

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes May 25, 2023

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Jessica Roberts, Nicki Steel, Mary Towne, Deb and Gordon Boyd, John and Deb Boyd, Ralph Staib, Lauren Harkawik, Chris Mays, Mary Pike-Sprenger, John Lazelle, Rebecca Lazelle, Jonathan Lazelle, Carlotta Gladding, Therese Lounsbury, Lisa Sullivan, Mel Lopez, David Fontaine, Meg Streeter, Bonnie Lorimer, Donna Spiller, Sharon Adams, Sarah Adams, David Adams, Mary Ellen Pike

Meeting called to order at 8:15 am

1. Visitors, public comments, changes to agenda
2. Flood Lines on Town Hall
 - A number of complaints came in regarding the flood lines being removed from the Town Hall. Gannon supports keeping them on the building as it shows the resiliency of the town. Town buildings are under the oversight of the town manager. John Boyd commented that prior to the lines, there was a plaque marking the flood of 1938. At the suggestion of Chair Fitzgerald, the town manager will sit down with a couple of residents to revisit their concern. Everyone has the best interest of the town at heart. Tucker thinks he has a compromise, and he will take that up with a small group.
3. Local Health Board
 - The Town Health Officer gave an update on a case at 247 VT RT 100N in the downstairs apartment that is a rental. THO received a call from the state asking if the building had been condemned. The THO can not condemn a building, but the Health Board can. Fire Marshall then reported possible unsafe conditions and the THO accompanied him on the inspection. A report was given to all parties with items that needed to be corrected. The tenant sometimes does not allow the landlord access to manage repairs. After discussion, a re-inspection happened. Many items are still not fixed, and additional items were added to the list of repairs. Tenant is upset that the building was not being condemned, which affected a state voucher for housing. Mid-May, THO was notified by tenant of a court order in place preventing repairs. The tenants feel the house is uninhabitable. Tenants indicate that there is water seeping into the walls. They have numerous pets getting sick, and they are getting sick themselves. The tenants claim their court order is not to prevent repairs. It is unclear what order was issued, if any. There was mention of an eviction case in court. The town needs to follow state protocols. Fontaine commented that removal of contaminated materials without remediating it properly, could release more toxins into the air. The THO has a list of items fixed by the owner. Any further THO visits to the property will be escorted by law enforcement.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into liquor commission at 9:04 am, Gannon second; all in favor.

4. Liquor Commission
 - Gannon moved to approve an Open Container Exemption Permit and a Request to Cater Permit for the library's grand opening on June 23 from 3-7 pm, catered by Anchor Seafood, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of liquor commission at 9:06 am

5. Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 am

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