

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting  
February 6, 2024

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Members Present: David Leavitt, Mike Wells, Tiffany Maiuri (Absent), Keith Swett (Absent), Phil Hilton, Maria Greeley (Town Manager).

**Item #1-Pledge of Allegiance**

**Item #2- Minutes of the Selectboard Meetings**

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Approve the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of January 23, 2024

Vote: 3-0 (2 Absent)

**Item #3- Public Comment on a non-agenda item**

Louise Hiltz-Resident of Wilton spoke on her concern on the frozen lake (Wilson Lake) activity. She encouraged the Town to prepare for the unknown (i.e. Ice thickness). What is the process or what authority can be taken to promote the safety?

Example-Boats used in the summer have floatation devices. Could something similar be incorporated in the winter.

Example-The roads have a weight limit posted; can this be done with the Lake?

Mike suggested Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. They have a lot of information and could possibly provide information pertaining to this.

Chief Kyes suggested contacting the local Game Warden. The Game Warden could be a helpful resource.

Brian Lepold, Casco Bay Advisor spoke in regards to the Maine Connectivity Authority for the internet service. Wilton be 100 percent be a fiber optic network and will not cost the town anything. Maine Connectivity and Consolidated Communication will be working together.

#### **Item #4- Maine Health Presentation-Barbara Sergio**

Barbara Sergio gave a presentation on Franklin Memorial Hospital becoming a critical access hospital. Attached is the presentation information.

#### **Item #5-Department Head Introduction & Report-Parks & Recreation**

##### **Department**

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Table the Department Head introduction and Report for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vote: 3-0 (2 Absent)

#### **Item #6-Set Public Hearing Date for Parking and Traffic Ordinance-Proposed February 20, 2024**

According to Title 30-A/3009, any Traffic Ordinance requires a 7-day notice of the meeting. An advertisement is needed in which will be sent out next Monday.

Maria suggested setting a date for a Public Hearing.

Motion by David/Second by Phil-Move to accept setting the date of February 20, 2024 for a Public Hearing for Parking and Traffic ordinance change.

Vote: 3-0 (2 Absent)

#### **Item #7-Discussion on utilizing Undesignated Funds to cover Blue-pin buyout**

From Chief Kyes last report, he is requesting approval of undesignated funds for an additional officer. The amount being requested is \$36,666.00.

Mike brought up the Cops grant we would utilize but we do have to buy out based on the individual coming from another town.

Chief Kyes explained there is an \$18,000 training expense and that it is an approximate 12-to-14-week timeframe. The person in interest recently graduated from the Police Academy in December.

It was questioned if there are other avenues to pay for this.

There was no motion to use the undesignated fund.

David feels he is more inclined to address this at the end of the fiscal year. Go through the budget process and we can figure it out later.

Mike agrees with David's concept and the Police Department needs to be fiscally responsible.

Maria is requesting a motion to the hiring of this individual.

Mike stated that there is no need for a motion. The Cop's Grant was approved awhile back and incorporates the hiring.

**Item #8-Approval of amended policies:**

**A. Undesignated Fund Policy**

**B. Remote & Hybrid Meeting Policy**

**C. Wilton Select Board Roles and Responsibilities Policy**

Motion by David/Second by Phil-Move to table until the next meeting

Vote: 3-0 (Absent 2)

**Item #9-Other**

Mike spoke on the Neighborhood Watch Program. Chief Kyes and Gerald Maccione are involved with this program. It was discussed that any tips can be submitted through the [wpdme.com](http://wpdme.com) website. There is a Tip Line Link that can be used to submit any tips. A Thank-you was given for putting this together.

**Item#10-Manager's Report**

-Maria discussed the upcoming Primary Election which will be March 5, 2024.

Polls will be open from 8AM-8PM. Absentee Ballots are now available and must be submitted by the end of Election night when polls close. Effective January 1, 2024, Maine transitioned from a closed primary system to a semi-open primary system. This means Unenrolled voters can now participate in the primary and may vote in one primary party of their choice. The deadline to change your party enrollment for participation in the primary election is February 16, 2024.

-She also mentioned that the -Water and Sewer Department budgets are being completed and will be presented at the next meeting (February 20, 2024). Initial contact has been made for the FY2023 Town Audit.

-Amanda & Sara from Franklin County EMA have developed a group of representatives from each entity to be part of a Storm Conference Call, in case we

have an event that needs immediate attention. Chief Dunham and Maria will be joining these calls if and when they are needed. This will be for the purpose of predetermined check ins, in the event of another serious storm. Staying proactive and informed.

-The roads may be posted here within a few weeks. Once the weather hits above freezing for a few consecutive days, the roads will be posted during the warmer temperatures.

**Item #11-Executive Session (if needed) pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (X)-If needed**

**Item #12- Adjourn**

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Adjourn

Vote: 3-0 (Absent 2)            6:42 P.M.

