

Wilmington Selectboard Agenda
January 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Social Service Request from Beaver Brook Children's School after approval of minutes
 - Amend wording of action under zoning ordinance to "*possibly approve and recommend the changes to the proposed zoning ordinance to the Planning Commission for subsequent notice and hearing the proposed zoning ordinance*"
2. Approve Minutes of December 19, 2023 (5 minutes)
3. Social Service Funding Request (10 minutes)
 - *Beaver Brook Children's School*
4. Liquor Commission (5 minutes)
 - *The Selectboard to possibly approve a Second-Class renewal for Bear Claw Holdings LLC, dba River Valley Market.*
5. Zoning Ordinance Changes (60 minutes)
 - *The Selectboard to review the changes that it will suggest to the Planning Commission regarding the proposed zoning ordinance.*
 - *The Selectboard to possibly approve whether to recommend its proposed zoning ordinance changes to the Planning Commission for subsequent notice and hearing.*
6. Other Business/Correspondence
7. Select Board Members Comments
8. Town Manager's Updates (10 minutes)

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

Beaver Brook Children's School, Inc.

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December 29, 2023

To the Wilmington Selectboard members,

We are writing today to request that our social services organization be added to the Wilmington Town Budget. A stipend of \$12,000 would greatly impact our ability to serve local families and children.

Our non-profit organization provides year round childcare for 0-2 year olds, and multiple preschool programs for 3-5 year olds. We frequently work with children who have disabilities or mental health needs, and support multiple families who foster local children. Our program also runs high-quality summer camps for school aged children in June, July, and August.

We currently serve 25 families, 72% of whom reside in Wilmington or Whitingham. During the summer months, we have historically provided services to approximately 50 additional local children.

Please consider our request to be added to the annual budget as a Wilmington social services organization.

Kind regards,

Julie Koehler

President

Beaver Brook Children's School

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