

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2021

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon (by phone), Vince Rice, Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Ryan Todd-DCTV, Amelia Nick-DVN, Cindy Hayford, Matt Murano, Bill Benneyan, Meg Staloff, Elizabeth McEwen, Gretchen Havreluk, Jessica Lee Smith, Shelley Park

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of December 7 and 14, 2021
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve minutes of December 7, 2021, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - Fisher moved to approve minutes of December 14, 2021, Rice second; 4-0, Tribuno abstained
3. Action Item(s):
 - Fisher moved to approve the flower bid from Andrew Corp and authorize the Town Manager to execute the multi-year contract, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - Hermitage Members Club; Bill Benneyan updated the Board on the winter season. Eight townhomes are going up and should be up in the spring, with plans for more to go up in the fall. Opening day was December 11th for the ski season. The majority of members and employees are vaccinated; however, masks are mandatory indoors unless eating or drinking.
4. Vacant Building Ordinance
 - The legal opinion was to not limit the Vacant Building Ordinance to the historic/design district. The Planning Commission felt that restricting the ordinance to the downtown was keeping it in a denser area, where there is greater risk to surrounding areas with vacant buildings. The hope is this ordinance will compel the owners of these buildings to fix them up or sell them to someone who will restore them. The ordinance only pertains to building that are vacant. Fisher moved to approve the proposed Vacant Building Ordinance, Rice second; all in favor.
5. Cannabis Legislation
 - Cindy Hayford of DVCP presented a PowerPoint available for viewing at <https://wilmingtonvermont.us/committees-minutes/selectboard/>. Act 164 allows a Cannabis Control Commission, which would keep up-to-date on cannabis regulations. Hayford is recommending a group appointed by the Selectboard. They can recommend how close to schools, daycare, youth centers; signage ordinances; and how many retailers will be allowed to operate a cannabis business in town.
6. Other Business
 - Dedication, to be determined.
7. Selectboard Members Comments

8. Town Manager's Updates

- January 4th the Board will have a public hearing for zoning amendments.
- Public Safety Facility contingency balance started at \$246,750, and is at \$218,000. There are some additional changes coming that will take it to \$180,000.
- Neuner, Schlatka, and Lane are appraisal appeals in Superior Court, still in progress.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 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