

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Town Hall Meeting Room

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica Archambault, Christine Richter, Matt Murano, Marshall Dix, Jason Dubac, Therese Lounsbury, Carol & Bob Bois, Scott Moore, John Lazelle, John Boyd, Joanne Yankura, Bruce Humenik, Sam Kondracki, Emily Carris Duncan, Sara Molina, Barker Willard, Cliff Duncan, Jessica Lee Smith, Lowell Paddock, Pam Greene

Pre-Town Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

1. Receive public comments on any ballot questions and articles

John Boyd asked if the state is contributing to the dam repairs. No, they are not. The insurance company and state are dictating repairs to be done. The town will apply for a grant, if available. John Boyd also thinks paving should be done different to save money; whole roads instead of partial roads; main roads and not low traffic roads.

Meeting closed at 5:44 pm

Bond Meeting opened at 5:44 pm

1. Visitors, public comments, changes to agenda

2. Public Safety Facility Solar Array

The Selectboard opened the informational hearing to obtain a general obligation bond, for the purpose of building a solar array on the Public Safety Facility rooftop. The town manager gave an overview of the resolution and bond question that will appear by Australian ballot on March 3, 2026. John Boyd asked how big it will be compared to the one at the landfill; it will be much smaller. Who is going to clean the snow off it? If there is snow and ice on it, they won't generate any electricity. Bois said the snow does not need to come off, and that calculations took winter into account. Barker Willard clarified the certifications needed prior to or with a contract in terms of weight on the roof (solar panels and snow) and warranty. Town manager explained that the RFP requires no emergency communications/radio interference, warranty of the rubber roof, and an engineer confirmation letter for the project to proceed.

3. Other Business

Meeting closed at 5:59 pm

Regular meeting opened at 6:00 pm

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

- Jason Dubac commented that our banners are not permitted and wanted to let the town know he filed a complaint with the state on that and the railing work done on town hall. Wondering about funds for a third-party sign study.

- Add under other business: Possible approval of Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) Smart Grants for Smarter Growth \$2500 planning grant for Buzzy Towne Park; Possible approval of Agency of Education Program Track Afterschool Grant for 3-years totaling \$86,766 for the Recreation Commission
- Remove Volunteer Policy and will add it to a later meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2026
 - Tribuno moved to approve minutes of January 20, 2026, Foster second; all in favor.
3. Action Items
 - Tribuno moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Louis Clark from the Pettee Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Rice second; all in favor.
4. Windham County Law Enforcement Governance Council
 - Cliff Duncan discussed S.255 with the Selectboard. This will give the state the ability to tax property owners through property tax. This also would no longer require contracts for the Sheriff's Dept. Is this about policing or establishing a new taxation? Will policing services even be improved in the rural areas?
5. Policies
 - Volunteer Policy; moved to a later meeting
 - Amended Personnel Policy; mostly clean-up and making it a smoother read. Vacation cash-out for police is lengthened, with more detail; primarily due to being short-handed. If someone takes leave, the shift must be covered by another officer. Rice moved to approve the amended Personnel Policy as outlined by the Town Manager, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Fitzgerald moved to enter Liquor Commission at 6:33 pm

6. Liquor Commission
 - Lebron moved to approve an Open Container Exemption Permit and a Request to Cater Permit at Memorial Hall, Pickwell's Barn, Village Roost, VT House, Alpenglow, Bartleby's, Mill & Whistle, and Ratu's for the Beer & Chili Stroll on March 27th from 4-7:15 pm catered by WI Foster Inc, Tribuno second; 4-0, Foster abstained

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:35 pm

7. Other Business/Correspondence
 - March 3rd meeting; rescheduled to March 4th; time to be determined.
 - Foster moved to approve of Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC) Smart Grants for Smarter Growth \$2500 planning grant for Buzzy Towne Park, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Tribuno moved to approve of Agency of Education Program Track Afterschool Grant for 3-years totaling \$86,766 for the Recreation Commission, Rice second; all in favor.

8. Selectboard Members Comments

9. Town Manager's Updates

- Highway has sand and salt, but stockpiles in the area are low. Budgets for these items will be depleted. Brake work and tires, though small, are adding up in repairs. Highway is moving snowbanks and creating a bit more visibility at intersections.
- GPI started the floodproofing at Memorial Hall. Basement windows have been completed, and refurbishing the main floor windows are started.
- Zoning permit notice of violation: 220 Lake Raponda.
- LaCombe appeal; our summary judgement was granted, remanded to BCA to apply the CLA. Zyskowski case was presented in court, awaiting Judge's ruling.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Archambault

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

Vince Rice, Vice Chair

Tony Tribuno, Clerk

Charlie Foster

John Lebron