

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
September 19, 2023

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

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

WORKSHOP ON 2023 PROPERTY TAXES-5:45 P.M.

1. Public Hearing-Cannabis Moratorium

Entered into the Public Hearing at 6:03P.M. and it adjourned at 6:07P.M. Attached is the Ordinance that in which highlights were read by Tiffany Maiuri.

Perry wished to explain that the Moratorium will last for 180 days and can be extended for 180 days.

Nick Santora-Resident questioned 90 days. This had to do with an item on the last Select Board Meeting with a Cannabis License.

2. Public Hearing-General Assistance

Entered into Public Hearing at 6:10P.M. and it adjourned at 6:17P.M. Attached is the General Assistance information regarding the qualifications. Perry gave an overview on General Assistance.

This has to be voted on every year. October 1, 2023 is the deadline in order to receive funding back from the State.

Nick Santora, Resident wanted clarifications on qualifications. Can this be controlled with persons coming into the Town and only being here for one day and the Town having to support them?

Perry-Legislature was brought forward through MMA Legislative Policy Committee to do just that, to make it so that you had to be in the community. three months prior to getting assistance from that town. But this did not pass through the Legislature.

Tiffany replied no, we do not have any control. The State Legislature has control. The criteria is not set by the Town.

Louise Hiltz, Resident asked if this goes on extensively or does it have an ending date?

Perry-Applicants are worked with in detail and the applicant must show all of their expenses.

Mike-If this is State mandated, why do we vote?

Daivid-This is to accept the rate change.

Tiffany-If we do not vote, we would have to pay back 100% versus the 70% that we get reimbursed.

Mike-We really don't have a choice.

Tiffany-It is like fire protection. State Legislation could be contacted as a suggestion.

Nick Santora, Resident asked how do we stop the influx?

Tiffany suggested to contact our State Legislatures that enact these State laws.

Keith- Mr. (Randy) Hall would be a contact.

Louse Hiltz-Resident asked if there is a limit on the number of people that can apply?

Perry-Anyone can apply. Information must be provided to prove eligibility.

3. Public Hearing-Winter Maintenance-Mill Street

Entered into Public Hearing at 6:19P.M. and it adjourned at 6:19P.M.

Statute 2953-May 1-October 1-Road closures can take place during this time period. We discovered this year that we have an additional road that we have not maintained. We have the proof that the road belongs to the town. We are not looking to close it to Mill St that goes to Jarden's to summer maintenance.

There is an agreement with the Town Manager and, the Plant Manager.

They (Jarden's) will plow themselves.

No public comment took place.

Item #4-Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 05, 2023

Motion by David /Second by Phil-Move to Accept as written the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 05, 2023

Mike-He had a concern with not enough information captured with the Cannabis topic.

Mike made a motion to amend the motion to Accept the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 5, 2023 to include the transcript on Cannabis notations from Mt. Blue TV.

Vote: 5-0

The Original motion as amended

Vote: 5-0

Item #5- Public to speak on non-agenda item

Nick Santora, Resident spoke on the police cruiser purchase. Will they be equipped with radar detection that can be used on Route 2 and will be used properly to control the speeding.

Perry-Yes, the new one will be equipped with all new equipment. The old (used one will be equipped with equipment that we have on hand.

Nick Santora, Resident feels there is a lack of control that this town has with the speeding issue. He would like the radar gun to be used a lot.

Perry-There is a Speed Enforcement Detail Grant in place and they (Police Department) are working on it.

Item #6-Set Date for a Special Town Meeting

Cannabis Moratorium

Ordinance Updates

Perry suggested doing these prior to the Select Board Meeting on October 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To Approve the Special Town Meeting set for October 17, 2023 at 6:00P.M. to include the Cannabis Moratorium and Ordinance Updates.

Vote: 5-0

Item #7- Adopt Changes to General Assistance Ordinance

(See attached transcript notes for more details)

Motion by Keith/Second by David-To adopt and accept the changes with General Assistance as discussed.

Mike-Can we capture the additional expenses from last year because of the Legislative changes that allow a person to come in for one day and be granted assistance vs the three months? Can we track that data?

Perry-Yes, this can be tracked and is filed with the State

Vote: 5-0

Item #8-Closure of Mill Street to winter maintenance

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To close Mill St. East Wilton to winter maintenance.

Mike-Is that a dead-end road?

Perry- It is a dead end but at one time he feels it went all the way through.

Mike-Can we deed it over?

Perry-They have the desire to do all the summer maintenance and proved that we owned it. They have the desire to fill that pot hole that is there and have the State and probably us fix the ditch where it goes into Main St.

Vote: 5-0

Item #9-Broadband Update

Perry stated that he has no update on this. Correspondence has been done via email. He has not received the contract nor has he heard from them.

Item #10-Cannabis License

Perry explained that the person requesting a license could not make it to tonight's meeting due to Covid. His license will only be for 6 months. This license should have been renewed in June. This was an oversight and he was fined the \$50.00. This will be brought to the next meeting.

Item #11- Donation to Police Department

Perry-A camp owner that owned a rusty old 16 gauge, and a rusty 34-30-30 that was not pre 64 and she brought them to the police department for a donation. Perry would like for the Select Board to accept this donation. We have a gun shop we could sell them to and use it towards our next AR(Assault Rifle)

Motion by Mike/Second by Keith-To accept the Donation to the Police Department

Vote: 5-0

Item #12-Voting Delegate MMA Convention

Perry is asking to be appointed as a delegate for the Maine Municipal Association Convention.

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To Appoint Perry Ellsworth, Town Manager as the delegate for the Maine Municipal Association Convention.

Vote: 5-0

Item #13-Planning Board Applicant

Perry- We had a Planning Board member that moved away so Perry is asked to move Ben Harnden from his alternate position to full position on the Planning Board.

Keith thought that would have been an automatic.

Perry-It should come to the Board when an alternate is being moved up to full position.

Motion by Mike/Second by David-To Move and accept Ben Harnden as a full Planning Board Member.

Vote: 5-0

Item #14-Appeals Board Applicant

Perry is asking the Select Board to appoint Judi Ellal as an alternate to the Appeals Board.

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To accept Judi Ellal as an alternate to the Appeals Board.

Vote: 5-0

Item#15-Union Contracts

Perry is suggesting an Executive Sessions meeting so the Union Contracts can be reviewed and a final decision can be made. He would be asking to go in under §1405. (D). Then you would come out and take action.

Item#16-Other

Perry would like to meet next Tuesday September 26, 2023 to go over the list of Appointees on who might want to become the next Town Manager. There are about 20 applicants for interest on the Hiring Committee for Town Manager. Perry will send the entire list on both: Town Manager List and the Committee interest. Perry is looking for guidance on his role for this process. Plan on the meeting on Tuesday September 26, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Item#17-Manager's Report

We had a serious wash out on Orchard Drive, twice. We will need hot pavement to repair. There is still no date for paving.

Item #18-Potential Executive Session under Title 1 §405 (D) to discuss Union Contract(s)

Motion by David/Second by Mike-To go into Executive Session under Title 1 §405 (D) to discuss Union Contract(s).

Vote: 5-0

Item #19-Action, if any, on Union Contract(s)

The Select Board signed the Public Works Department Union Contract

Item #20-Potential executive session under Title 1 §405(D) to discuss the Town Manager Search

Item #17-Adjourn

Motion by David/Second by Mike -To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0 7:12 P.M.

