

Wilmington Selectboard Minutes October 5, 2021

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Vince Rice at 7 pm, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Ryan Todd-DCTV, Cheryl LaFlamme, Matt Murano, John Lazelle, Jessica Lee Smith, Christine and Dennis Richter, Deb Kingsley, Jerry Osler, Lenny Chapman, Amelia Nick, Lynne Matthews, Elizabeth McEwen, Kay Martin Schwader, Diane Schipke, Patti Long, Therese Lounsbury, John Lebron,

Meeting called to order at 600 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Therese: there have been a lot of changes due to Act 60, and encourages discussion about mail-in ballots prior to town meeting.
 - Add Neuner v Town to the executive session.
2. Approve Minutes of September 21, 2021
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021, Tribuno second; all in favor.
3. Action Item(s):
 - Gannon moved to participate in a National Opioid Settlement, and to name the Town Manager as the authorized agent to sign binding documentation, Fisher second; all in favor.
4. Listers
 - The Listers are requesting for their Board to be reduced to a three-member Board of Listers for one year, and the following year transition to an Assessor's Office. Finding an Assessor will be a challenge. Gannon commented that it didn't seem like the Listers had an understanding of how ProVal arrives at a value for a property. Lounsbury commented that ProVal is only as good as the data it has been supplied. So, the BCA would be comparing the appraisal vs the listers card; there's no way to determine if one is working properly. Training will be set up and it would be helpful if all of the Listers and BCA members would be present.
5. Police Cruiser
 - The vendor has been used the last few years and are competitive. Gannon moved to approve the cost of the cruiser upfit in the amount of \$12,154.52, Fisher second; all in favor.
6. Beautification Committee
 - LaFlamme wanted to remind everyone that the Schindel's were the start of the Beautification Committee. Gannon moved to accept very reluctantly, the resignation of Lee Schindel from the Beautification Committee, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - Gannon moved to amend the Beautification Charge to allow for two alternate positions, Fisher second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into sewer commission at 6:55 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

7. Sewer Commission

- Gannon moved to approve preliminary allocation for 1A Coffee Roasters for an additional 180 gpd, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Out of sewer commission at 6:58 pm.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into liquor commission at 6:59 pm, Gannon second; all in favor.

8. Liquor License

- Gannon moved to approve an Open Container Exemption and Request to Cater Permit for Jim's Bistro at the Roadhouse for events at Memorial Hall on October 16, November 20, and December 4, 2021, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of liquor commission at 7:00 pm.

9. Other Business

*Rice arrived

10. Selectboard Members Comments

- Fisher has had some complaints about the traffic on Rt 9 at Dunkin Donuts some mornings. Checking the traffic study from Act 250 and going from there may be the next step.

11. Town Manager's Updates

- VT Geeks and DCTV will be meeting to look over what we are proposing for hybrid; which could be paid for with ARPA funds.
- Tracy Bartels will be coming to the next meeting with an update.
- Appeal notice received from Vida Holdings LLC; going to PVR

12. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the confidential attorney/client communications would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Fisher second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session at 7:20 pm, to include the town manager, to discuss attorney client communication pertaining to Superior Court tax appeal case Lane v Town of Wilmington and Neuner V Town, Rice second; all in favor.

Fisher exited at 7:40 pm.

Out of executive session at 7:47 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 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