

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
September 20, 2022

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

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

Public Hearing-General Assistance(GA) Ordinance

The meeting opened at 6:00PM

Attached is the General Assistance Maximums Summary Sheet for Franklin County
We receive 70% of every dollar spent on General Assistance.

Questions/Comments from Audience: None

Mike-He is concerned with the process of General Assistance and would like to discuss further. He will get together with Cindy Dunham, GA Administrator to discuss the process.

Closed at 6:11PM

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 6, 2022

Motion by Phil/Second by Tiffany-To accept the Selectboard Minutes of September 6, 2022 Vote: 4-0 Abstain-1 (Keith)

Item #2-Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of September 15, 2022

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Keith-To accept the Special Selectboard Minutes of September 15, 2022 Vote: 4-0 Abstain-1 (Phil)

Item #3- Public Comment on a non-agenda item

N/A

Item #4-Old Business

- A. 2020-2021 Audit Presentation (RHR Smith) Acceptance by Selectboard
Ron Smith, RHR Smith apologized for delays of the 2020-2021 Audit. Doing a remote Audit wasn't a great idea. Going forward it will be different with corrective action. Karen will guide us with our needs and address some issues.

Financially, with the Wastewater Treatment Plant, they are in a strong position. As of 12-31-21 there was an \$800,000 surplus in the unrestricted fund. It has grown. The Water Department had a \$600,000 surplus in the unrestricted fund.

The first piece of advice for the Town would be to look at the Capital Fund needs. The other would be the infrastructure for the Water and Sewer Department.

They did not see a lot of policy and procedure. The Maine Pers funding was discussed. Perry will look into Maine Pers and do a "10 year plan". It was suggested to use some of the monies for other needs. Karen will assist in training and onsite work as needed to fix the books with the Trio System. Karen stated that the Fund Accounts will be set up according to the Accounting Principles in which will incorporate Due To Due From principles.

B. Bee Line Contract for Cable Service

It is the Town Managers job to get contracts administered. Perry is asking for this contract to be made retroactive from May 1, 2017 and will go through May 2027.

Motion by Phil/Second by Tiffany-To Sign and Accept the Beeline Contract.

Vote: 5-0

C. RFP for Waterline Project

Perry has sent RFP to six banks and has received only one back.

BAN is suggested but would need Bond Counsel.

Perry would like to start the process over.

\$459,000 is needed to borrow to cover the preliminary costs

Jim Lord, Dirigo Engineering believes the work can be done in six months.

Can the project be divided into smaller pieces. The Planning Board is planning on working on the project.

D. Considering of Cannabis Retail Permit (Sousa Property)

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-To Sign and Accept the finalized permit for the Cannabis Retail. Vote: 5-0

Item#5-New Business

- B. Request from Franklin County Commissioners. Fire and Waste Services to Washington and Perkins Plantation

The Franklin County Commissioners are looking for budget requests to be submitted by October 11, 2022. (See Attached Letter). This would pertain to Fire and Waste services for Washington and Perkins Plantation.

A. Request to reopen winter maintenance to a portion of Magrath Road (Kara Moody)

Kara Moody, a resident of 376 Magrath Road has put in a request to reopen winter maintenance on the Magrath Road. (See Letter Attached)

She is having a house built. She would like to request that plowing be extended into her area.

Perry stated that the roads are to be reviewed every ten years for discontinued or closed roads.

To reopen the discontinued or closed roads, it is not easy to do. This road would require extensive and upgraded work to road.

The process would need to go to a special town meeting to be reopened (See Attachment on Winter Road Closing Hearing dated 8/20/96)

David asked if we could get estimates on road repair/upgrade

David-To clarify, it is winter maintenance that has been discontinued. Summer maintenance does happen

C. Preliminary State Valuation Report
(See Attached)

We are taxing at 79% of the State Value. This needs to be discussed with Paul Binette, Tax Assessor. There is a concern if it below 80%, we could possibly lose some homestead.

D. Adopt GA Guidelines

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Approve and Accept the GA Ordinance.
Vote: 4-1

Item # 6- Manager's Report

(See Attached Manager's Report)

Item #7-Adjournment

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil- To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0

7:38PM

