

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
October 4, 2022

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

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

Public Hearing-

Item #1- Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 20, 2022

Motion by Tiffany /Second by Keith -To accept the Selectboard Minutes of September 20, 2022 (Did not vote on this-Agenda needs a couple of amendments)

#4-Old Business, Last paragraph, last sentence, fix typographical error. Second amendment, item 5C change taxing to 79%.

Motion by Mike/Second by Tiffany to Amend and accept the Select Board Meeting of Minutes of September 20, 2022

Vote: 5-0

Item #2- Public Comment on a non-agenda item

N/A

Item #3- Old Business

Franklin Savings Bank-Bernice Cote, Branch Manager of Franklin Savings Bank introduced herself. She stated she is committed to the community here in Wilton. Franklin Savings Bank has done funding for FOWL, Western Maine Play Museum among other businesses. They offer business solutions if needed. Becky Bowering would be the resource.

Waterline Project Funding Update-Heinz Gossman, Superintendent stated there will be a public hearing on October 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM. This is in reference to two rate increases. One being 10 percent effective January 2023 and the other being 10 percent effective January 2024. We are scrambling for funding. We are trying to qualify for more money. We need an income wage survey and this will be started. Jim Lord, Dirigo Engineering will be present at the October 18, 2022 meeting.

Perry stated that we can not use any grant funding until we have used the bond funding. We can't get a bank loan with out a special town meeting. There is the potential of borrowing from the undesignated fund but bond counsel states that we will need a special town meeting. We ought to consider the special town meeting before or after the October 18, 2022 public hearing for the monies that are needed. If the undesignated monies are used, the grant funding would reimburse this. (See attached Agenda Information Sheet)

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Approve and not exceed \$459,000 in the Undesignated Fund with a Special Town Meeting being held on October 25, 2022.

Vote: 5-0

Consolidated Communications Pole Placement Request-See Attached Letter and Agenda Information Sheet pertaining to pole permit on the More Acres Road.

Perry requested the Select Board sign off on this.

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To Approve and sign the Application for the pole permit request on the More Acres Road.

Vote: 5-0

Accounting Update/2021 Audit-See Attached Agenda Information Sheet.

RHR Smith, Karen Oliveri has started to work with our employees as a start to creating financial inputs and accounting needs to meet performance standards.

Perry also stated the we are paying ME Pers directly to Portland Trust. RHR Smith can and will fix some needed items. One goal is to get rid of the Quickbooks. An option that was discussed was possibly having the payroll done "in-house" instead of having Paychex.

County Requests for Services to Washington and Perkins Plantations-See Attached Agenda Information Sheet along with Letters being sent. 15 percent increase in both.

Item #4- New Business

Junkyard Permits for Stickney/Collins/Haggan

See Attached Permit Information

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-To Accept all three Junkyard permits

Set date for Public Hearing for Water Rate Changes (October 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.)

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil to Set October 18, 2022 6:00 P.M. as the Public Hearing Date for the Water Rate Change. Vote: 5-0

Item#5- Manager's Report

(See Attached Manager's Report)

Public Works-There is an issue with the Share Shack. Residents are bringing non-useable items. A decision will need to be made whether or not to keep it open. Tiffany would like a further discussion on this.

Roadwork has been done. There is a good supply of salt and sand for the upcoming winter.

NorthStar Ambulance is having recruiting issues due to employees being underpaid compared to other areas. Next years budget is likely to have an increase.

There was a meeting with the Sheriff. It was discussed that rural patrol needs funding.

Item # 6- Other

Charlie Lavin, previous CEO, has submitted his application to be on the Planning Board as an alternate.

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Approve as an alternate, Charlie Lavin as a Planning Board Member

Vote: 5-0

Tiffany- Gave a thanks to Perry for all of the reports and presentations and having the department heads present for meetings.

Mike- Agrees with Tiffany and also thanked him for his style of management.

Item #7-Adjournment

Motion by Mike/Second by Tiffany- To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0

7:18PM

