

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Jessica Archambault, Marshall Dix, Jason Dubac, Gretchen Havreluk, Therese Lounsbury, Peter Barus, Eugene & Diane Olanyk, Janet Boyd, Andrew Kirkman, Daniel Boyd, Gary Carver, Emily Carris Duncan, Bruce Humenik, David Richman, Logan Boyd, Ball Foery

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
2. Approve minutes of April 7, 2026
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, second; 4-0, Lebron abstained
3. Action Items
 - Rice moved to accept the Step into Swim grant in the amount of \$5000, Lebron second; all in favor.
4. 1% Local Option Tax
 - Rice moved to approve the Energy Committee's 1% request for the Window Dresser Program in the amount of \$1700, Tribuno second; all in favor.
 - Rice moved to approve the funding request for the East Main St Sidewalk project in the amount of \$18,000 and approve the project manager contract with Dubois & King, Tribuno second; all in favor.
5. Paving
 - Tribuno moved to approve the paving bid from All State in the amount of \$94.65/ton, Lebron second; 4-0, Fitzgerald abstained.
 - Dix reviewed the paving plan. The paving plan is scheduled about 5 years out. Some roads will change depending on necessity. Some roads will be eligible for state grants which will allow for additional roads to be paved some years. Equipment costs are increasing. The grader alone is around \$350,000 to replace. Big trucks are over \$300,000. It costs about \$13,500 for one inch of gravel on a mile of road. It costs \$14,000 to lay chloride once, on all dirt roads in town. Eugene Olanyk commented on the amount of traffic on Fairview Ave. He feels the dirt section should be paved as there are pot holes making noise as vehicles pass in front of his home. Paving a dirt road depends on road issues and sometimes resident requests. Aldrich Rd residents have all signed a letter requesting it be paved. David Richman commented that half the traffic on Fairview Ave is also pulling trailers; and when they repaved Castle Hill, they didn't pave on the old foot print, but put down gravel on the edges which ends up in yards.
6. Act 181 Discussion
 - Act 181 could expand when ACT250 applies. Projects on farmland could require more complex state permits. At the state level, the House Environment committee is crafting language to repeal the "road rule" and tier three in S.325. Rep Carris Duncan added that community involvement would be made more explicit in the bill. The new language should be out Friday and voted on next week. Fitzgerald asked why they are not just repealing the whole thing and starting over. Janet Boyd has not found any meetings for community members, no maps, and she feels there is damage to locals in this bill. She has struggled to find all the factual information. Rep Carris Duncan encourages everyone to write to her, so she can advocate. Havreluk is concerned about the

river corridor mapping. Daniel Boyd agrees that this will make it hard for younger families and a full repeal should be looked at.

7. Other Business/Correspondence

- Summer Schedule; Board will meet on the third Tuesday each month in June, July and August.

8. Select Board Members Comments

9. Town Manager's Updates

- GMP underground construction will start the week of 4/27 on Boyd Hill. Updates will go online and in the newsletter.
- Police Dept is hiring an officer to start on 4/27
- Green Up Day is May 2nd
- The LHMP will come to the Board for approval for Certificate of Adoption, soon.
- Memorial Hall floodproofing; GPI work is complete and the utility deck is done. Electric needs to finish along with GMP. CB Paint has been working on exterior trim/doors.
- Trail Committee is interested in TH#59 being reclassified to class 4/trail. We are waiting for final decision from the state for their plans for Bridge #31. Reclassification will take time and would need a survey.
- 211 E Main St – DRB hearing postponed pending some state permitting. 220 Lake Raponda – DRB hearing held 4/20; Zahringer case heading to trial, E-Court; Wilson has until 5/18 to file a Supreme Court brief.
- Jabro through attorneys Costello, Valente & Gentry complain listing Hermitage Inn Real Estate Holding Company, James R. Barnes, et. al, where the Town of Wilmington was named, attempted to serve Therese Lounsbury as Town Clerk electronically. The case is related to a promissory note due. She rightly sent the notice to our Town Attorney. The town appears to be wrongly listed and the Town Attorney is working with the law firm to remove the town from the suit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Archambault

Approved by the Wilmington Selectboard:

Thomas Fitzgerald, Chair

Vince Rice, Vice Chair

Tony Tribuno, Clerk

Charlie Foster

John Lebron