

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
January 17, 2023

(FULL RECORDING IS AVAILABLE AT www.mtbluetv.org)

Members Present: Keith Swett, David Leavitt, Tiffany Maiuri, Phil Hilton, Mike Wells, Perry Ellsworth, Town Manager

Item #1-Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of January 3, 2023

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To Accept and Approve the Minutes of the Select Board as Amended for January 3, 2023

Vote: 5-0

Item #2- Public Comment on a non-agenda item

Nick Santora-Resident is still concerned with the speeding issue located on US Route 2 West. The speeding is horrendous and dangerous. He would like to see some form of control on this.

Mike-If the Police Department or Sheriff's Department were in the Osgood location, would that work?

Nick Santora-He suggested the Swett Road. He thought that would be a good location.

Item #3- Magrath Road Winter Maintenance

See Attached email that addresses Kara Moody and the Magrath Road issue. Also attached is the map diagram on the roads.

John Masse-Highway Foreman- In reference to Magrath Road Maintenance needed repairs, he has put together an estimate for approximately \$75,000. Farmer Road has 1 house and approximately 1300 feet is plowed now. It would cost \$2,000 to plow this section.

Perry reiterated the winter road maintenance process. (Attached email)

Perry suggested to not re=open the winter plowing.

Tiffany-We should be maintaining the road for the rest of the winter. To maintain the road a memorandum of understanding should be done.

Keith-He has done the research on line. Maine Municipal Association has a guide to Municipal Roads. He stated that there is not an obligation to the town to maintain roads for new residents or new construction. According to MMA there are three major types of roads. Town Way, owned by the Town. Easement, subject to gates and bars. Private Way. Because the town has not been able to determine which road it is, Keith believes we would need to assume this is a Town Way. Keith has a Town Map and it states it was drawn around 1840. Magrath Road is shown on that map.

MMA Guide to Municipal Roads Manual (Maine Municipal Association) states" A municipality must keep all ways "in repair so as to be safe and convenient for travelers with motor vehicles" 23 MRSA sub-3651. And keep such ways passable if they become "blocked or encumbered with snow" 23 MRSA sub-3201.

23 MRSA sub 2953 discusses closing roads to winter maintenance for up to ten (10) years. Currently we are beyond the ten-year limit. Unfortunately, neither 23 MRSA sub-2953, nor MMA seem to offer a description to what happens after the time frame is up. Keith is to assume that this puts it back into winter maintenance.

Tiffany-In 2016-2017 the road closures were discussed. In 2019, it fell through the cracks.

Mike-For short term, we are obligated to keep this open and maintained.

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil-For this winter only, to either get a Contractor from a local company to plow the Magrath Road or have the Town plow. (The Town will plow)

Perry-In the Spring, there will be a concern. Road should be posted.

Keith-MMA states "Town Way"

Summer Maintenance was questioned.

Perry-The road has been graded twice, though it wasn't graded this past Fall. It is important to listen for Budget topics on this. This will affect the Road Projects.

Vote: 5-0

Item #4- Updated County Mutual Aid Agreement

Attached is the Updated County Mutual Aid Agreement. This explains the services provided, compensation, insurance, equipment and training.

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Sign the Updated Mutual Aid Agreement.

Vote: 5-0

