

Wilmington Selectboard Special Meeting Friday, August 9, 2024

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Christine Richter, John Lazelle, Chris Lavoy, Sam Kondracki, Therese Lounsbury, one on Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 am

1. Visitors, Public Comment, Changes to agenda

2. Tax rate and Due Date

- Discussion of proposed tax rate of 0.4803 based on voters' approved budget for FY-25. Fitzgerald moved to set the tax rate for 2024 at 0.4803, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter Sewer Commission at 8:22 a.m., Rice second; all in favor.

3. Sewer Commission

- Discussion of proposed Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$468,528, which Selectboard previously reviewed. One question was why there was a change in surplus, and it is believed that a healthcare savings from 2022 contributed. Gannon moved to approve the FY-25 Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$468,528, Fitzgerald second; all in favor.
- Discussion of FY-25 ECU rates with short-term rental (STR) classification change and impact. Fitzgerald moved to set the FY-25 ECU rate at \$625 (1-ECU = \$625) and adding STR to Room Rental, Non-Apt, Sleep Spaces Classification, Gannon second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 8:33 a.m.

Fitzgerald moved to enter Water Commission at 8:34 a.m., Rice second; all in favor.

4. Water Commission

- Discussion of proposed Sewer Budget in the amount of \$372,670, which Selectboard previously reviewed. Fitzgerald moved to approve the FY-25 Water Budget in the amount of \$372,670, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- Discussion of 2024 Base Rates, with no changes recommended from the 2023 Rate Code, and adding STR within the Small Commercial Classification. Fitzgerald moved to approve the 2024 Base Rates as presented and adding STR to the Small Commercial Classification, Gannon second; all in favor.

Out of Water Commission at 8:38 a.m.

5. 1% Local Option Tax Fund

- Kondracki gave an overview of the Façade Program with 17 applicants, and Wilmington Work's applicant review amounts to \$150,000. On their initial request, the Selectboard awarded \$125,000 for the Façade Program. Kondracki requested an additional \$25,000 to meet their anticipated grant awards. Fitzgerald and Gannon disclosed a conflict of interest serving on the Wilmington Works Board; other Selectboard members did not

object to their vote on this question to reach a decision with one member short. Tribuno moved to approve the 1% request from Wilmington Works in the amount of \$25,000 for the Façade Program, Rice second; all in favor.

6. Other business

7. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature public knowledge of a real estate purchase could put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Rice second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:48 a.m. to include the town manager, to discuss a possible real estate purchase, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Executive Session at 9:53 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott A Tucker

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

John Gannon, Vice Chair

Vince Rice, Clerk

Sarah Fisher

Tony Tribuno

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Dear Customer,

Effective July 1, 2024, rates will be adjusted as listed below to cover the operating costs of the water district. Billing will be changed to three times a year at this time.

Rate Code	2021	2022	2023	2024
R1: Single-family Home	\$ 97.50	\$ 97.50	\$ 130.00	130
R2: Small Non-Profit	\$ 49.92	\$ 49.92	\$ 66.56	66.56
C2: Small Commercial	\$ 146.64	\$ 195.00	\$ 260.00	260
C3: Large Commercial	\$ 330.33	\$ 330.33	\$ 440.44	440.44
S1: Sprinklers	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.86	2.86
Usage	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65	\$ 8.65	8.65

The Water Commissioners hold meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Wilmington Town Hall. The rates were voted at their meeting on August.

Any further questions should be directed to the billing phone or email bolded above.
 Thank you kindly,

Christine Richter, Finance Officer

Rate Code Water Classifications - New

- Single Family Home** – Residence for one family, no rental units or commercial use
- Small Non-Profit** – Churches, Food Pantry, Historical Society, Masonic Hall
- Small Commercial** – Single Family w/apart, Retail less than 2000 sq ft, Office w/ 6 or fewer employees, short-term rentals
- Large Commercial** – Retail over 2000 sq ft, residential w/3 units or more, restaurants, car wash, laundromats