

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting  
August 2, 2022

Members Present: Keith Swett, David Leavitt, Phil Hilton, Tiffany Maiuri, Michael Wells, Rhonda Irish, Perry Ellsworth

Also Present: Heinz Gossman, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Shannon Smith, Doreen Cardona, Frank Donald, Rec Director, Charlie Lavin, CEO, Shane Gallant, Matthew Brennick, Lynn Brennick, James Butler, Mt. Blue TV

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of July 12, 2022

Phil/Tiffany m/m/s -To accept the Minutes of July 12, 2022 Vote: Unan.

Item #2- Public Comment

N/A

Item #3- Wilton Blueberry Corporation-Shannon Smith

Shannon Smith has had this corporation for 30 years. She has worked hard and with this being said she had been working very hard to get the Clydesdales here for the Blueberry Festival. It is very expensive for them to come. We were not able to get them here. The money that was reserved for this I would like to donate to the Blueberry Festival. The amount is \$14,500.00

Tiffany- Thank you for many years you have done the festival.

Item #4-Consideration of approval of Catering Permit-My Dad's Place LLC. To be located at James Butler property, 280 Main St, Wilton, August 5 & 6, 2022

Tiffany/Phil m/m/s to Accept the Catering Permit for My Dad's Place, LLC.

Taxes are paid at the location of 280 Main St Wilton and there have been no difficulty with the Applicants.

Perry-It is important for the alcoholic beverages be contained within the roped off area.

Rhonda-Both of the two businesses (Ambition Brewing and My Dad's Place, LLC) know the importance of this.

Vote: Unan.

Item#5-Consideration of Medical Marijuana Retail permit-Valley Cannabis  
Charlie-An inspection of 3 Bryant Rd was done for the prospective marijuana  
business(See Attachment). The Planning Board approved the site.

Keith-There is no public bathroom? He is questioning a port a potty.

Charlie-It is not a requirement. A port-a-potty is acceptable.

Shane Gallant-It is only for himself and the co-owner.

David- There are taxes due

Charlie-Tom Souza is the owner of the property and he does owe taxes. Charlie  
would grant the permit pending that the tax account was brought current.

Mike/Keith m/m/s To grant the permit for the Medical Marijuana Retail pending  
the taxes and the necessary fees are paid current for 3 Bryant Rd. Wilton.

Vote: Unan

Item # 6-Water & Wastewater Departments-Heinz Gossman-Transmission Line,  
Water Rates Updates; Interim Financing for Design, Sludge Disposal Update

Rhonda-We discussed the USDA Grant and Jim Lord, Dirigo Engineering gave us  
the information on the USDA Grant and we decided not to go in that direction.  
However, the following day, USDA contacted her and explained a number of things  
had changed, weren't clear and weren't the same as Jim had explained. The  
woman from USDA expressed that she thought it best to accept the Loan. We can  
still deny it. We did accept it. If we get other funding it will not change the Grant  
portion.

Heinz- We accepted the 2.2-million-dollar Grant and the 7.4-dollar Loan and is  
earmarked for three years with the intention of looking for other funding. We  
have a 1.5% interest rate. We want to apply for SRF Loans. To do this, we need to  
increase the rates. The rate increase is necessary for both departments. We  
would qualify for more money with increased rates. Heinz would like to break the  
transmission line project into two phases. In regards to Wastewater and PFA's, we  
have to haul sludge to Madison. Twice as much sludge is hauled during the  
summer. He feels confident the loads can be done during the week so that the  
guys won't have to make trips in during the weekend. The cost is approximately  
\$6-6,500.00 week.

Tiffany-Are we non-detect?

Heinz- It is there but we are below the limit.

Mike- Is there something within the Legislation to help pay for this? Is there a removal process?

Heinz-He has heard of some government funding but is not sure. The removal process is TBD. It is currently being discussed in France.

Tiffany-Should the Town write a letter due to the fact we are a non-detect Town? Why should our taxpayers be burdened?

Mike-Who sets the limits?

Heinz-Augusta

Perry-He would like to prepare a letter to local Legislators. This will crucify our budgets. He can contact other Managers to see what they are doing about this.

Rhonda-We did send a letter previously. We could resend or redo the letter.

David-Back to the Water Transmission Line and the rate increase; Are we to understand there is a delay in the rate increase?

Heinz-It is all about qualifying for the funds. That is why I stopped the 5% raise. A 5% would not cover our costs. We need 25-30%.

David- If we could do a smaller increase for the rate payers. 20% is a hard pill to swallow.

Heinz-The 7-million-dollar Loan would be approximately \$230,000 year.

Perry-A cost analysis should be done showing the differences. Heinz and I will work on that.

Rhonda-\$4-600,000 is the interim financing amount for design work. Which way should we go? Typically a RFP would be the way to go.

Tiffany- She thinks the RFP Proposal would be the way to go.

Tiffany/Keith m/m/s To go out for Design Funds for RFP Vote: Unan

#### Item #7-Consideration of Funding for Recreation Projects

##### A. ARPA funding-Water fountain installation; Security Cameras

Rhonda-A couple of years ago through the pandemic, a lot of Grant Money was received. It was for water fountains and water bottle filler. One Fountain is already installed inside, outside of the bathroom area at the rec-skate building. The second one, it took a while to find a plumber. It was finally done this year. The total to install is \$2,000.00. Rhonda feels it should come out of ARPA Funding.

David-Where are we with ARPA Funds?

Rhonda-(See attachment) There is \$250,000.00 remaining.

Tiffany/Mike m/m/s For \$2,045.20 to come out of ARPA Funding for Buggy's Plumbing to pay for the Labor and Materials for the Water Fountain.

Vote: Unan.

Security Cameras

Frank-There has been a fair amount of vandalism. Village View, Bass Park, and Kineowatha Park. Bass Park has been a hot spot. Game camera was placed but only points in one direction. The weathervane on top of the Gazebo was damaged. The Parking lot behind the Gazebo building received damage. At Kineowatha the basketball courts were spray painted. We are looking into getting some cameras. Frank met with Tiffany on this. The price range is approximately \$3-5,000.00 for the purchase of security cameras. Frank does not have this in his budget. He was hoping it could come from ARPA Funding.

Tiffany-Potentially looking for whether the cameras are a DVR system which is closed loop or a network video recorder camera where there is internet and/or remote access. Looking at a system that we could run approximately 360 feet of ethernet cable. An electrician would be needed. These cameras are approximately \$189.00. We would need approximately 4.

Frank-He is waiting on more confirmed costs. He possibly could have the figures by next meeting.

Perry- We put the same type of security camera at (previous) town office where it was remote. Perry thinks if the police had access, then they could make the decision to go at the time.

Frank- It could be an alert and time saving for the police department.

Mike-Would we need signage for legality?

David-He believes so, the schools do.

Mike-Is Heidi aware? Do we need more patrol?

Frank-They are aware. It was set up in the past for two police officers to patrol, more in the evening.

B. Bjorn funds-Purchase of Air Hockey Table to replace current table

There are 2 projects-The Pavilion which is mostly completed and the basketball court which are done. \$60,000 out of \$100,000 has been used.

\$40,000 is remaining. Frank would like to replace the air hockey table. Frank found one for approximately \$1,200.00 to replace the current table. Tiffany-She thinks it would be of great use.

Rhonda-There is \$69,000.00 left. The basketball court expense needs to be removed from this amount. It was decided not to do the tennis court lighting.

Tiffany/Keith m/m/s To Allow the Bjorn Funds to be used for the purchase of the Air Hockey Table not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Vote: Unan

In regards to the Security Cameras, Tiffany would do the install of the cameras pro-bono. Frank would just need an estimate for the electrical work.

#### Item #8-Manager's Report

##### A. Right of Way Easement-Treatment Plant

Perry-We ran the line and staked from the telephone pole to the granite marker. It appears we need to remove 20-30 feet of fence and change the pivot point and gate. He believes this plan would be solid and rectify the situation. Heinz will get the estimates on the cost and bring back to the Board. He thinks it is a workable plan but it is 3-4 months out.

Heinz-The 26 foot gate can be re-used. It would need to be re-angled about 5 feet on one side. (See attachment)

David-By the Deed we have to leave a 30-foot egress and ingress.

Mike-Is this something Public Works can work on?

Heinz-He does not think so.

Perry-It needs to be done professionally. It is a specialty.

Mike-Has the surveyor looked at this?

David-No, the Deed is being referenced and the Town will honor the deeded Right of Way.

Perry-\$4-6,000.00 would be the estimated guess.

##### B. Perry Ellsworth, Town Manager

Welcome Perry! Rhonda is working with Perry to transition.

Perry-This Town has a fantastic crew! He will do the best he can.

Item #9-Appointments-Planning Board; Board of Assessment Review; Board of Appeals

Rhonda is suggesting to Table the Appointment of the Planning Board for now. Cheriann Harrison is looking to be on the Board of Assessment and the Board of Appeals.

Tiffany/Phil m/m/s To appoint Cheriann Harrison to the Board of Assessment and Board of Appeals.

Perry- How many people are on the Board of Assessment and the Boards of Appeals?

Mike & Rhonda- 5 for Appeals and 3 for Assessment.

Perry-Have there been any issues?

Rhonda- Very few.

Vote: Unan

Item #10- Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Personnel

Tiffany/Keith m/m/s To go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) Personnel 7:15PM Vote: Unan

Out of Executive Session at 7:43PM

Tiffany/Mike m/m/s To Adjourn Vote: Unan 7:44PM