

**Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, Chris Lavoy (by phone 6:07–6:31 pm), Sara Molina, Paul Pizzano, Jack Widness, Will Melton, Amelia Nick, Therese Lounsbury, Tom Laughlin, Jessica Lee Smith, Ann Loughran

Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of July 20, 2021
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of July 20, 2021; Rice second; 4-0, Fisher abstained.
3. Action Item(s):
 - Fitzgerald moved to appoint Sara Molina to the Recreation Committee for a 4-year term expiring April 2025, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Gannon moved to appoint Justin Linder to the DRB for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 2023, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - Gannon moved to certify that the Selectboard Chair, Town Manager, and Finance Officer have been authorized representatives and are authorized to act on behalf of the town in matters related to its loan from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank's 2021 Series 3 Bonds, Rice second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Water Commission at 6:07 pm, Gannon second; all in favor.

4. Water Commission
 - Pizzano had a pipe break at his residence while he was away so there was no way to know there was an issue. The meters currently being used don't have a warning for high usage, but they do make them. Past Commissioners have forgiven 50% of a bill owed in similar situations. Maybe this qualifies for Board of Abatement. This will be looked into and someone will be in touch.
 - The base charge was increased, which is the first time since 2018. There is also a 3% increase across the board. Tribuno moved to set the water rates for FY 22 as proposed (see attached spreadsheet), Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Water Commission at 6:31 pm

Entered into Sewer Commission at 6:31 pm

5. Sewer Commission
 - Gannon moved to set the ECU rate for FY 22 at \$598, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 6:38 pm

6. Lake Raponda Association
 - The Lake Raponda Association is giving an update on their application for an A1 rating for Lake Raponda. The association has been focusing on the biological health of the lake. An Environmental association was formed last year and is a 501C3, to help protect and improve the conditions of Lake Raponda and its watershed. It is currently a B2 classification, and the

association is trying to get it reclassified as an A1. There are very few lakes that are qualified for reclassification. A1 means a lake has excellent water quality; volunteers have been taking samples. The only restrictions known, with this reclassification, would be a large structure with a septic system being put up on the lake. Landowners need to be on board with this for it to happen, which will take some time; and the town's support will be needed as well. Clarity as to what will be allowed and not allowed needs to be clearer; if motorboats are allowed or not, who's financially responsible if the quality of the lake degrades.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 7:03 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

7. Liquor License

- Tribuno moved to approve a Request to Cater and Open Container Exemption Permit for Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse dba The Roadhouse for an event at Memorial Hall on August 19-21, 2021, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:04 pm

8. Other Business

9. Select Board Members Comments

- Tribuno mentioned a complaint about the speed of vehicles on Woods Rd.
- Gannon commented on how good the OHW banner looks

10. Town Manager's Updates

- Mark Dooley 5K will take place September 18th.
- Village stroll had over 200 attendees; spent \$1419 of their \$1500 funds.
- Julie Koehler (Beaver Brook School) will be awarded \$45,000 for her program start-up at OSEC.

11. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the sale of town land would place the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session at 7:21 pm, to include the town manager, to discuss the possible sale of town owned property, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of executive session at 7:28 p.m.

- Gannon moved to approve the Authorizing Resolution and Consent of the Town of Wilmington Selectboard to sell Parcel ID HSTWOBRO.017 to Arthur and Michelle Hale for \$2,206.44, Rice second; all in favor.
- Gannon moved to approve the Legal Notice to convey certain real property by Quitclaim Deed to Arthur and Michelle Hale, Rice second; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 p.m.

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