

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
February 20, 2024

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

Members Present: David Leavitt, Mike Wells, Tiffany Maiuri, Keith Swett, Phil Hilton, Maria Greeley (Town Manager).

PUBLIC HEARING-Parking and Traffic Ordinance

This Public Hearing was for a change to Article 6 in the Public and Traffic Ordinance. The exception update would be to change the time from Midnight to 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. from November 15 through April 15 excluding Holidays from the intersection of Main Street to 158 Weld Rd. Wilton.

No public comments took place. Closed Public Hearing at 6:02 P.M.

Item #1- Minutes of the Selectboard Meetings

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Approve the Minutes of the Select Board Meeting of February 6, 2024

Vote: 3 Yes-2 Abstain (Keith abstain/Tiffany abstain)

Item #2- Public to speak on non-agenda item

None

Item #3- Parking and Traffic Ordinance

Motion by David/Second by Keith-Move to Approve the Parking and Traffic Ordinance changes listed under Article VI.

Vote: 5-0

Item #4- Mt. Blue TV-Andre Cormier

Andre Cormier gave a yearly report of Mt Blue TV. (Attached)

Mt Blue TV has acquired the Daily Bulldog. Andre Cormier explained this was incorporated as a non-profit. No structural changes. They just expanded what they were doing.

They are committed to covering community events including selectboard meetings, county commissioner meetings and holiday parades and also added coverage of the RSU 9 Board of Directors. They also try to cover as many high school sporting events as possible and included is regular coverage of both Farmington and Wilton Historical Society events.

Tiffany thanked Andre Cormier. The services are well informed.

Item #5- Renewal of Earth Keeper License

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Approve the Renewal of Earth Keeper License pending all dues, fees and taxes are up to date and current.

Vote: 5-0

Item #6-Renewal of Power Plant License

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Approve the Renewal of Power Plant License pending all dues, fees and taxes are up to date and current.

Vote: 5-0

Item #7-Renewal of The Honeycomb Farm License

Motion by David/Second by Mike-To Approve the Renewal of The Honeycomb Farm License pending all dues, fees and taxes are up to date and current.

Vote: 5-0

Item #8-Renewal of Cannatopia License

Motion by Keith/Second by David-To Approve the Renewal of Cannatopia License pending all dues, fees and taxes are up to date and current.

Vote: 5-0

Item#9-Approval of Blueberry Festival Committee Members

Motion by Keith/Second by David-Move to Approve the Blueberry Festival Committee List as given.

(James Butler, Heidi & Michael Luce, Candy Goodwin, Christina Carrier)

Vote: 5-0

Item #11-Tennis Court-Approval of updated bid from Maine Tennis & Track
Proposal Attached

Original proposal from Maine Tennis & Track is from 7-10-23-\$20,728.00. The updated proposal from Maine Tennis & Track dated 2-6-24 is \$ 21,787.00. The estimated completion date is Summer of 2025.

Keith questioned the prior approval and where the funds were coming from.

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Approve the updated proposal from Maine Tennis & Track dated 2-6-24 of \$21,787.00.

Maria stated the funds would be coming from the Bjorn Account.

Mike asked if RSU 9 helps with any of the maintaining?

David explained that RSU 9 (Mt. Blue) have their own court(s).

Vote: 5-0

Item #12-Authorization from Selectboard-Arrest Powers

Chief Ethan Kyes is looking for approval and a motion from the Select Board to be given the authority for the Wilton Police Department to be able to have Statewide Arrest Powers. (Title 30-A, Section 2671-2A)

Motion by David/Second by Keith-Move to Approve Statewide Arrest Powers for the Wilton Police Department.

It was requested instead of referring patrol officers as “blue pins “, refer to as accredited patrol officers.

Vote: 5-0

Item #14-Approval of Manager’s Expense-Annual Statewide Manager’s Interchange

Maria is looking for approval to attend the 44th Annual Statewide Managers Interchange event in Bangor. This would entail a one-night stay on Thursday, March 28, 2024. The cost would entail a \$50 charge with the cost of the hotel room (\$140-\$150 +/-).

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil-To Approve the Expense of the Annual Statewide Manager’s Interchange.

Vote: 5-0

Item #15-Other

Phil spoke on the Transfer Station and how he has been hearing amazing compliments! Keep up the good work!

Item #16-Manager's Report

(Attached)

David asked if there was a budget calendar set up yet
Maria explained that she has been meeting with each Department Head on their budgets and will be ready for the next step very soon.

Item #13-Water/Wastewater Budget Presentations-Calendar Year 2024

Attached are the Water/Wastewater Budget Presentations for 2024.

Water Department-Discussed by Dalton Plante, Superintendent is a GIS Mapping System that would greatly benefit the water department, specifically mapping fire hydrants and the water and sewer lines. Some increases are taking place due to inflation and union approved wage increases for staff.

Motion by David/Second by Phil-Move to Approve the Water Department Budget as presented and written.

Vote: 5-0

Wastewater Department-Discussed by Dalton Plante, Superintendent discussed the request of a necessary rate increase to offset inflation, union approved wage increases for staff and unfunded mandated PFA related expenditures. The anticipated increase is approximately 8 percent. This would balance the Budget for 2024.

Motion by Mike/Second by Phil-Move to Approve the Wastewater Department budget as presented and written.

Vote: 5-0

Item #10-Department Head Introduction & Report-Parks and Recreation Department

Frank Donald, (Rec Director) gave a report for the Parks & Recreation.

He did his last Recreation Meeting this past Sunday.

Soccer and Basketball is all wrapped up.

We did have a girls travel basketball team.

The skate rink is still up and running

Currently, the past baseball and softball clinics have been for 8- to 12-year-olds. There is now a new idea of entertaining these clinics to the 3- to 4-year-old age groups.

Jordan Schanck introduced himself as the new Parks and Recreation Director. Frank also mentioned that Mike Leclair was recognized for 30 years.

Item #17- Adjourn

Motion by David/Second by Phil -Move to Adjourn

Vote: 2-3(Oppose)

Motion by Phil/Second by Mike-Move to Adjourn

Vote: 4-1(Oppose) 7:02 P.M.

