

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
October 15, 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).

Item #1- Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2- Minutes from October 1, 2024 Meeting

Request by Maria to table the Minutes from October 1, 2024 Meeting

Item #3- Public to speak on non-agenda item

Nick Santora referenced item #6-Police Department. He is hoping the Town will support our Police Department.

Keith made a comment on Nick Santora making the newspaper. (Franklin Journal)

Item #4- The Honey Comb Farm-Manufacturing & Processing Permit Approval

Motion by Keith/Second by Mike-Motion to accept the Honey Comb Farm-Manufacturing & Processing Permit Approval

Mike asked on the dates of the application and what was the delay? He understands part of it was the moratorium.

Mike asked if all the taxes, water, sewer, fees are current

All are current.

Brian (Honey Comb Farm) was a big help in helping with the cannabis ordinance and understanding how the OCP works.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #5- Comprehensive Plan Committee Members

- a. Doak, Gwendolyn
- b. Georgen, Nickolas
- c. Hiltz, Nathan

- d. Lavin, Charles
- e. Waller, Christian

Motion by Keith/Second by Mike-To Accept the Comprehensive Plan Committee Members

- a. Doak, Gwendolyn
- b. Georgen, Nickolas
- c. Hiltz, Nathan
- d. Lavin, Charles
- e. Waller, Christian

Mike asked if these people are going to work with Franklin County?

Maria-We will be working with AVCOG.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Maria asked Tiffany if a Select Board member would like to be a part of this Committee?

David feels Keith would be a great candidate. Tiffany agrees.

Keith will accept and volunteer for this Committee.

Item #6-Police Department-FF-LEO (Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Health Insurance Subsidy) Buy Back

This Law went into effect in 2019 for the Town to provide a deduction for all full-time firefighters and law enforcement through the payroll process. However, the Town did not offer this deduction to the employees of the Police Dept. We are requesting that due to the Town's error, the Town pay for the Employee buy back. The law states they can only buy back up to 5 years.

One employee has missed out.

David asked if the applications were completed by those employees (Police Dept) Maria-We had the employees fill out the application and they are currently having those deductions withheld. It was sometime in September that this was started.

Motion by Mike/Second by Tiffany-To approve the Police Department-FF-LEO (Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Health Insurance Subsidy) Buy Back.

Keith-Are you including the employee that was past the five years?

Maria-We can't do anything about that. The impact on the employee is a lot larger of a number than the one on the spreadsheet because it is years' worth.

That employee is not eligible.

Brian Lynch, Police Officer explained that if you are beyond the five-year point, you either have to go to another agency or you have to resign and then get rehired. That was the only loophole around the five-year mark.

Keith asked if the motion could be approved with that listed on the spreadsheet. Mike will revise the motion for clarity to state -To approve \$8,857.40 to cover all of the employee buy back from the program.

Mike withdrew the motion.

Motion by Tiffany-Second by Mike-To approve the buy back for the employees listed in blue that qualify for this five-year buyback, which takes a total sum of \$8,857.40.

David stated that we would send a check to the State House.

Maria stated that this is a hundred percent employee contribution. The Town is not contributing. The Town never offered this to these employees and she feels it is on the Town. It an error on the Town and we owe it to those employees.

Vote: 5-0

Item #7-Other

-Application for Catering Permit-Lafleur's

-Roderick Crosby Post #28 American Legion

Motion by Mike/Second by David-To Approve the two applications for catering permits for Roderick Crosby Post number 28 American Legion as well as Lafleurs Restaurant.

Maria explained that the American Legion event was happening this weekend, the 18th or 19th. Lafleurs event is happening on the 25th and the 26th.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #8- Manager's Report

-Election timeline

Election Timeline-

Election Day-November 5, 2024-8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Town Office

Absentee Ballot may be requested to receive anytime by mail.

Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot without providing special circumstance is October 31, 2024

Residents may register to vote at the Town Office before the Election or at the polling place on Election Day.

- The Select Board Meeting for November 5, 2024 will be held at the Public Safety Building at 6:00 P.M.

-Dog Tags are available October 15, 2024. Altered Dogs are \$6.00. Non-altered dogs are \$11.00. Proof of rabies certificate is needed and puppies can be licensed once they reach 6 months old.

-Wilton Events is hosting the Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Kineowatha Park from 6:00-7:30 P.M. Candy donations can be made by reaching out to Renee or make checks payable to Town of Wilton-Events. Write candy on the memo line. We are also accepting donations here at the Town Office. If there are questions, please reach out to Renee, our Events Coordinator.

-Maria is pleased to announce the new Finance and Human Resources Director, Katie Johnston. She started today. Katie comes with a lot of experience in local government and fund accounting. We are excited to have her as part of our team. Next time you are in the office, feel free to stop by and introduce yourself.

Item #9-Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E)-LEGAL

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E)-LEGAL

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

6:20 P.M.

Item #10-Adjourn

Motion seconded and adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

