

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes September 7, 2021

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno **Absent:** John Gannon
Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Matt Murano, Amelia Nick-DVN, Jim Wiesner, Jessica Lee Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of August 17, 2021
 - Rice moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2021, Fisher second; 3-0, Tribuno abstained.
3. Action Item(s):
 - Fitzgerald moved to appoint the Town Manager as voting delegate at VLCT's annual business meeting on September 29, 2021, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Fitzgerald moved to accept, with deep regret, the resignation of Ann Ottaviano from the Trails Committee, Fisher second; all in favor.
4. Police Dept
 - This cruiser purchase is replacing a 2016 Ford Explorer on its normal rotation. We will get some money back when the Explorer goes to auction. This purchase is a 2021 Dodge Durango. There have been some issues with the Explorers, so other options were explored. Production is an issue, but this is our best hope. Fisher moved to approve the Cruiser purchase in the amount of \$32,808.40, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Chief Murano discussed the Use of Force Policy as a statutory requirement, meaning agencies would be ineligible for state funding if it were not adopted, including participation at the Vermont Police Academy, where officers receive full-time and part-time certifications to serve state and local agencies. This new policy replaces the current "response to resistance" policy developed by VLCT. The officers have already received training on this new Use of Force policy; there will be state training, and follow-up department training conducted. Jessica Smith feels it is unwise to go in this direction by allowing the state to dictate policy that may affect officer safety. Fisher moved to approve the Use of Force Policy, effective October 1, 2021, Fitzgerald second; 3-1 Rice opposed.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 6:40 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

5. Liquor Commission
 - Rice moved to approve Request to Cater Permits and an Open Container Ordinance Exemption for Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse for the Wine and Harvest Stroll on September 24th at Chapman's Antiques, Bartleby's Books, Pettee Memorial Library, Memorial Hall, Chamber of Commerce, and Incurable Romantic, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:42 pm.

6. Other Business

7. Select Board Members Comments

8. Town Manager's Updates

- Wilmington's Fire Dept. Association fed 123 seniors chicken dinners last Sunday.
- VT Geeks will be installing a cloud-based back-up to our town computers. He will be at our October staff meeting to discuss cyber security.
- Mt Snow is planning to open on November 19th.
- Mark Dooley 5k race has been cancelled out of an abundance of caution, but there will be a memorial service on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, 9:00 a.m. at OSEC.
- Public Safety Building is still a few weeks behind due to rain.
- ARPA funding is based on the population; we should see \$536,895.96.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Tucker, Town Manager

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno