

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
March 1, 2022

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

Also Present: Renee Woodard, Blueberry Festival Committee, Heinz Gossman, Superintendent Water-Sewer, Dalton Plante, Foreman Water-Sewer Dept., Mt. Blue TV

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of February 15, 2022
Phil/Tom m/m/s -To accept the Minutes of February 15, 2022 Vote: Unan.

Item #2- Public Comment
None

Item #4 Wastewater Update-Heinz Gossman, Superintendent
Heinz explained that there were a couple of water breaks over the winter. One of them being on Weld Rd. They had to do a temporary boil water order. The pipe was a 12" seared pipe. The issue was rectified. In regards to the PFA's- this is affecting everything across the board. The testing will take place twice a year. Varnum Pond was tested in 2014 and there was none found. The process for our 5% increase has been started though now that PFA's considerations are in the mix, Heinz has put the budget increase process on hold. The PFA's regulation is a big factor with the budget at this point. Heinz is assessing all options. Heinz and Dalton traveled to Massachusetts, as well as Madison, Maine to check on some options

Tom-Are we non-detect?

Heinz- We are below non stringent levels

Tom-He would like to make a motion (after Heinz finishes report) to write a letter to Governor Mills to allow the Wastewater compost facilities that test as "non-detect" to continue doing what they are presently doing for compost disposal options.

Heinz-The PFA's proposed regulations would affect the ratepayers. The cost would be approximately \$160,000 for a new disposal option of disposal of sludge.

The PFA's is done on all compost and the bill states all will be tested. (See attached document)

Tom-This is "one blanket" and it is not right! The letter that is proposed to be composed should state that this is not fair to the ratepayers. It is expensive and a terrible situation. Other states aren't doing anything so why does Maine have to be penalized?

Heinz- We re trying to come up with options. Dalton Plante, Foreman was introduced and was welcomed by the Selectboard.

Heinz- COVID#'s (Get info), There are 2 variants, plus the original Covid strain.

Tom-There are how many samples being done?

Heinz- There are 2 samples a week and will be doing these for a year.

Tiffany-If you can send those reports via email she will make a graph report.

Tom/Tiffany m/m/s- For Rhonda on behalf of the Selectboard to write a letter of consideration to Governor Mills to dismiss the non detecting facilities and that we should be allowed to continue doing what we are doing for compost disposal options. The letter should also state the unfairness to ratepayers. Vote: Unan.

Item #3 - Blueberry Festival Committee Meeting Update and Consideration of Name- Renee Woodard, Events Coordinator

Renee Woodard, Events Coordinator made a recommendation by the Blueberry Festival Committee to keep the name of Blueberry Fest.

Tom-He wanted it noted that he was not in favor!

Tiffany- Have you done any compelling data on changing the name? Will it affect contributions?

Renee-She has not looked into that. They need to ask for donations and there's no time for much else.

Tom/Tiff-m/m/s-To recall and to remain as the Blueberry Festival

Vote: Tom, Tiffany, & Keith-Yes 2 opposed- David and Phil

The name shall continue as "Blueberry Festival."

Item#5- Wilton DHHS Call Center Update

Tom received concern from a resident that DHHS Call Center was closing. Tom has researched this along with Russell Black. The building currently has 2 bathrooms and 45 office space cubicles. Tom stated that Governor Mills was contacted and she knew nothing about the possible closing. Randy Cousineau

(owner of the building) was contacted and he said that the building ran out of heat once. Randy Cousineau was also looking into updating the bathrooms. Tom-DHHS will possibly reconsider staying and he should hear something on Thursday.

Tom/Phil m/m/s For Rhonda and Tom to write a letter to Governor Mills and state the concern of job viability at the DHHS Call Center. Vote: Unan.

Item #6- Manager's Report

- A. Road Committee Meeting will be March 3, 2022
- B. Nomination Papers are available for March 7, 2022 They are due back for May 5, 2022. Tiffany will be running again for her seat and Tom will not be running.
- C. Budget Process-Rhonda will have the Capital Account-10 year plan updated and will have this week. The budgets are going out March 18, 2022.

Item #7-Other Business

Rhonda-The Lakeview Cemetery Survey was put on Facebook. So far there are 50 responses. Rhonda will review the survey and re post in a new format.

The Foreclosure process has 18 accounts that are currently outstanding. March 8, 2022 is the deadline. Rhonda will go to the Selectboard on March 15, 2022 on further direction.

David-Has there been any litigation on the Squad truck?

Rhonda-It went no where. The attorney went as far as he could at the time. Maybe we could try a different attorney? It has been a few years now.

Tom-Could Sally Daggett look into this?

Rhonda-She will discuss with Sally and possibly could put on the next agenda which will also include update on the Marina lawsuit.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26PM

