

Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting
November 19, 2024

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

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

Item #1- Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2- Minutes from October 1, 2024 Special Town Meeting

The Minutes of the Special Town Meeting were tabled from last meeting. The Vote passed was added to clarify passing of the Cannabis Ordinance article and the motion to adjourn was adjusted.

Motion by Phil/Second by David-To approve the Minutes from the October 1, 2024 Special Town Meeting.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #3-Minutes from November 5, 2024 Select Board Meeting

Motion by David/Second by Phil- To approve the Minutes from the Select Board Meeting of November 5, 2024.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #4- Public to speak on a non-agenda item

Nathan Hiltz recapped a few of his experiences this past year. In April he pointed out information that should have been in the Annual Report. He spoke about an issue with the official meeting record, a correction was made. In August, he questioned on how we can be more aware on the public meetings. There was a response at the next meeting. Nathan's point from his experiences is that when the public brings their concerns in a constructive manner, there appears to be a system in place. Last week marked the one-year anniversary of the appointment of the new Town Manager. The current record for the longest tenure as the Wilton Town Manager is 17 years. We all know the old adage that records are made to be broken.

Item #5- Department Head Report-Jordan Schanck

(See Attached Quarterly Report from Jordan Schanck)

Adult Basketball-Monday and Thursdays 7:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M.

Adult Pickleball-Wednesday-6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M. and Sundays -4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

Item #6-Maine Family Medical Leave (FMLA)-Town contribution discussion

Maine’s Paid Family Medical Leave will provide up to twelve (12) weeks of paid leave for family, military, medical, or safe leave. The law becomes effective in October 2023 in accordance with Maine Law. Effective January 1 FMLA contributions are required to be withheld.

Katie Johnston-Finance Director spoke on behalf of the contributions. It is a 1% contribution. Collective Bargaining Units have been in place since 2023 and are not wrapped up in this until they negotiate the contract. The 1% is like FICA/Medicare. There are quite a few other municipalities in Maine who are contributing half.

Mike asked when the collective bargaining agreement terminates?

Maria answered with June 2026.

Maria is recommending the Select Board to pay for .5% of the contribution rate and the employee would pay the other .5%.

(The cost for the second half of this year at .5% is \$4,141.69.) This is already being considered as part of next year’s budget for future planning.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #7-Trio Web-discussion on conversion and timeline

Maria explained that the Town will eventually have to convert from Trio SQL to Trio Web. The general development on the Sequel Version has stopped and only critical bug fixes are being done along with government mandated changes. But our ability to do this is at risk. Trio is offering a \$2,000.00 discount off the total cost of the conversion if we sign a contract by December 2024 stating that we will begin conversion in FY 2026(anytime after July 1, 2025). Maria is recommending to move forward have the Select Board authorize her to sign the contract for the Town to move forward beginning anytime after July 1, 2025.

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Allow and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract for Trio Web beginning anytime after July 1, 2025.

The cost would be \$5,995.00 for Hosted Trio web. This would include the \$2,000.00 discount.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #8-Other

-The Select Board received a Thank-You letter from Hazel Flagg in regards to allowing the family of Michael Flagg to place the memorial plaque at the town office.

-Mike asked if any of the other Select Board members had a chance to read the Office of Americans?

Tiffany feels there is no correlation between the two, General Assistance and Office of Americans. It does not seem like it is a state document.

David would not be inclined to post this. It is not required. He is not in favor.

Phil feels similarly.

-David thanked the Town Manager and Renee Woodard for putting together the survey for ATV access.

Maria explained that some things may need to be adjusted on the survey. There are some private roads. We have no jurisdiction to, to say whether or not they are ATV access. We might need some adjustments to the form on the Facebook page or we take the date that comes from the survey and not include the private roads.

Item #9-Manager's Report

-Sevee & Maher Engineering Firm is slated to attend the December 3, 2024 Select Board Meeting to discuss the plans to repair the retaining wall. Maria and John have been in contact with Jeffrey Read to gather updated information for December 3.

-The Town Office will be closed Thursday November 28 and Friday November 29 for Thanksgiving.

Item #10- Adjourn

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous 6:20 P.M.

Jordan Schanck
Town of Wilton: Parks and Recreation Department

The leaves have fallen, and winter is approaching. We wrapped up a successful soccer season with 15 Pee-wee players (ages 3-4), 10 Kindergarteners, 47 Minor players (grades 1-3), and 51 Major players (grades 4-8). The Red team won the championship game, scoring a goal in the final minutes.

Renee, along with the assistance of the Town Police and Fire Departments and the community, organized an amazing Trunk-or-Treat event.

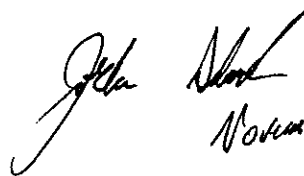
Basketball has already started for several age groups, and more sign-ups are anticipated. Due to the renovations at the middle school gym, we've been working through some logistics.

Adult programs like basketball and pickleball began two weeks ago and have been attracting good participation.

We are in the process of gathering all our outdoor sports equipment and storing seasonal work equipment. Additionally, we are preparing for ice skating and ensuring that our snowplow equipment is in working order.

We have started trimming and removing the overhanging trees around the Tractor building and the Reunion Barn to address some of the MMA insurance recommendations. I also attended a Certified Playground Safety Inspector course and am now awaiting the results of my test. The purchase of the swim rope & floats came in and we picked up the other materials to mark off the swim area for next season.

Respectfully,
Jordan C. Schanck


November 19th 2024