm), Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno (left at 6:50 pm)

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Gretchen Havreluk, John Lazelle, Wayne Elliot, Meg Staloff, Allison Maynard, Scott Moore, Bill Spirka, Julie Koehler, Jessica Lee Smith, Christine Richter

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Under action items, add the resignation of Dario Lussardi from the Rec Committee
  - Move 1% to right after the action item
2. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2021
  - Rice moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
  - Tribuno moved to appoint Alex Rioux and Julie Koehler to the Trails Committee for terms expiring April 2024 and April 2025, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Fisher moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Dario Lussardi from the Recreation Committee, Rice second; all in favor.
4. (6) 1% Local Option Tax Fund Request
  - Rice moved to approve Wilmington Works' biennial funding request in the amount of \$30,000 from the 1%, Fisher second; 3-0, Fitzgerald recused. Fitzgerald requested they make a 3-year funding request, the next time they submit.
5. (4) Transfer Station
  - The suggestion is to make permits required for all users, not just for trash. The permit would stay at \$15 for regular household and \$30 for commercial. Asphalt shingles and burning pit prices are suggested to increase \$10/yd. Signage would be placed on the (Miller) road leading to the transfer station, leading up to the effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>; extra help will be employed to educate residents about the changes for a short time. Tribuno suggested reviewing the permit costs after 6 months. Tribuno moved to approve changes to the transfer station fee schedule starting July 2021, Fisher second; all in favor.
6. (5) Tax Sale
  - By general consent, Tom Fitzgerald will be voting agent for the town tax sale on June 24<sup>th</sup> at noon.
7. Route 9 Feasibility Study
  - The RT 9 expansion has been a priority project of the Selectboard since 2018. This project would expand water and sewer services beyond the White House, over the hill to the Health Center, and to Ballou Hill. The study shows that the Wastewater Plant has the capacity for the extension. The water district ends near Mobil and sewer ends near the White House. There is the potential to partner with a willing landowner to introduce a source of well water into the existing water system. New pump stations would need to be installed to move the water and/or wastewater. There are many potential funding sources available; USDA Rural

Development, Northern Border Development Grant, Economic Development Authority Grant, etc. Getting landowners to connect to the system in the early stages is important to help offset the cost of the extension, which can be difficult. Letters of support from properties on the east side of town and WRC would be helpful. Town Manager will work on an earmark application to submit through Sen. Sanders' office for this project.

#### 8. Local Emergency Management Plan

- Gannon moved to approve the Local Emergency Management Plan, Rice second; 4-0

Fitzgerald moved to enter into liquor commission at 6:53 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

#### 9. Liquor Commission (5 minutes)

- Fitzgerald moved to approve a First-Class Liquor License for Folly Eats LLC dba Folly at 33 West Main St, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of liquor commission at 6:55 pm

#### 10. Other Business

#### 11. Select Board Members Comments

- Gannon apologized for being late. The water merger bill passed on the floor today and will be up for a final reading tomorrow and then on to the senate.

#### 12. Town Manager's Updates

- VT Bond bank loan application has been submitted. Next steps include a commitment letter, formal loan documents. The BAN is set and in place.
- VT AOT's ledge stabilization project is underway on Route 9 West in Woodford.
- Mary Brady, who volunteered as a DRB member, recently died of a heart attack.
- The Gathering Place will be closing their Dover location because of underuse. It will be going on the market to be sold. Maggie Lewis has expressed her gratitude to the Board.
- Ray Hill Road owners have been complaining of traffic and vehicle speed. A mirror and signage have been posted that seem to help.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on town committees.

#### 13. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the hermitage contract may put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session at 7:11 pm, to include the town manager, fire chief, and assistant fire chief to review the hermitage fire contract, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of executive session at 7:20 pm

- Fitzgerald moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the fire contract with the HMC, Fisher second; 3-0 Gannon abstain

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica DeFrancesco, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Vince Rice, Clerk

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Sarah Fisher

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Tony Tribuno