

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes January 17, 2023

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, John Gannon, Vince Rice (6:26 pm), Sarah Fisher, Tony Tribuno

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Deb Kingsley, Jerry Osler, Lenny Chapman, Chris Lavoy, Matt Murano, Therese Lounsbury, Ann Manwaring, Elizabeth McEwen, Amelia Nick, Gretchen Havreluk, Wayne Elliott, Russell Beaudoin

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Ann Manwaring is troubled by the funding request from SVMC–Deerfield Campus, as it appears to be for general operating expenses. She has the same issue with the request from Grace Cottage. She is more likely to favor a specific project.
2. Approve Minutes of January 3 and 12, 2023
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of January 3 and 12, 2023, Fisher second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve the Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - Tribuno moved to approve granting Voices of Hope a National Opioids Settlement distribution through their fiduciary in the amount of \$5,947.61 to help abate the effects of the opioid epidemic on our community, Fisher second; all on favor.
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve a letter of support to ACCD for the Route 9 Infrastructure Expansion Project, Fisher second; all in favor.
4. CLA – Common Level of Appraisal
 - With 165 towns in need of a reappraisal, and a lack of appraisers to do them, what is going to happen? If we don't get our CLA up, we will get hit with a large education tax rate. The listers office is talking about doing a statistical for the 2025 grand list. Russ said Wilmington is in a good position to do a statistical and it won't be as labor intensive. Whether or not Wilmington will need to do a full reappraisal in 10 years or less after the statistical is complete, is unknown. A statistical reappraisal will cost \$10–15/parcel. The town can apply now to get approval to do the statistical. Russ could do it for the 2024 grand list. The advantage to starting sooner is hopefully getting the education tax lowered.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Water Commission at 6:12 pm, Fisher second; all in favor.

5. Water Asset Management Plan
 - There is some training, but if the loan is approved and the AMP is completed on time, the loan will be forgiven 100%. A hydraulic analysis will be run which will show areas of concern, including the Route 9 expansion. Fitzgerald moved to approve the application for the State Revolving Loan Program to complete the Water Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$44,200, and appoint the Town Manager to oversee it, Fisher second; all in favor. Fitzgerald moved to give the Town Manager authority to sign the engineering servicing agreement and any other document related to the project, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of Water Commission at 6:20 pm

6. Nuisance Ordinance

- The Selectboard reviewed the draft Nuisance Ordinance. The ordinance does state that owners of a rental property are required to give a copy of this ordinance to renters. This won't fix all of the noise issues, but it could help with some issues. Licensed businesses would also fall in this ordinance with excessive noise at night. Gannon would like the words "to a store or event" removed from 4(c). Fisher asked to change 8(g) from "6:00" to 7:00, to be consistent with a previous section. The committee will make the changes and send it to the town attorney. Tribuno thinks the fines may need to be increased.

7. Other Business/Correspondence

8. Select Board Members Comments

- Gannon stated in response to Manwaring's comments that both the Health Center and Grace Cottage are running deficits as a result of the pandemic. Their budgets are approved by the Green Mountain Care Board. While school budgets are running a surplus.

9. Town Manager's Updates

- Advertising for an administrative clerk for the listers office, posting will be made internally this week, and externally next week.
- We received the generator for the PSF. Still waiting on finalization of cameras/security for the PD.
- Reardon's Bridge is going out to bid.
- MH flood-proofing grant through VEM and FEMA is still underway.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 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