

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting  
February 15 2022

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

Also Present: John Masse(Highway Dept Foreman), Mt. Blue TV, Sonny Dunham (Fire Dept Chief), Frank Donald (Rec Director), Renee Woodard (Rec Dept), Chris Lynch (Matrix Design)

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting December 21, 2021 and February 1, 2022

Tom/Phil M/M/S -To accept the Minutes of December 21, 2021 and February 1, 2022 Vote: Unan.

Item #2- Public Comment

None

Item #3- Public Works-Quarterly Report-John Masse, Foreman

See attached quarterly report

The department has been working on pushing the snowbanks back along with brush cutting including the overgrown brush. In regards to vehicles, they have had 2 rear end failures. That has been their biggest maintenance issue. They have been doing the regular maintenance. The new International truck has been ordered (back in July). It is expected to be here sometime in March. The transfer station is going well and the Share Shack is set to reopen as early as April.

Tiffany- Commented that she has received great comments from residents.

Thank you for great work done.

Keith- What about the sidewalk unit? Is it working properly?

John- It is working great at this time.

Tiffany noticed that the granite is taking a beating.

David/Phil m/m/s to accept the Public Works Quarterly Report.

In regards to the Recycling Committee Tom stated that Archie's does recycle and are meeting the State requirements. April 1, 2022 is the anticipated date for the Share Shack to open with rules. (ie. 1 visit per day, once a month the items are to be emptied, no wrapped boxes, labels are to be used and clothes are to be disposed of in the textile bin.

Item #4- Recreation Department Quarterly Report-Frank Donald, Rec Director  
See attached quarterly report.

The skating rink is still up and running though it might not run through school vacation. Monday through Thursday will be the Baseball clinic

Tom/Tiffany m/m/s to accept the Recreation Dept quarterly report.

Vote: Unan.

Frank discussed estimates on a new mower that is needed.

John Deere-\$6,522.96

Scott's Recreation-\$7,500.00

Mountainside-\$7,299.00

RS Osgood-\$6,700.00/\$9,000.00

Attached are the estimates for more details. The current Kubota is 32 years old with its second deck mower. Frank would like to go with the John Deere estimate.

David-What is the difference between the Kubota(RS Osgoods) and the John Deere? For \$200 difference, keep it local.

Keith- It appears that none of the estimates specified commercial grade online. Frank requested commercial grade.

Rhonda-John Deere is more of a commercial grade than Kubota.

Tom-Can we verify that John Deere is a commercial grade? If it is we should move forward.

It was suggested to compare the John Deere and the Kubota and they will vote at the next meeting.

This will be paid out of the Calvin Sewall Account.

Attached is the Rec Trust Sheet. As of 2-11-22 the balance is \$258,081.72.

Monies to possibly expend- Generator for \$5,500 which was already approved by the Board, commercial mower with a price range of \$6,500-\$7,300, the Boy Scout Building upgrade project of approximately \$30,000.00. Frank doesn't want to

take out of the yearly budget. The boy scout building is structurally a good building and the intention is to make it bigger.

David-What is the purpose of this building? Long term? Rental?

Tiffany- What would the Recreation Committee recommend? Other than renting.

Keith- He feels \$30K is considerably low and recommends getting more solid numbers.

Tom-Can we get an estimate to have the building taken down? It could cost just as much if something isn't done to fix. Let's explore the costs.

Frank-The townspeople might not like the building town down due to the history.

Tiffany-She is supportive. How else can this building be used so it is not just sitting there.

Tom-What is the original amount of money the account started with?

Frank-\$360,000 originated but docks, playground equipment and the office building were expensed.

#### A. Approval of Donated Funds

There was a survey that went out on the Facebook page in regards to the Bjorn donation. (See attached) A pavilion and basketball upgrades got the most votes.

Tom- If lights are considered for the basketball courts, what would it entail for the tennis courts?

Frank-He is looking into lights for the tennis courts. (Attached are bid estimates for the basketball court maintenance upgrade)

Foster Tech could make the poles for \$8,000 vs. \$18,000 found in various catalogs that Frank shops from. The shim and overlay is what Frank recommends for this Spring. When it has been completed, it would be off limits for at least a week.

Tiffany/Tom-m/m/s To allow up to \$38,600 out of the Bjorn Trust on the items that Frank brought forward (See attached bid estimates-Basketball Court maintenance upgrade) and as long as they don't exceed the Purchase Policy. If it does exceed more than \$10,000 for an item, than 3 bids are required.

Vote: 4 In favor 1-Abstain

Lights for the tennis courts- An estimate is attached. (LCB Electrical Division-\$2,643.78) Frank is concerned with "troublemakers" but is willing to give it a try. The lighting would go down the sides of the court with timers.

David-Have you checked with the Police Chief on operation after 10:00 p.m. for example.

Frank-We would have to figure out a policy on this.

Tom-We should implement a policy on how this is to be regulated.

Tom/Tiffany-m/m/s- To implement and accept a pending policy on how the tennis court would be regulated after hours.

Rhonda-Where is the funding coming from?

Frank- Various places.

Frank-He was hoping the Girl Scout Building could be opened but that idea fell through. The donation of \$2000 could be used for renovations here. (Example-windows)

Tom/Phil m/m/s To accept the money as proposed.

Item #5- Appointment of Blueberry Fest Committee-Renee Woodard, Events Coordinator

Renee Woodard was welcomed as the Events Coordinator for the Blueberry Festival. Attached is a list of the Proposed Committee Members.

Tom/Tiffany m/m/s To approve as proposed for the Blueberry Festival Committee

Rhonda- The Chamber Representative that we have been working with is no longer with the Chamber. We will need to see what their role will be.

Vote: Unan

Rhonda- There are zero funds available to start with. We should start looking for sponsorships. There also is a new account set up specifically for the Blueberry Festival. In reference to the wage, this is taken out of the Tax Increment Fund but it does need to go through town meeting.

Tom-See if we can get a list from Jeff Chaisson on the sponsors from last year.

Rhonda-We need to confirm we can use the Blueberry Festival name.

Tom-We have a letter stating it is approved. Check with Woody Hanstein otherwise and give a time limit.

Vote: Unan

Item#6- Fire Department-Approval of Furnace Quotes

Sonny Dunham, Fire Chief explained that over the last week the furnace had problems. It is currently running at this time. The proposed unit is the same as what we have now. The one we have now is 14 years old. This furnace item has

been on my capital improvement list for 2 years. For estimates I have Fitch Heating & Plumbing and ABT Plumbing and Heating. Both of these estimates (attached) are for the same furnace model which entails the piping and circulators being installed or mounted on the wall. The thermo couplings will need to also be changed out due to being out of compliance. Sonny is waiting on a call back from Trues's Plumbing & Heating for the third estimate. Availability is crucial and would be 2-3 weeks out.

Keith/Phil m/m/s To go with the low bid of Fitch Plumbing and Heating.

Vote: Unan.

Sonny-The Fire Dept currently has in our Capital Improvement Fund \$10,844. I am looking to pay half now and the other half with my next budget.

Item #7- Broadband Update with Chris Lynch, Matrix

**A. Overview of Committee Meeting and Recommendations**

Temple, Carthage, Weld, Wilton and the Townships have been narrowed down to Wilton and the townships.

Tiffany- NE Corner, Dixfield, Lake area, Pond Rd, Rt 2, SE portion, Fenderson Hill being included for mapping and broadband

Tiffany-MOU (Motion of Understanding) (Attached) We are seeking \$315,421 in funding for this project with Matrix. The MOU explains the make ready work and town responsibilities.

**B. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding**

Keith/Tom m/m/s- To sign the MOU and come up with a plan.

Chris Lynch-Discussed the pay to design and maintain along with pole attachments rights. There is \$660,000 coming from Northern Borders. We are not looking to overbuild anybody but would be possible in some areas. It is estimated at \$400.00 per pole.

Rhonda- Will get copy of Map plan

Chris Lynch- The Green on the map is the "unserved people"

Rhonda- The MOU should be sent to Attorney to review and finalize

Tom-Why are we sending this to our Attorney? Don't proceed with that, the other Attorney already approved.

Vote: Unan

Item #8- Consideration of Orthoimagery Mapping Upgrade Purchase

Keith/? m/m/s- To Approve the Orthoimagery Mapping Purchase

Vote: Unan

Item #9- Manager's Report

A. Recycling Committee Meeting

This was discussed earlier before Frank's report.

Rhonda- The roads need to be posted soon due to warmer weather. Tom asked to hold off until Monday February 21, 2022. Rhonda will notify John.

B. Foreclosure Process

Deadline for foreclosures is in March. There are approximately 25 properties.

Item #10- Other Business

None

Item #11

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

Personnel. 7:34PM Vote: Unan Out at 8:00PM

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM