

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
May 17, 2022

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

Also Present: Mt. Blue TV, James Butler, Heinz Gossman, Water-Wastewater Superintendent, John Masse, Highway Foreman

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of May 3, 2022

Phil/Tom m/m/s -To accept the Minutes of May 3, 2022 Vote: Unan.

Item #2- None

Item #3- New Business

It was unanimously voted by the Select Board to dedicate the Annual Town Report For Year ending June 30, 2021 to Rhonda Irish.

David- Another request for another food sovereign act. This is so people can raise and sell product. Hopefully we can bring this forward to the townspeople.

Rhonda-We will need a special town meeting.

Item #4 – Consideration of Approval of On-Premises Liquor License Renewal- Ambition Brewing, LLC Malt Liquor (Beer) and Wine.

Tom/Keith m/m/s- To Approve the On-Premise Liquor License for Ambition Brewing, LLC Malt Liquor (Beer) and Wine.

Item#5- Water/Wastewater Report-Heinz Gossman, Superintendent

PFAS- Because of the PFAS regulations, there will be no composting of Wilton's sludge after August. There are different options with the deadline coming up in August. We have the ability to dispose of the sludge from the Treatment Plant, if we send it to Madison's Treatment Plant. In order to do that, we will need to reconfigure our transporting mechanism, but the order time for the steel needed for this, so Heinz ordered the steel now.

Tom-What are the numbers like?

Heinz-They are low numbers. People are concerned more with the fact that the sludge has(PFAS) is in there. There is a lot of unknowns.

Dave-Keep up the good work.

On Tuesday we are repairing the pavement that we had to dig on Main St and Weld Rd.

Keith/Phil m/m/s to Accept the Water-Wastewater Report and also accept the Grant for the Transmission Line. Vote: Unan

A. Transmission Line Funding

David- The Water Department was awarded a \$459,000 Grant that is 100 percent forgivable for the design and development of a water system rebuild.

Heinz needs a little time to absorb the information and the amendment for engineering. This will be reviewed at the June 7 meeting.

Item #6 – Public Works Report-John Masse, Foreman

Crosswalks have been painted, some spring cleanup has been completed. Boat docks are in. They are working with Frank with the basketball hoops.

A. Paving Bid Awards-Road Paving bids are attached.

B. Basketball Court Paving Bids-See Attached Information

Spencer Paving Bid came in at \$15,160.00 and Littlefield Paving Bid came in at \$19,249.38

Keith-Why is the material cost so much more than what is put on the road?

John-It is the layout time.

Tom-We haven't done anything with that basketball court in a long time.

Tom/Phil m/m/s Accept Road Paving and Basketball Paving Bids as Proposed and go with the low bid.

Vote: Unan

C. Truck RFP- The One Ton Truck is out for Bid. We could trade our 2012. Money is in the Capital Account for new.

Tom/Phil m/m/s To put a Bid out on the One Ton Truck Vote: Unan

John- It is possible we could sell the one-ton truck to the Water-Sewer Department depending on how much we could get for trade in.

Item #7 - Consideration of Surveying a portion of Town owned Lot-Map 15 Lot 11

David- The lot is down by the boat dock and Stinchcomb Lane. According to the survey, it is approximately 28ft deepX90ft long. David Leavitt, Rhonda and John

Masse met with James Butler last Thursday. We need to have the land surveyed to know what we have. If it were paced off at high water, it would look like it was half town land. It is recommended to spend the money to have this surveyed.

James Butler provided the map diagram.

Rhonda- The Boat Dock was put in by the State before turning it over to the Town. She will get more information from the State on the boat dock.

James Butler- In going through the survey process, there is a concern with encroachment on the white vinyl fence that was installed approximately 20 years ago. Going through the survey process and finding that encroachment on Rowell St. possibly goes through the property. The frontage goes 90 feet and there are no pins near the boat launch. The nearest pins are on James Butler property, the Windle property and across the bridge which is Canal Street. James is not sure his survey is even correct. It has changed 2-3 times. There is a discrepancy of approximately 20 feet on Canal St and also a 14-foot discrepancy on James land near his boat dock. When the deeds were written back in the 1900's and when dam got installed, it appears it goes by the high-water mark. If you go by the old watermark line, it would appear that half of the boat dock would be on James property. We do not want a discrepancy on who owns the boat launch. We will need to come to a boundary line agreement on Rowell and Stinchcomb Lane. He feels it will be a long and convoluted in the deed research and it will take an attorney getting involved. He asked Main-Land Development to do more research to discuss the 14-foot discrepancy. What is interesting is the measurement of the fence lines up perfectly if the 14 feet is accounted for based on the old water mark. There was probably an old town agreement or documentation but none has been found or accounted for. The fences on the hill along with some trees are your property and some of the trees I have cleaned up. I would like to come up with some agreement. If the property was yours and the fence has to be moved, there would be some maintenance involved in regards to access for fishing. Access for fishing is a cause of complaint for property lines. Maintaining would "come to play". There is a right of way down Stinchcomb Lane with the Windle and Doiron property.

Tom-He is not opposed to trading. If we approve Attorneys, it would be involved on our side. In his opinion, we should survey. We need to find out what we are trading.

Dave-He agrees with what Tom suggested with the survey.

Tom/Phil m/m/s to move forward with a survey.

James- He purchased 280 Main St Wilton, there are underground utilities. It is an interesting piece of property. Renovations are being done. The prior owners did a survey. There are 2 surveys on record and they conflict. Acme Engineering and Kachnovich Surveying are the two on record. Acme shows the monument on James' property and Kachnovich shows the monument on town property. Would there be any interest in an easement or trade? Rhonda has done good research on this. Utilities have been run underground where the old patio area is. One of the lines runs one of the town's street light. An option would be to disconnect that streetlight temporarily. There are geotop spikes have been located. There are some encroachments.

Keith-An option would be to go through the book of easements or right of ways on this. Easement for turn around is what is in question.

Rhonda-No, there is no easement. Years ago it was a gas station. We will have to go and look through the book. This could go to a special meeting. Acme did their survey after Kachnovich.

Keith-How difficult is it to find the spikes?

James-He has found two. He is not looking to have the monument moved.

Tom-We may be looking for a land swap, maybe put a package together.

David-There was a discussion of the potential of having a single lane/path vehicle around the monument.

Rhonda- On Rowell St, the road was done in 1906+/-, the other road was approved by the town in 1958.

James-He has spoken with both surveyors and with Kachnovich it was what was come up with at the time. With Acme, Key Bank and the Bass Building (Cousineau), did the survey and was four times the amount and was confident with their work.

See attached maps for 280 Main and the Land at the Boat dock. Tyler Kachnovich is doing some landscaping work, he will have to get dig safe. James would not mind disconnecting the electrical service.

Keith/Tom-We need to fix it.

Tom-We should survey the 280 Main St property to verify.

David-From his perspective, go through the book of easements first to verify.

James-We have conflicting surveys, the abutters need to agree. Acme Engineering is recorded, Kachnovich Surveying is not recorded. The big question is the boat launch.

David-Don't do anything now. Let's figure out how to get the survey to determine the lines of the boat dock.

Item #8- Food Sovereignty Ordinance

David- Do more research. The law has changed since the first draft. It eliminates the farmer's market.

Tom-Suggestion-Could we get couple of examples of the food sovereignty Ordinances?

Rhonda-The Town of Jay has not voted one in.

David-Phillips, Chesterville, New Vineyard have one.

Item #9- Approval of RSU #9 Warrant

Tom/Phil m/m/s-To Approve the RSU 9 Warrant

Tom-The Superintendent has worked hard to keep the numbers down.

Tiffany- She attended the RSU 9 meeting and also sat down with the Superintendent and the Budget Committee. They were very thorough on how they came to their figures and long-term capitalization. They are looking at 3-5 year plan with keeping tax rates minimal.

Item #10- Manager's Report

A. Meet and Greet of Select Board Candidates

The Lions Club will host a Meet and Greet of the Select Board candidates. All have been notified. The School Board candidate will be notified as well.

David-Any update on Applicants for the Town Manager job?

Rhonda-No

Item #11- Other Business

Tiffany- We were waiting until the Farmington Town Meeting in regards to the ARPA funding, specifically hazard pay. She was hoping to have a discussion on this.

Tom-He would be in favor of doing it but he is not comfortable at this time voting on discussing this. This should wait until after he is gone.

Keith-Rather than use ARPA funds, could the towns people incorporate with this the motion for police department budget.

Rhonda-That would need to be negotiated with the police department.

Tom-If ARPA funds were not used. They increased their salaries. There are potential loose ends. More research would need to be done.

David-You have to negotiate CBA with all town employees. If you are using the model of Farmington to come up with this, he doesn't think we should set precedence where we start hitting a group of employees against the other. He doesn't think we treat all town employees equitably. This needs to go to meeting.

Tiffany- Put on the Town Warrant. It is not a raise it is hazard pay. Buys us time so we can look into the future. She thinks we owe it to the police department and to the town.

Tom-What is Jay?

Rhonda-She does not have the info.

Item #12-Tom/Keith m/m/s To go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Personnel 7:04PM

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:29PM