

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes July 6, 2021

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Emily Beeman, Karen Molina, James Dassatti, Meg Staloff, Amelia Nick, Matt Murano, Therese Lounsbury, Jessica Lee Smith, Bonnie Pactor, Kit Cincotta, Susan Smith, Michele Carleon

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Under 1%; the LHA request should be for \$5,100.
 - VT Bond Bank Commitment Memo under action items
2. Approve Minutes of June 15, 2021
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021, Tribuno second; all in favor.
3. Action Item(s):
 - Gannon moved to authorize the town manager to sign the grant agreement for a Better Roads Grant for Stearns Ave, Rice second; all in favor
 - Fitzgerald moved to appoint Emily Beeman to the Recreation Committee for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring in 2024, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - Tribuno moved to approve a new private road name of Ghastly Job Way, off of Larson Rd, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Tribuno moved to approve a new private road name of Ralph May Extension, off of Ralph May Town Rd, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Fisher moved to approve the VT Bond Bank 2021 Series 3 Loan-Commitment Memo for the new Public Safety Building, Rice second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into water commission at 6:11 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

4. Water Commission
 - The FY 21 budget was only a 6-month budget, as they were on a calendar year and we were moving over to a fiscal year. Operator amount is lower due to a vacation payout that needed to happen in FY 20. Training has been built-in to certify a back-up operator. Sewer doesn't pay for their own audit, so the expenditure for this may change in the future. A capital account has been created. Base rate and water usage rates may need to be adjusted. The plan is to approve the water rates at the same time as the wastewater rates. Gannon moved to approve the FY22 Water budget, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of water commission at 6:24 pm

5. Tax Rate
 - Homestead rate is down by .42 due to our 100% CLA this year. Homestead 2.2812, non-homestead 2.1974. Gannon moved to set the FY 22 tax rate of .5881, Tribuno second; all in favor.
6. 1% Local Option Tax Fund Request
 - (Fitzgerald and Gannon abstained from discussion) Staloff presented. There is an issue with dog waste downtown. The idea is to have them "adopted" by dog friendly businesses,

keeping the responsibility away from the town managing and maintaining them. They would get a reminder to check for waste and empty. There is one by the tennis courts, maybe one by the library, which would already be near a public trash. Tribuno moved to approve the 1% funding request for Dog-Friendly Downtown working with Wilmington Works in the amount of \$1,010, Rice second; 3-0, Gannon and Fitzgerald abstained.

- This project creates one kiosk for the driving tour and a trail guide. Fitzgerald moved to approve the request for "The Trail Guide" presented by the Living History Association in the amount of \$5,100 contingent on the contribution by the Town of Dover, Rice second; all in favor.

7. Virtual Meetings

- Jessica Lee Smith commented that virtual meetings worked well for people who weren't able to make in-person meetings. Staloff commented that technology would need to be facilitated in a way that is comfortable for the committees. It does give you more to monitor. Fitzgerald stated that not everyone has internet, and it would possibly require additional staffing. Fitzgerald asked for some quotes and figures. Gannon wants to discuss town meeting as well. Fisher feels like there wasn't much participation during our meetings while on zoom.

8. Special Traffic Regulations on Boyd Hill

- Rotary is doing their annual garden and live tour. There are a lot of no parking signs on Boyd Hill Rd, and they are hoping to have some no parking areas lifted for a block of time, as long as it doesn't interfere with emergency services. The Chief asks that it be specific "100 ft east of Wards Cove", South of Boyd Hill and with traffic so they are parking with traffic. Parking in the field on the property is possible, but it could create a large bottle neck on the road. Chief say there would need to be at least two people with safety vests handling parking, but since it is a private ticketed event so parking should really be on their property. You can fit 30-40 cars along the roadway. Gannon moved, pursuant to 23 VSA 1010, following the Police Chief's recommendations, to approve special traffic regulations for the Garden Tour event on Boyd Hill Rd on July 17th from 12-4 pm, Rice second; 4-0, Fisher abstained.

9. Other Business

10. Select Board Members Comments

- Gannon stated that he would like to assist with informing groups that they can hang banners across Rt 9.

11. Town Manager's Updates

12. Executive Session (Fisher left meeting)

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the possible sale of town owned property would place the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session at 8:00 pm, to include the Town Manager, to discuss the Town's terms regarding the sale of town owned property with an unknown buyer under provisions of title 1, section 313 (a)(1)(a) of the Vermont statutes; Tribuno second; all in favor.

Out of executive session at 8:10 pm

- Tribuno moved to approve the authorizing resolution and legal notice to sell town owned property to VT Golf Real Estate, LLC for \$5,267.47, Rice second; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 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