

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes February 1, 2022

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Gretchen Havreluk, Amelia Nick– DVN, John Lazelle, Therese Lounsbury, Jessica Lee Smith, Matt Murano

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Jessica Lee Smith commented that she felt the reporting on the traffic study was improperly recorded and should be corrected. She thought a news article was written in a way that gave the town a bad name regarding bias in traffic stops, and as a BIPOC member (non-white community) she affirms the police in town have treated her and her family well. Fisher commented that the town cannot control what other people write, and it is unfortunate the writer framed the article in a negative light.
2. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2022
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022, Fisher second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
 - Fisher moved to allow all legislative and public meetings go electronic as needed until January 15, 2023, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - Set date for Australian ballot informational meeting– Wednesday, February 23rd at 6 pm as a hybrid meeting.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Sewer Commission at 6:13 pm Rice second; all in favor.

4. Sewer Commission
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a final allocation request for Karen Molina at 69 Ray Hill Rd for an additional 560 gpd, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Fisher moved to approve a final allocation request for 1a Coffee at 123 West Main St for an additional 6 seats at 180 gpd, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a preliminary allocation request for Chrystal Holt at 103 West Main St to add 6 restaurant seats at 180 gpd and a two-bedroom apartment at 280 gpd, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a preliminary allocation request for Bruce Fischer at 56 Winter Haven Dr for a two-bedroom residence and one-bedroom cottage at 420 gpd, Fisher second; all in favor.
5. Route 9 East Sewer/Water Expansion
 - An update to property owners should happen. The project is on a priority list at the state level, and hoping to get on ANR's priority list as well. The project is currently set at \$3 million, but will probably increase with material costs. Northern Borders feels this would be a good project for their grant. Preliminary engineering is step one, which would help answer a lot of starter questions like how water and sewer will move together. Gannon moved to approve a request to apply for grants related to the proposed Rt 9 East sewer and water expansion project, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 6:35 pm

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 6:35 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

6. Liquor Commission

- Tribuno moved to approve Second-Class License Renewals for Jolley Associates LLC dba #147 Wilmington Jolley and Sonny's Cup & Saucer Inc dba C&S Beverage;
- First-and Third-Class License Renewal for The Dairy Bar Inc dba Dots Restaurant;
- First-Class and Outside Consumption Renewal for L&W Hospitality Inc d/b/a Nutmeg Inn
- First and Third-Class and Outside Consumption Renewal for Pipe Dream LLC d/b/a Anchor Seafood restaurant, Rice second; all in favor

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:37 pm

7. Other Business/Correspondence

8. Selectboard Members Comments

9. Town Manager's Updates

- A resident sent in a letter of thanks to Officer O'Neil for his response to a distress call. He showed sensitivity, compassion, empathy and understanding to someone in need during a volatile episode.
- Qualified immunity relates to all public bodies, not just law enforcement. The current bill focuses solely on law enforcement. It allows a judge to decide whether or not qualified immunity is appropriate in each case. Town manager would like to submit a letter in support of our police department. Gannon suggested inviting Senator Sears to a Selectboard meeting. Chief is concerned it is going to turn police roles to reactive rather than proactive.
- A Cannabis Control Guidance for municipalities has been issued by the state. Town cannot regulate a cannabis establishment to any greater extent than any other business. And zoning cannot prohibit cannabis, if the town votes to opt-in. Retailers will need local and state licenses.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 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