

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
June 27, 2023

(FULL RECORDING IS AVAILABLE AT www.mtbluetv.org)

Members Present: Keith Swett, Phil Hilton, David Leavitt, Mike Wells, Tiffany Maiuri, Perry Ellsworth, Town Manager

Item #1-Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of May 16, 2023

Motion by Phil/Second by Tiffany-To Accept the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of May 16, 2023. Vote: 5-0

Item #2- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of June 6, 2023

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil-To Accept the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of June 6, 2023. Vote: 5-0

Item #3- Election Board Officers

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil to Vote on the Chair of the Select board tonight/
No vote needed

Phil declined. Tiffany accepted the nomination to be the Chair of the Select Board effective for July 2023. Vote: 4-1 Opposed (Keith opposed the vote for tonight)

Tiffany and Phil nominated Mike Wells for Vice-Chair

Vote: 3-1(Opposed-Keith)-1 Abstain (Mike)

Item #4-Blueberry Festival-Road Closures and Boat Landing

Renee Woodard-Events Coordinator requested the boat closure for the Blueberry Festival Friday, August 4, 2023 1-4PM.

(See Attached Flyer) It is necessary for this to be closed off. Cones are needed
(See attached for the Closure requests)

The Fire Department and the Highway Department will work together. A sign would be placed along with in a kiosk.

It was suggested by Perry that the Fire Department and the Highway Department Labor be charged to the Blueberry Festival Account.

Motion by David/Second by Phil to Approve the Road Closures for the Blueberry Festival.

Keith-What are the costs for the Police, Fire and Highway Department?

Perry-We can work that out and get back to you.

A goal is to work with Renee to see what is needed or not and how the Blueberry Festival can be sustained on its own. It should not be a town sponsored event.

David-It is a collecting data year for the festival.

Perry-We should know what the project costs.

Vote: 5-0

Item #5- Moratorium/Ordinances

The last time a moratorium was written was between 2016-2018. Perry is suggesting that two Select Board members and two Planning Board members along with the Town Manager work to rewrite the present Cannabis Ordinance to refine it to the future needs of the community. Perry suggested that no more than two ordinances should be worked on a time. Mike and Keith have chosen to be part of this committee. Perry did mention that this could change at any given time.

Perry feels this can be done in approximately three months.

Perry also suggested that the same group make-up along with the Code Enforcement Officer be charged with the task of other needed ordinance rewrites. This should take place as soon as possible.

Any results would be discussed by the Planning Board who would schedule the public hearing on the changes and forward the final product to the Select Board for scheduling a Special Town Meeting.

(See attached)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-For the Select Board to authorize the Committee as described by the Town Manager.

Vote: 5-0

Item #6-Union Contracts

The Public Works Union Contract is not complete yet. The Office along with Water-Wastewater Union contracts are being written. Raises for employees are effective for July 1, 2023 as agreed upon.

Item #7-Solar Credits

Perry is requesting to table the Solar credits. Revision can not get permits at this time. The new contract is with Nautilus. (They are out of New Jersey) The plan is to build this fall. Perry will have more information available for the next Select Board meeting.

Mike-Has any else approached us?

Perry-Not at this time. Though a lot of towns are going with Nautilus. It appears to be 6-7 cents less than CMP. Perry feels we will be paying less. We should see credits at the first part of the year.

There will be no action at this time.

Item #8-Mill Street

Perry stated that we do own this. There is a deed from May-June 1946. It is stated as an accepted Town way.

Mill St is where Jarden's is located. We have not been plowing. The Town should be maintaining the plowing and any paving needs.

We own a 40' strip as a Town way. Perry needs to get some clarification from the Assessor.

Item #9-June 30, Year end

Perry is requesting to close to the Public on June 30, 2023 at 12:00 Noon so that we may be able to close out the books.

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil to Allow the Town to close on June 30, 2023 at 12:00 noon to close out the books.

Vote: 5-0

Item #10-July 03, Office Closure

Perry put in the request on behalf of the Office employees to have Monday July 3, 2023 off with employees using their own earned time.

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-To Close the Town Office as described by the Town Manager on July 3, 2023

Vote: 5-0

Item #11-Other

-Ambition Brewery Liquor License for the Blueberry Festival. Permit to expand to the street. It would be the same as last year. There have been no issues with the Police or Fire

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Keith-To Accept the Liquor License and expansion to the Street.

Vote: 5-0

-Perry is asking for an Executive Session for the next Select Board meeting. He would like to stay for another 6 months.

-In regards to the Meeting Schedule for the remainder of this year, Tiffany suggested meeting on July 11, 2023 in place of the July 4, 2023 scheduled meeting. July 18, 2023 will be determined.

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Keith-To accept the Meeting Schedule of every first and third Tuesday with the exception of Tuesday July 4 and adding in Tuesday July 11, 2023 and at which time we will determine if Tuesday July 18, 2023 is needed.

Keith put in a request to have the Department Heads go back to doing their Quarterly Reports. He feels this needs to get back on track.

(There was no vote on the motion on Meeting Schedule)

Item #12-Adjourn

Motion by David/Second by Mike-To Adjourn

6:38 P.M. Vote: 5-0

