

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Therese Lounsbury, Jessica Roberts, others on zoom.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - #4 omit.
 - #6 add Selectboard to set Budget Meeting date January 9, 2024 at 8:15 a.m., and public information dates/times January 11 & 18, 2024, Resolution of Necessity for capital construction.
2. Approve Minutes of December 5 and 12, 2023
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of December 5 and 12, 2023, Tribuno second; all in favor.
3. Errors & Omissions
 - Tribuno moved to approve 2023 Errors & Omissions from the Assessor's Office as presented, Rice second; all in favor.
4. 1% Local Option Tax
 - Omit
5. Zoning Ordinance Changes
 - A general discussion on STRs (short term rentals) by ZA Roberts to explain the changes and history.
 - Planning Commission Chair Lebron made comments related as to why he felt the PC's report (voted 4-1) as it related to STRs should be more restrictive, as he feared a "Holiday Inn" type STR could develop on Lake Raponda, and support for an STR registry.
 - A general discussion on recommended changes, led by Gannon, through a review of a red-lined Zoning Ordinance submission.
6. Other Business/Correspondence
 - The Budget Meeting that was postponed is rescheduled for January 9, 2024, at 8:15 a.m.
 - Two informational meetings regarding a Resolution of Necessity for Capital Construction Project (extending water & sewer along Route 9 East) scheduled for January 11, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. and January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
7. Selectboard Members' Comments
 - Tribuno expressing concern with the zoning ordinance change process.
 - Fisher would like to hear questions and comments from the public, and listen to homeowners.
 - Fitzgerald took grandkids to the Fire Department's visit with Santa and what a great job!
 - Gannon explained that there is no easy solution to STRs and that there is a personnel cost to the town in instituting a registry.
8. Town Manager's Updates
 - Flood waters on Monday, December 18, 2023 resulted in minimal damage, with waters topping the 14-foot marker on the bridge at Routes 9 & 100, resulting in water topping over by Crafts

Inn and the public parking area on W. Main St., and Buzzy Towne Park saw considerable water, which receded during the afternoon.

- FEMA – July 7, 2023 flooding; working through the documentation submissions required.
- Legal: Teitelbaum case in Superior Court related to public records access, town responded with request for attorney’s fees.
- ARPA Funds – working with VLCT to determine best accounting pathway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott A Tucker

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno