

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Tony Tribuno, John Lebron
Absent: Vince Rice, Charlie Foster,
Others Present: Scott Tucker, Julie Lineberger, Joseph Cincotta, Jason Dubac, Marshall Dix, Mike Stevens, Sheldon Brasseur, Matthew Murano, Sarah Herzig, Gretchen Havreluk, Meg Streeter, Nicki Steele, Cory Ross, Emily Lewis, Dorothy Harris, Elynn Lebron, Bob & Carol Bois, Don Mills, Tim Jones, Kristin Carlson, Carol Weston, Jessica Lee Smith, Jim Wisner

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Chief Murano commented on Highway Superintendent and Supervisor working with and assisting AOT on Bridge #31 repair, while awaiting the sub-contractor's arrival next Monday. Chief Murano introduced our newest member of the Police Department, Officer Sarah Herzig, outlining over 200-hours of training involved and the steps that it takes to become a police officer.
2. Approval of minutes tabled to meet quorum from the previous meeting.
3. Action Items
 - Winter sand bid was presented; Zaluzny recommended. Tribuno moved to approve the winter sand bid from Zaluzny at \$26.50/cy, Lebron second; all in favor.
 - Reduction in the animal control surcharge (it is not mandatory by statute) for rabies programming presented. Fitzgerald moved to approve the surcharge reduction from \$5 to \$1, Tribuno second; all in favor.
4. 1% Local Option
 - Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair and the TVMS Booster Club requested \$14,000 for the staining of the Booster Booth that was performed by CB Painting, having produced the requested documents from the last meeting. Tribuno moved to approve \$14,000 to the Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair to stain the booster booth, Lebron second; all in favor.
5. Green Mountain Beach
 - Cory Ross and Emily Lewis of Dubois & King gave an update on the Green Mountain Beach erosion control 30% feasibility study, moving into 100% design phase with another grant. Public comments were taken that focused on use of the beach, fishing areas, minimizing taking over space meant for beachgoers, and improving public access.
6. Tax Stabilization
 - WheelPad L3C Request for Tax Stabilization. Gretchen Havreluk, Julie Lineberger (agent for BDCC) & Joseph Cincotta presented this request that would stabilize the municipal tax over the next 10-years according to policy. Tribuno moved to approve tax stabilization for WheelPad L3C, Lebron second; all in favor.

7. Green Mountain Power – Zero Outage Initiative

- Green Mountain Power representatives, , Don Mills, Tim Jones, Kristin Carlson, Carol Weston presented the “Zero Outage” initiative for Wilmington, specifically for Minor Road, with Whites Road, Boyd Hill Road to follow. GMP will work with the Town Manager on the agreement.

8. Hoot, Toot, Whistle Trail

- Gretchen Havreluk, Carol Bois & Elynn Lebron gave update on the trail upgrades, state of the budget, delaying the parking lot portion while awaiting donations to help cover the shortfall. The parking lot area is used as a staging area for the project and the bridge work is expected to be completed before November.

Entered Liquor Commission at 7:10 pm

9. Liquor Commission

Fitzgerald moved to approve, Tribuno second; all in favor

- A Second-Class renewal for Stewarts Shops,
- A Second-Class application for Mill & Whistle, LLC

Out of Liquor Commission at 7:12 pm

10. Other Business/Correspondence

- A reminder that the Town Plan Public Meeting is on 11/1 at 9 AM at OSEC.

11. Select Board Members Comments

- None.

12. Town Manager’s Updates

- Hiring for Police Dept. and Highway Dept. ongoing.
- AOT Bridge #31 temporary repair this morning with town assistance.
- Budget season is in motion, with employee healthcare meeting this week.
- Grants are managed by Economic Consultant, Highway & Police Depts., Finance; and Town Manager’s Office.
- Watersheds United Vermont grant program in partnership with the state and natural resources office focusing solutions to treat stormwater at the proposed Veteran’s Park, Public Safety Facility, and Beaver Street.
- ANR Floodplain Manager visit will take place on 10/22 at Buzzy Towne Park to view the work along Beaver Brook, and Memorial Hall proposed ramp and utility platform to determine anchoring as requested by DRB.
- ANR Watershed Management Division sent a reminder that the town’s Landfill No Exposure Certification expires on 1/15/2026 and may require a new NOX under the Vermont Multi-Sector General Permit prior to that date; working with KAS Consulting to determine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Archambault

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

Vince Rice, Vice Chair

Tony Tribuno, Clerk

Charlie Foster

John Lebron