

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes March 5, 2025

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice, Tony Tribuno, Charles Foster, John Lebron

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica DeFrancesco, Marshall Dix, Sarah Kociela, Therese Lounsbury, Matt Murano, Eric St Denis, Joe Carcich, Elizabeth Goldsmith, Caitlin Towsley, Andrew Kirkman, Emily Carcich, Richard Levesque, Kaylie Cadorette, Dillon Driscoll, James Dassatti, Jessica Roberts,

Meeting called to order at

1. Swearing In Ceremony

- John Lebron, Vince Rice, Charlie Foster sworn in to the Selectboard.
- Dillon Driscoll sworn in as a full-time police officer; promotion of Joseph Carcich to Police Corporal; promotion of Andrew Kirkman to Sergeant.

2. Re-Organization

- Tucker opened nominations for Chair; Tribuno nominated Fitzgerald. No other nominations, all in favor. Tribuno moved to elect Rice as Vice Chair, no other nominations; all in favor. Tribuno volunteered to be Clerk, no other nominations; all in favor.
- Other Actions and Appointments
 - Fitzgerald- DRB and PC; Rice-Rec, Lebron-Trails, Tribuno-Beautification, Foster-BiTown
- Selectboard schedule, 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6 pm; June-Aug 1 meeting a month on the 3rd Tuesday pending business; official newspaper- DVN,
- Rice moved to approve the Conflicts of Interest Policy, and Rules of Procedure, Tribuno second; all in favor.

3. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda

- Add the Spring Road Postings under Other Business.
- Add Liquor Commission, after Cannabis Commission for a special event permit.

4. Approve minutes of February 14 & 18, 2025, amend the minute of February 4, 2025 (2 minutes)

- Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of February 18 and the amended minutes of February 4, 2025, Rice second; 4-0, Lebron abstained
- Fitzgerald moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2025, Rice Tribuno second; 3-0, Lebron and Foster abstained

Fitzgerald moved to enter into Cannabis Commission at 8:58 pm

5. Cannabis Commission

- There are a lot of signs, the Board is questioning the validity. ZA Roberts states there are 28 violations. They are scheduled with the DRB to clean up the violations. Chief Murano has concerns as they have had a recent interaction with one of the applicants that led to a DUI arrest. There is not a conviction yet (case in court), but there is a question on the understanding of impaired driving (as a cannabis retail owner). Lebron moved to approve a renewal for S-000011254, Retailers Renewal, Matterhorn Apothecary LLC, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Cannabis Commission at 9:10 am

Enter Liquor Commission at 9:11 am

6. Liquor Commission

- Foster moved to approve a Special Event Permit for Valley Craft Ales on 3/22 catered by Watson Wheeler Cider from 12-10 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

Out of Liquor Commission 9:13 am

7. 1% Local Option Tax Request

- Foster moved to approve a request from LHA for a mini demo series and a lawn display of \$8000, Rice second; all in favor.

8. Other Business/Correspondence

- Justice of the Peace Appointment of Matthew Moore
- Fitzgerald moved to approve the 2025 Spring Road Posting, Rice second; 4-0, Tribuno out of room.

9. Select Board Members Comments

10. Town Manager's Updates

- Transfer station certification renewal is due April 1st and the capped landfill certification has no expiration.
- Make it on Main St final round awarded to Butter Mountain Bakery, Local Loop and Cherry Press.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica DeFrancesco

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

Vince Rice, Vice Chair

Tony Tribuno, Clerk

Charlie Foster

John Lebron