

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Gretchen Havreluk, Joe Levy, Hunter Charnow, Amelia Nick, Travis Wendel, Jessica Lee Smith, Jim Wiesner, Hope Etheridge

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Add a Special Event Permit for a tasting at Hermitage Club on July 2nd from 4–6 pm, hosted by SC Distillation.
2. Approve Minutes of May 3 and 5, 2022
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022, Fisher second; all in favor.
 - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2022, Fisher second; 4–0, Rice abstained.
3. Action Items
4. 1% Local Option Tax Fund Request
 - Gannon moved to approve the Friends of Memorial Hall funding request in the amount of \$5,000, Tribuno second; all in favor.
5. Tax Stabilization
 - Wendel is planning retail space downstairs, second floor; one apartment and an office, third floor; two apartments. Gannon moved to approve the Tax Stabilization request by the owner of 1 East Main Street, Travis Wendel, Fisher second; all in favor.
6. Local Cannabis Control Commission
 - Towns aren't required to, but can, create a CCC. Wiesner asked if it was necessary to create such a Board. He's hoping more than one retailer decides to sell cannabis. It will be similar to the Liquor Commission; they will approve permits and then it will go to the state. Smith commented that Brattleboro didn't put a limit on the number of cannabis licenses they will allow. Gannon stated that at some point the voters can decide to opt out, and then the current licensed retailers would keep their license but no other licenses would be permitted. Gannon moved that Wilmington create a Local Cannabis Control Commission made up of the Selectboard; Fisher second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 6:29 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

7. Liquor Commission
 - Rice moved to approve a Second-Class License Application for Starfire Bakery LLC at 103 West Main St.; and
 - A Special Event Permit for a tasting at Ratu's Liquor and Market on June 10th from 4–6 pm and at Hermitage Club on July 2nd from 4–6 pm, hosted by SC Distillation, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:30 pm

8. Other Business
 - Summer schedule; 2nd meeting each month June–Aug; approved by general consent.

9. Select Board Members Comments

- Tribuno mentioned Mrs. Raymo's passing recently and asked if the Board would like to do something.
- Gannon stated he is not seeking re-election as State Rep this year.

10. Town Manager's Updates

- Kathy Larsen said Green Up went well with 98 volunteers picking up litter; 200 bags filled.
- An advertisement will be going out for Zoning/Health Officer. His term is up in September and isn't interested in a second term
- A candidate has been selected for the Highway Superintendent position; it will be discussed in executive session.
- Duncan Cable will be coming in to setup for TV soon.
- An agreement has been signed with Stevens & Assoc to get recommendations on securing the stage structure at Memorial Hall.
- The Lane appeal is going to court.

11. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the employment contract would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into executive session at 7:02 pm, to include the Town Manager, to discuss employment contracts, Rice second; all in favor.
- Out of executive session at 7:25 p.m.
- Fitzgerald moved to expend up to \$55,000 for fiscal year-end bonus to employees for their continued dedication and perseverance throughout the pandemic, Rice second; all in favor,

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 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