

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
December 6, 2022

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

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

Item #1-Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of November 15, 2022

Motion by Phil/Second by Tiffany-To Accept the Minutes of the Select Board November 15, 2022

Vote: 5-0

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

N/A

Item #3-GA Ordinance Update

The new General Assistance Ordinance needed signatures from the Select Board. The new General Assistance Ordinance is on file at the Town Office.

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To sign and accept the new General Assistance Ordinance

Mike questioned the cost to administer this program

Perry stated this is a universal ordinance with the State of Maine. We receive no costs to administer this. The verbiage of this ordinance is standard with every town.

Mike has eligibility and residency concerns. There appears to be no cross referencing. He does not care for the way the ordinance is written.

Perry stated that the Legislature is working on issues within the General Assistance Ordinance. This is an unfunded mandate.

David- Signing the Ordinance keeps us in compliance with the State.

Vote: 5-0

Item #4- ATV Issues Temple Road

Michael Hoehne-Resident of Temple Rd has concerns on the ATV access on the Temple Rd in East Wilton. (See attached letter)

Perry-The ATV issues in question should take place between now and the next meeting. This would not be reconsidered at this meeting.

Micheal Hoehne stated that you would have to live on the Temple Rd to experience the nuisance of the ATV traffic. He is requesting the ATV access to be rescinded on the Temple Rd.

David stated that a positive thing is that when he visited Shelly's Hometown Market and had a conversation with Shelly on whether there was any concerns or feedback with the ATV access and her business, she stated she has had great luck with business brought in by the ATV users.

Tiffany has heard positive feedback from other local businesses as well.

Mike-Could there be a possibility of working with the snowmobile club to maybe access the right of way with people's property? This is in reference to trails already in place.

Perry-Most towns have access routes now. We will do our due diligence to gather information on this issue.

Item#5- Water Main Project Approval

Perry is requesting to be designated as "Project Manager" for the Water Line Project. By being designated he would have the authority to sign documents and write memos under this authority.

Motion by Keith/Second by Mike- To designate Perry as the Project Manager and to also authorize and sign necessary documents for the Water Transmission Line Project.

Vote: 5-0

Item #6- Community Resilience Partnership

Zach Gosselin gave presentation on the Community Resilience Partnership program. The Town of Wilton will commit to participating in this program. This program supports leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing resiliency to extreme weather and climate changes. Perry will be the primary point of contact.

There is a three-part process. 1. Informational meeting 2. Passing a resolution. There is a March deadline for when the grant is due. 3. Self-evaluation which entails town ordinances and town reports. Zach Gosselin is involved with this. It was suggested that there be a community engagement workshop where the public could be involved.

Perry feels that we should work together with the other five towns.

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To Accept working with the Community Resilience Program and have David sign the attached Resilience letter with the intention of participation.

Vote: 5-0

Item #7- New Fuel Station Discussion (Capital fiscal 24)

The tank permit runs out next October (2023). The fuel tank will need to be moved.

4000 gallons diesel is used by the Highway Department not including other Departments.

This will need to be included as a possible stand-alone capital project improvement as part of the Highway Budget.

Item #8-One ton Truck purchase/ update/purchase

John Masse, Highway Foreman spoke on the One-ton truck purchase. He put out bid request and two have responded. (See attached Bid Information)

Perry feels we should consider the bid with Hight Ford.

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Phil-To award the Truck Chassis bid from Hight Ford in Skowhegan and the Town Manager and the Select Board will negotiate plow equipment by Viking Enterprises at a cost not to exceed \$72,000.

Vote: 5-0

Item#9-Manager's Report

(See Attached Manager's Report)

Tiffany requested that the website updates include adding the Select Board Agenda's.

The goal is to add these to both the Town website and the Town Facebook Page.

Item#10-Other

None

Item#11-Adjournment

Motion by Tiffany/Second by Mike-To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0 6:55P.M.