

## Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes June 4, 2024

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

**Others Present:** Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Christine Richter, John Lazelle, Samantha Kondracki, Karen Wheeler, Marshall Dix, Matthew Murano, Liliias Hart, Mark Sprague, Bonnie Lorimer, Ann Manwaring, Therese Lounsbury, Patty Reagan, Ivy Kirby, Marianne Almeda, Lenny and Diane Chapman, Charlie Foster, Adam Grinold, Gretchen Havreluk, Joseph Garra, Jessica Roberts, Lisa Sullivan, Laura Stone (Vtrans), Jonathan Griffin (Vtrans), Nina Truslow (VHB), Wayne Symonds (VHB), Jamie Roy (VHB), Melanie Lopez, Phil Savoy,

### Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
  - Diane Chapman thanked everyone for the work being done at Riverview Cemetery.
2. Approve Minutes of May 21, 2024
  - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024, Rice second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
  - Gannon moved to re-appoint Scott Moore as Fire Warden, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to re-appoint Michael Mannhaupt as Deputy Fire Warden, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to approve the Internal Financial Controls Checklist, Rice second; all in favor.
  - Gannon moved to approve the bid from Vt Recreational for the reconstruction of the tennis courts in the amount of \$101,000, Fisher second; all in favor.
4. Vtrans Bridge #31
  - Vtrans discussed the replacement of Bridge #31 in the center of town. The bridge has constricted passage creating flood probabilities; there is congestion at the intersection which is a concern; the concrete, deck and t-beams have severe deterioration, with previous repairs. With the critical condition, Vtrans will be out to do another temporary repair in the next month. Alternatives; no action (is not a viable option and will not be entertained), bridge rehab, new bridge on new alignment, new bridge on existing alignment. Keeping the downtown open and mobility as easy as possible is a priority.
  - Proposed detours: through West Main parking lot and over the bridge, connecting on South Main St; crossing the river and detouring by the MOOver onto Shafter St and South Main St.
  - Lenny asked about putting sidewalks on the outside of the bridge.
  - Foster; one lane bridge from Crafts Inn through the park. Keep in mind the delivery trucks for the restaurants and businesses.
  - Kondracki and Lounsbury noted concern with routing through West Main parking lot and losing that parking lot and the large rise from West Main to South Main.
  - Sprague questioned the bridge in Readsboro, since it may be a by-pass
  - Grinold is encouraging an accelerated construction schedule/timeline.
  - Town has a participating cost in the relocation of the water line.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Sewer Commission at 6:58 pm, Tribuno second; all in favor.

5. Sewer Commission

The Sewer Commission to possibly approve:

- Tribuno moved to approve preliminary application for Heather Thomson, 27 East Main Street, 638 gallons for hair salon, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to approve a 3-month extension of preliminary approval for Cliff Leinonen, 85 West Main Street, 140 gallons for a one-bedroom apartment, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- Tribuno moved to approve a 3-month extension of preliminary approval for Andrew Kotsaftis, Fairview Avenue, Lot 1 and Lot 2, two new 3-bedroom houses, Rice second; all in favor.
- Rice moved to approve final approval for Melissa Nebelski (Super Girl LLC), 157 Rt 100 North, 325 gallons for change of use from store to apartments, Fisher second; all in favor.
- Rice moved to approve final approval for Corriston - Reed, 143 West Main Street, 1120 gallons for new apartments, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- Rice moved to approve final approval for VT211 LLC, 211 RT 9 East, 3360 gallons for apartments, Fisher second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to approve a connection Permit for VT 211 LLC, 211 Rt 9 East to connect to Lopez Sewer which is connected to Town Sewer, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 7:10 pm.

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Liquor Commission at 7:10 pm, Tribuno second; all in favor.

6. Liquor Commission

Gannon moved to approve and Fisher second; all in favor.

- A Request to Cater and Outside Consumption Permit for WI Foster for an event at VT House on July 15 from 4-6:30 pm,
- A Request to Cater and Outside Consumption for WI Foster for events at Ratu's on 6/15, 8/2, 9/1, 9/27, and 10/13 from 2-6 pm, and 7/5 from 1-4 pm.

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:12 pm.

7. Other Business/Correspondence

8. Select Board Members Comments

- Gannon - 88 Mann Road is building pickleball courts, and dropping their application for a helipad. Today's presentation from the state/VHB was very helpful and informative.

9. Town Manager's Updates

- We anticipate a structures grant for the East Brook bridge and a paving grant for East Dover Road.
- Town Hall, second floor, has some staffing shortages for July 5<sup>th</sup>, so the office will be closed, while the Town Clerk's Office will be open.
- S.55; goes into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Selectboard meetings and other authoritative Boards will be required to record meetings and hold hybrid meetings; if the Board must be remote, a physical location must be designated for participation. "Advisory committees" do not need to record and can be fully remote.
- A reminder for the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting: Route 9 short-term recommendations discussion.
- The groundwater study is underway.
- Vt Geeks is upgrading the router and server at Town Hall
- Still working on quotes for a website rebuild.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jessica DeFrancesco

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