

Wilmington Selectboard Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2026

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

Others Present: Scott Tucker, Marshall Dix, Jim Dassatti, Jason Dubac, Therese Lounsbury

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

1. Visitors, Public Comments, Possible Changes to the Agenda
 - Living History Association after the fact requests for 1% funding
2. Approve minutes of August 18 and September 8, 2026
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2026, Foster second; all in favor
 - Tribuno moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, Rice second; 3-0, Foster abstained
3. Action Items
 - Tribuno moved to authorize the Town Manager to accept a bid and execute an agreement for the ADA ramp at Memorial Hall, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Foster moved to approve the private road named Mirror Lake Crossing off of Gatehouse Trail, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Rice moved to approve the sand bid from Zaluzny in the amount of \$26.50/cy, Foster second; all in favor.
4. 1% Local Option Tax
 - Rice moved to approve a request from the Living History Association for three events that occurred earlier this year; \$205.44 for banners, \$1157.68 for July 4th event and \$4000 for the Holocaust Remembrance event, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Entered Liquor Commission at 6:13 pm

5. Liquor Commission
 - Tribuno moved to approve a Second-Class renewal for Stewarts Shops, Rice second; all in favor.
 - Tribuno moved to approve a Request to Cater for WI Foster for an event at Brookbound on 10/3/26 from 3:30-10:30 pm, Rice second; 3-0, Foster abstained.

Out of Liquor Commission at 6:15 pm

6. Other Business/Correspondence
7. Select Board Members Comments
 - Foster attended the Deerfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee. There were 10 other people in attendance. There was discussion on what makes it scenic, and funding opportunities. The designation goes to Congress. This is happening in Massachusetts and Vermont.
8. Town Manager's Updates
 - Quick review of FY-26 budget, end of year.
 - Buzzy Towne Park reclamation of green space, including adjoining lands.
 - Police Dept. hiring a part-time candidate to fill gaps, grants, fill the bench.

- Bridge #31, GMP utility work may require use of Hwy #59.
- E Main St sidewalk/sewer project may conclude September 23rd.
- N Main St sidewalk project, Dufresne Engineering, may be ready for bid this year.
- GMP concluded their work in the downtown, August 18-26
- Memorial Hall floodproofing grant received \$\$ increase from FEMA.
- Lake Raponda Dam Project in discussion with state and town engineer, working on final plan and contract.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant, 59 Fairview Av to host Water Quality Open House & Tour, Wednesday, September 23, 2026, from 10 AM to 1 PM.
- Wilmington Works & So. VT Deerfield Chamber of Commerce events during Blueberry Block Party, Splash, and Fairy Stoll.
- Legal Corner: 211 VT RT 9 E Notice of Violation, awaiting state permitting; 220 Lake Raponda Notice of Violation, DRB Permit after-the-fact denied, E-Court appeal in progress; 21 Aldrich Road, BCA E-Court appeal, awaiting court decision; 3-5 E Main St., DRB E-Court appeal on request for demolition, appellant's motion for non-attorney representation denied, extension to September 29 granted based on inability to secure an attorney; Wilson, Supreme Court appeal from Vermont Property Valuation & Review decision (fair market value, and equalized value, use of state CLA), appeal denied.

9. Executive Session

- Fitzgerald moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the real estate discussion would place the town at a substantial disadvantage, Tribuno second; all in favor.
- Fitzgerald moved to enter executive session at 6:35 pm, to include the town manager, for the purpose of discussing real estate matters, Tribuno second; all in favor.

Out of executive session at 7:24 pm

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