

**Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**August 16, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Matt Murano, Amelia Nick, Elizabeth McEwen, Scott Moore, Sasha Kondraski, Jeremy White, Anna Drozdowski, Andrew Kirkman, Gretchen Havreluk, Cindy Hayford, John Lazelle, Jessica Lee Smith, David Richman, John Lebron, Bobby Maynard, Eugene and Diane Olanyk, Barbara Trudeau, Avery Hilton, Susan Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Under #5, possibly approve the recommendation of a town health officer.
  - Under # 10, discuss and possibly approve a meeting schedule.
  - David Richman is concerned about the speed 32 Castle Hill Road; the transfer station looks terrible and is very dirty looking.
2. Approve Minutes of July 19, 2022
  - Gannon moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
  - Fitzgerald moved to approve, with regret, Meg Staloff's resignation from the Planning Commission, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to appoint the Town Manager as voting delegate at VLCT's annual business meeting, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Fisher moved to approve granting Voices of Hope a National Opioids Settlement distribution through their fiduciary in the amount of \$1,469.19 to help abate the effects of the opioid epidemic on our community, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to approve the amended resolution & consent, notice, and conveyance for 74 Pond Loop, Rice second; all in favor.
4. Police Dispatch
  - Dispatch is day shift hours with night hours running through VT State Police. VSP is no longer interested in dispatching for outside agencies. This grant is not the Chief's primary recommendation, but feels we should apply now, see where things fall, and go from there. His hope is to keep VSP from dropping towns. This would be a regional dispatch with Dover and Winhall, and other towns may be picked up. This conversation is also happening with Dover and Winhall. Gannon moved to authorize the Police Chief to apply for the Vermont 2022 Regional Communications Center Grant Program with a letter of intent, Tribuno second; all in favor.
5. Zoning Administrator Recommendation
  - John Lebron presented the Planning Commission's recommendation for Zoning Administrator to be Jessica Roberts.
  - Gannon moved to approve the recommendation for Zoning Administrator, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Fitzgerald moved to approve the recommendation of town health officer, Jessica Roberts, to the Dept of Health.

## 6. ARPA Funding

- Gannon moved to approve the use of ARPA funds for final engineering design for the Route 9 water/sewer expansion in the amount of \$139,000, Rice second; all in favor. Joe Garra said he sees a need within town to get this project completed.

## 7. Fire Dept

- The current "brush" truck is in sad shape. It will require over \$6,000 just to be road worthy again. It has been a very versatile truck. The Fire Chief applied to the American Fire Act Grant for the purchase. Once purchased it will still need radio outfitting and winter tires, just to start. If the grant is received, it will cover the entire cost. Gannon moved to approve an expenditure up to \$97,000 from the Fire Equipment Capital for a new brush truck, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- This is the second installment of new turnout gear. Fitzgerald moved to approve an expenditure up to \$23,886 from the Fire Equipment Capital for new turnout gear, Fisher second; all in favor.

## 8. Zoning Ordinance

- Hearing date for Zoning Articles V, VII, VIII, and X; at 6 pm on 9/20/22.

## 9. Nuisance Ordinance

- Eugene Olanyk is requesting a nuisance ordinance. There is a resident on Fairview Avenue that is outside at all hours of the day playing music and using profanities. They are asking for an ordinance that limits noise to a certain decibel so that the police department has a tool to help control the situation. The police have been out and have done a great job trying to control it, but it hasn't gotten any better. Officer Kirkman has dealt with the individual, who knows the noise laws, and actions have not warranted arrest or citation up to this point. Officers witnessing disorderly conduct or having witnesses willing to step forward with statements of such behavior, could lead to a court citation. There are many signs that get put up with profanities, sometimes put in or near the road. Fitzgerald thinks maybe the town departments could get together and discuss some options. Gannon thinks a nuisance ordinance could be possible.
- Olanyk is also asking for Fairview Ave to be paved.

## 10. Other Business

- Board agrees to continue one meeting a month through December.

## 11. Select Board Members Comments

- Fitzgerald commented that it was difficult getting attendance for BCA meetings.
- Gannon noticed a new sign on 100 that tracks speeds and would like to thank those responsible - Police Department.
- Tribuno would love to see something happen with the issues on Fairview Ave.

## 12. Town Manager's Updates

- Change of use for the Old Fire House will be going to the DRB; should be in late September.
- We received about \$19,000 in energy efficiency funds for the new building.

13. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the attorney client communications and the e-court appeal would put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 pm, to include the Town Manager and Town Attorney, for the purpose of Attorney Client communications regarding 34 Look Rd LLC Permit and E-court appeal; and to discuss the possible sale of town property, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of executive session at 7:46 pm.

- Fisher moved to appoint the Look Road, LLC E-Court mediation team of Ed (Adrian - Town Attorney), Scott (Tucker - Town Manager), and Tom (Fitzgerald - Selectboard Chair); Rice second; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica DeFrancesco, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

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Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

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John Gannon, Vice Chair

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Vince Rice, Clerk

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Sarah Fisher

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Tony Tribuno