

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

Present: Tom Fitzgerald, Vince Rice, Tony Tribuno, Charlie Foster **Absent:** John Lebron

Others Present: Jessica Archambault, Scott Moore, Jason Dubac, Matt Murano, Kayliegh Cadorette, Elizabeth McEwen, Claudia & Joshua Hay, Bob Bois, Brad Lackey, Sara Molina, Therese Lounsbury, Tony Kilbride, Chris Mays, Gretchen Havreluk, Jessica Lee Smith Liz Marshall, Kenneth Sklar

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Remove item #6; will be on another agenda
2. Approve minutes of September 16, 2025, and amend minutes of September 4, 2025
 - Tribuno moved to approve the amended minutes of September 4, 2025, Foster second; 3-0, Rice abstained
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of September 16, Foster second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
 - The Fire Dept received a grant for airpacks/SCBA. Some of the airpacks are 20 years old. There is a 5% match. Rice moved to accept an American Fire Grant in the amount of \$161,904.76, Foster second; all in favor.
 - Rice moved to appoint Claudia Hay to the Recreation Commission for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring April 2026, Foster second; all in favor.
 - Voices of Hope no longer had the resources to continue in the valley. McEwen and Murano have been working on a new entity to takeover. Tucker is still working on an MOU with Divided Sky. The MOU will specify how the funds given to Divided Sky is used within the Deerfield Valley Community. Tribuno moved to approve the recommendation to transfer \$20,000 from Voices of Hope to Divided Sky, authorizing the town manager to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with Divided Sky, Rice second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter Sewer Commission at 6:16 pm, Rice second; all in favor.

4. Sewer Commission
 - Fitzgerald moved to approve preliminary allocation at 211 VT RT 9E for 45 seats at 30 gpd, Foster second; all in favor.

Out of Sewer Commission at 6:17 pm

5. PSF Solar
 - Bois is proposing solar panels on the Public Safety Facility. Upfront cost is about \$305,366 with \$112,985 credit to the town. This program rebate expires in January 2027. The infrastructure around the building is sufficient for this project. The town currently has over \$8 million in committed projects. Fitzgerald commented that grants would be great, and this project is one that they could keep on the back burner.
6. Tax Stabilization
 - Removed from agenda
7. 1% Request

- The building has been painted, but it was done on credit. The booster contributed \$999 and the fair has done the same. The Board asked for a bill or receipts to show the cost since the painting has already been done.

8. MERP

- Tribuno moved to accept the bid from Adam Grimes for the refurbishment of the windows at Memorial Hall in the amount of \$53,706 and the bid from Saladino Property Maintenance for window and door replacement at the Highway Garage in the amount of \$19,716.65, Rice second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter Liquor Commission at 6:37pm, all in favor.

9. Liquor Commission

- Foster moved to approve the First- and Third- Class application for TTS Kitchen and Catering LLC, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- Tribuno moved to approve the Request to Cater permit for WI Foster for an event on Shearer Hill Rd on 10/25 from 5-11 pm, Rice second; 3-0, Foster abstained

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:39 pm

10. Other Business/Correspondence

- There was an anonymous Open Meeting Law Complaint regarding the September 16th minutes not being posted within 5 days. Fitzgerald moved to accept the cure that the draft minutes were posted on October 2, 2025, Rice second; all in favor.

11. Select Board Members Comments

- Foster commends the Fire and Police as they have had many calls this past week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Archambault

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

Vince Rice, Vice Chair

Tony Tribuno, Clerk

Charlie Foster

John Lebron