

Wilmington Selectboard Special Meeting Thursday, June 27

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Sam Kondracki, Gretchen Havreluk, Chris Walling, Rebecca Fillion, Jeff Hoffer, Wayne Elliott, Lisa Sullivan, Therese Lounsbury, Bethaney LaClair, John Lazelle, Marshall Dix, Melanie Lopez

Meeting called to order at 8:16 am

1. Visitors, Public Comment, Changes to agenda
 - Outside consumption renewal for L&W Hospitality
 - Sign the auditor's letter to begin work
2. The Selectboard to discuss the Route 9 Water/Sewer Expansion Project
 - HCI assessed the possibility of developing a Town well in the vicinity of the proposed water-line expansion. They analyzed existing well log data and geologic maps to assess well yields in the study area and reviewed environmental data to identify any current or potential sources of groundwater contamination that could restrict the siting and permitting of a municipal well. The local bedrock aquifer can sustain a municipal well or wells with a safe yield of 20 to 40 gallons per minute, which would provide 14,400 to 28,800 gallons per day. Elliott commented that this is a secondary source so a phased approach with the existing water supply puts the town in a good place. Discussion on whether or not to pursue this now or wait until further down the road occurred. It will continue to be discussed as the project moves. This discussion will also continue in conjunction with the possible relocation of town hall.
3. 1% Local Option Tax Fund
 - Gannon moved to approve the request from the Town up to \$20,000 for a website redesign through Breezy Hill Marketing, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - TVES playground was built in 1994; pressure treated wood, falling apart, not ADA compliant. Many visitors use the playground when they are in town, birthday parties and weddings happen on the field. The playground is coming down this summer. Gannon asked if there could be something on the record of the school board that the grounds remain open to the public. Tribuno moved to approve the 1% request from Twin Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$48,200 for a new playground, Fisher second. Gannon moved to add a contingency. Gannon moved to approve the 1% request from Twin Valley Elementary School in the amount of \$48,200 for a youth playground contingent on the school board permitting public use on non-school hours, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Fitzgerald and Gannon are on the Wilmington Works Board, so they are not going to recuse from conversation, but will not vote. Havreluk is excited to see a façade program return. Similar to the previous program, however all businesses on a main road will be eligible; not just downtown. Applicants will be required to pay a 25% match. It will include curb appeal and signage as well. The criteria are still in draft and there are

things that still need to be discussed. Gannon feels that businesses that had not received a facade grant in the past should be prioritized. Fisher thinks this should be a yearly program. Tribuno moved to approve the 1% request from Wilmington Works in the amount of \$125,000 for a façade program, Rice second; 3-0; Gannon and Fitzgerald abstain.

4. Howe Field

- The school field isn't available for the next year due to the maintenance. Ryan Holton and Karina Martin are requesting Howe Field be brought back to usable condition. It takes about 5-hours to mow. Rec will absorb the porta-potty cost. Fisher is concerned about the condition of the field. The Selectboard agreed that the Town Manager continue looking into the use and availability for mowing.

5. Other business

- Sullivan and Powers Auditors letter is signed to begin work on the FY-24 audit.

Entered into Liquor Commission at 9:19 am

6. Liquor Commission

- Tribuno moved to approve an Outside Consumption Renewal for L&W Hospitality dba The Nutmeg Inn, Fisher second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission at 9:20 am

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica DeFrancesco

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno