

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Gretchen Havreluk, Christine Richter, Tim Dolan, Amelia Nick, Bethaney LaClair, Marie Paige, Dennis Richter, John Lazelle, Shannon Wheeler, Jim Wiesner, Cheryl Rusin, Carolyn Palmer, Dave Moulton, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Samba Diallo, Jessica Lee Smith, Meg Staloff, Allison Maynard, Tony Kilbride, Chris Boyd, Elizabeth McEwen, Meg Streeter, Cindy Hayford, Rhonda Gleason, Justin Johnston

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

- Liquor Commission; should be for July 3rd at the Marina
- Dave Moulton from Mt Snow; they are updating their master plan and would like to schedule a meeting with the Selectboard.

2. Approve Minutes of May 17, 2022

- Gannon moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2022, Rice second; all in favor.

3. Action Items

- Gannon moved to approve the Letter of Intent to participate in the FY23 Grants-In-Aid Program, Fisher second; all in favor.
- Gannon moved to approve a letter of support to place a Wilmington Bridge project on the Vtrans Capital Project Pilot Program, Rice second; all in favor.
- Gannon moved to approve the three official posting locations as Town Clerk's bulletin board, C&S Grocer, and River Valley Market, Rice second; all in favor.
- Wiesner asked about toxicity to the soil and if it should be tested before we approve it. Fitzgerald recommended he contact the state with his concerns. Fitzgerald moved to approve a two-year permit for the DVDF Demolition Derby, Rice second; all in favor.

4. Bi-Town Marketing Update

- The Selectboard heard an update from Tim Dolan and see the Digital Ad Campaign; google search, digital campaign- foliage in August and a separate day drive campaign, YouTube video, Content capturing (photo/videographers, content creator). Full PowerPoint is available on the town website.

5. 1% Local Option Tax Request

- Costs are increasing and some things are hard to come by. Sponsorships are down for events due to financial strain. They have been unable to find a midway company so far that are able to accommodate. There will be two food vendors- Jr's and Maple Brook Farm. Gannon moved to approve the 1% request from the DV Farmers Day Fair in the amount of \$13,000, Fisher second; all in favor. Havreluk offered to help the Fair look for and apply for some agricultural grants.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Water Commission at 6:31 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

6. Water Commission

- There isn't much change in the budget. We will be collecting interest on late payments beginning this next fiscal year. The classifications have been simplified to: single-family home, small non-profit, small commercial, large commercial, and sprinklers. Definitions for these have also been created. Gannon moved to approve the FY 23 water budget and set the classifications and rates as presented, Rice second; all in favor. (Classifications and definitions attached).

Out of Water Commission at 6:43 pm.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Sewer Commission at 6:43 pm, all in favor.

7. Sewer Commission

- The ECU rate would be \$607.41, but Richter recommends rounding it to \$607.50. Gannon moved to approve the FY 23 sewer budget and set the ECU rate at \$607.50, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 6:50 pm.

8. FY 23 Tax Rate

- The total tax rate would be .6174. The estimated rate was about a penny more. Gannon moved to set the tax rate for FY 23 at .6174, Rice second; all in favor.

9. Tax Sale

- It looks like Haystack lots is all that will be going to tax sale on Thursday. Tribuno will be the town rep.

10. ARPA

- See attached lists

11. Use of Fire Department Building

- Tucker would like to allow Voices of Hope use of the building as a start to "healthy living," outline in his memorandum with attachments from VOH. He's looking for 2-3 years to see if the town needs more storage, if there's a possibility to lease out some of the space, and use the building for community meeting space. Palmer commented that she had planned to ask the Town Manager about storage space while they are undergoing renovations. Voices of Hope have 4 types of meetings; 12 step AA, a bereavement group, recovery coaching, SMART recovery, and all recovery. They need a place to hold these meetings. Smith agreed that community outreach and support groups would be a great use. The Selectboard agreed to turn the use of the old Fire House over to the Town Manager with a plan and update by summers end.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 7:40 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

12. Liquor Commission

- Fitzgerald moved to approve a Special Event Permit for a tasting at High Country Marina on July 3rd from 12-7 pm, hosted by SC Distillation, Rice second; 3-2.

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:48 pm.

13. Other Business

14. Select Board Members Comments

15. Town Manager's Updates

- The Board has been noticed as a local Cannabis Control Commission, with Jessica as contact to receive licenses.
- Doug Furlon will be doing some of the work at Memorial Hall to fortify the stage.
- Sheldon will be leaving Thursday, June 23rd instead of next week.
- 34 Look Rd LLC, Jen Nielson and Eric Potter have filed appeals in E-Court on a DRB decision. Our town attorney filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 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