

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting  
February 1, 2022

Members Present: Keith Swett, David Leavitt, Tom Saviello, Phil Hilton, Tiffany Maiuri, Rhonda Irish

Also Present: Jen Scott-Wilton Public Library, John Black-EarthKeeper, Isis Whalen-Cannatopia, Andre Cormier-Mt. Blue TV, Alden Sylvester-Powerplant, Amber & Brian Patterson-The Honeycomb Farm, Police Chief Heidi Wilcox, Fire Chief Sonny Dunham.

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting January 18, 2022  
Tom/Phil M/M/S -To accept the Minutes of January 18, 2022. December 21, 2021 Minutes will be presented for approval at the February 15, 23022 meeting. Tiffany abstained.

Item #2- Public Comment  
None

Item #3- Mt. Blue TV Budget-Andre Cormier, Exec. Director  
David-According to report (Attached) Mt. Blue TV is running in the negative.  
Andre-No, it is a negative trend in Revenues from Bee Line Cable. We are looking to move to online subscriptions. Part of the trend is people are dropping their cable subscriptions. Advertising has had a drop and other Revenues show a slow decline. We are looking to generate other Revenues and collaborate with other entities and diversify.  
Tom/Phil m/m/s to approve the Mt. Blue TV Budget  
Vote: Unan

Item #4- Library Report-Jen McEntee, Librarian  
(See Attached for 6 month report)  
They applied for ARPA funding in which they received in September 2021. They are doing a children's read program at the Library. They have had a book sale.

This past Fall they had issues with their elevator. It was a hydraulic issue. They also had some alarm issues. They held a harvest day with great outcome. There was a Bylaw update done by the Board. (See attached report for more detailed info on events) In regards to monies, there were less visits but taking out more books. They still have daily traffic.

Tom/Tiffany m/m/s to accept the Library Report as written. Vote: Unan.

#### Item #5- Marijuana Retail Store Annual Renewals

We have four medical marijuana retail stores with 3 Cultivation Licenses. 3 Inspections are in compliance and Charlie Lavin, CEO needs to do one more inspection.

The 4 Businesses are: Honeycomb, Powerplant, Cannatopia, Earthkeeper.

Rhonda- The Applications are completed. The Taxes are current except one of the properties is leased.

Tom-Have there been any complaints?

Heidi Wilcox-Police Chief-All have had complaints with the exception of Honeycomb. All have been compliant with no issues at this time.

State Inspections could be up to three years due to State staffing.

Tom-The process for Inspections would be the same process as it is with Liquor Licenses and is consistent.

Rhonda-Charlie and the Fire Chief have gone together on the Inspections. Some have had fire code issues. Charlie will need to go back to the Powerplant and Earthkeeper.

David/Tom m/m/s to approve all pending inspections that have been completed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

John Black-He questioned the Ordinance and the permit fees. He also had question on the hours they could operate or be open vs the ordinance rule? Are knockboxes a requirement? The hours in the ordinance need to be edited.

Keith-Concern with noise?

Charlie-Knockboxes are promoted by the Fire and Police Dept. If there is a need to get in for an emergency. Charlie strongly suggested it. But an establishment can choose not to do that. There have not been concerns with noise.

Vote: Unan

David- In regards to the permit fees, we would reassess after a cycle and will be reviewed.

Rhonda- In reference to a Retail store, to transfer to a dispensary category. It requires approval from the Town( ie. CEO, Select Board, Planning Board), then a application can be done.

David- Our legal counsel provided their opinion that Dispensaries are not approved for Wilton.

Tom- He disagrees and feels it is a misinterpretation. Since he provided his application, we shouldn't wait. In 2018-19 Town Meeting, the "Opt-in" for Marijuana dispensary was included. Legal counsel didn't care for the wording. The new ordinance doesn't specify. Dispensary fits in under the Medical Marijuana.

Keith-Are there ramifications for the Town?

David-Rhonda should get more information.

John Black- He's looking into going to a Dispensary. It has been 3 months. He thought it would be completed. This needs to be figured out. He's in crisis mode.

Rhonda- We can't do anything with the ordinance until the June meeting.

Tiffany- If the Ordinance doesn't clearly state the proper wording, we don't want to hold businesses up.

Tom/Phil m/m/s to have Charlie issue whatever letter or form is needed for a Dispensary application.

Vote: 3-2 Pass Keith voted no due to not agreeing with the process. Dave voted no due to disagreeing with the process and not being on Agenda.

Item#6- Code Enforcement Report-Charlie Lavin  
(See Attached Detailed Report)

Tom-Were there any new houses built last year?

Charlie- There were 8

David- Are there any new houses on Magrath Rd?

Charlie- Yes there are. First one is past the black top.

David- The one in question is the one with town maintained road.

Charlie- There is one with a driveway permit. The plowing ends at the end of the tar at the end of the Magrath Rd.

Tom- Any issues with building codes?

Charlie- The intent is for homes being "fulltime" homes though it is possible there may be a couple of camps.

Tom/Keith m/m/s to accept the Code Enforcement Report

Item #7- Fire Department-Discussion of Furnace

Public Safety Building is having furnace problems. This winter especially with \$1,400.00 spent so far. Last time there was an issue it was the circuit board. It is currently running. Attached is an estimate from ABT Plumbing & Heating. The Fire Chief agrees with the estimate. The current system is 14 years old and has done very well by us. It is time to replace. The estimate is based on an updated wall hung system. It would be a little bigger than what we have now. What we have now has got to be brought to code and updated. Thermo couplings are needed as well. This has been on the capital improvement list since 2019. If decided to go forth, we do not need to do today. ABT Plumbing & Heating will maintain the present furnace until the new one is installed. Currently the funding we have is \$10,488.00.

Keith- What is the policy on spending?

Rhonda-Typically 3 quotes if over \$10,000.00 and ABT Plumbing & Heating has been the ones that have done our work and maintained.

Tom-Can ARPA be used?

Rhonda- Looking to get permission to move forward.

Sonny-If the circuit board goes bad, the cost is \$850.00. We can not go without heat. ABT has one in inventory.

Tom/David-m/m/s to get three quotes based on the purchasing policy.

Sonny- He will get other local estimates.

Item #8- Consideration of Orthoimagery Mapping Upgrade Purchase

ARPA funds are being used for the Orthoimagery Mapping.

Rhonda- the 18" Pixel is being presented. Rhonda would like the 6" (See attached slide presentation). This could be used for shoreland zoning, the E911 system, public safety. The funding for the upgrade is \$8,500.00. The county/ARPA pays for the base(18") and an additional \$850 for a mosaic module is recommended to be added as well. This would be a good choice for communities.

Tom- This would be invaluable for the Town. Can we also look into for the CEO in reference to elevation. Is there anything the CEO would suggest?

David- Are there ongoing costs?

Rhonda- No. We are a little behind but have until the next meeting . The images would be received in December 2022

(No m/m/s)

Item #9- Approval of Union Memorandum Agreements

Rhonda- We need an updated wage memorandum to attach to the Union Contracts to show the recent wage increases.

Keith/Tom m/m/s to accept approval of Union Memorandum Agreements

Vote: Unan

Item #10- Manager's Report

A. Broadband Meeting

This will be held February 8 at 6:00 pm. In person and via zoom. Chris Lynch from Matrix will be present. Charlie Woodworth will be present. BeeLine Cable will be doing upgrades on some roads. (McLaughlin and Bryant road). Permit requests are needed. Some of the East Dixfield roads are covered by Spectrum. Some of the private roads are private dead end roads. Rhonda needs to check on Magrath Road. Rhonda will send an Memorandum of Understanding and an example from the Town of Weld to the Select Board.

Keith- Do we have an update on updating the map for private roads that we don't or won't cover.

Rhonda- She will update.

David- He is not in favor on spending money on private roads.

Keith- Can we check with BeeLine on what they charge?

B. Recycling Committee Meeting

This meeting will be held February 9, 2022 at 9:00AM. Yes, Archie's does recycle our materials. In regards to the Share Shack, it is recommended to get concerns and/or comments in as soon as possible.

C. Road Committee Meeting

TBD

D. Wilson Stream Bank Update

The section that is the most eroded is privately owned. Dirigo Engineering will check the entire banking in the Spring.

E. Septic Issue-Gilbert St. South

Heinz (Water-Sewer Superintendent) went the day after the last Board meeting and there were no issues at that time.

Item #11- Other Business

Keith- He is requesting that Mt. Blue TV be included with presenting bi-annual reports.

Keith- Is there any progress on the mapping of the cemeteries?

Rhonda- She will check with O'Donnell Associates.

Tom/Keith m/m/s to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6) (A)

Personnel. 7:10PM Out at 8:07PM

Tom/Tiffany m/m/s to Adjourn Vote: Unan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM