

TOWN OF WILTON
March 4, 2025
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

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

Item # 1- Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2- Minutes from the February 18, 2025 Select Board Meeting

Motion by Phil/Second by David- To approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025.

Vote: 4-1 Absent (Tiffany Maiuri)

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

Randy Hall brought the new firetruck to show. It is still waiting on a few loose items, such as traffic cones. Randy stated they were going to put the hose on at their meeting and have training the following week. Randy appreciates the support and states that the new firetruck will be a huge asset for Wilton and Dixfield. There was a swap of salesmen through the process. Rodney Hall mentioned they were supposed to get the truck in November, then it was switched to March, and then they got a call for mid-January. Rodney mentioned there were additional features added at no additional cost. Mike Wells thanked Randy and Rodney for all the work in getting the new firetruck.

Item #4- Approval of Franchise Fees to be paid to Mt. Blue TV

Mike states there was an article that the town voted on, but there needs to be a motion to take those funds collected from the franchise fees and allocate them wherever they want which will be to Mt. Blue TV.

Motioned by David/Second by Phil- To approve franchise fees to be paid to Mt. Blue TV.

David asked how much.

Mike responded that the estimate was around \$30,000, but it depends on how many subscribers you have.

David asked for a dollar amount because over the years it has gone down some.

Maria states she believes it was roughly around \$23,000.

Vote: 4-1 Absent (Tiffany Maiuri)

Item #5- Blueberry Festival RFP

Mike states it is a very well written RFP, and that Maria will send those out for informational purposes. The RFP was for the fireworks for the Blueberry Festival. It will be sent out to see how many bids are received and then will be selected from those RFPs.

Item #6- Order of the Municipal Officer's 36 M.R.S. § 906

Mike states that anytime there is a new tax collector/treasurer, we need to have this form filled out, documented, and signed.

Maria states the true copy will be circulated.

Mike states this order authorizes the tax collector to chronologically apply what is paid in real estate taxes to the oldest bill. It reads, "The municipal officers of Wilton, upon request of the tax collector and the treasurer of said municipality, hereby require and direct, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 906, that any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property taxes be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that same property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill provided. However, no such payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the municipal officers."

Maria states the last one found was 2017 that she was able to find.

Mike states it is putting the paperwork in order, and it will be circulated to be signed.

Motion by David/Second by Keith- To approve Order of the Municipal Officer's 36 M.R.S. § 906.

Vote: 4-1 Absent (Tiffany Maiuri)

Item #7- Next Select Board Meetings:

-March 17, 2025- Joint meeting with Finance Committee- 6:00 PM

-March 18, 2025- 6:00 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025, is a joint meeting with the Finance Committee at 6:00PM. March 18, 2025, will be our regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00PM.

Nick Santora asked if the March 17, 2025, meeting was open to the public.

Maria stated absolutely.

Item #8- Other

None

Item #9- Manager's report

(See Attached Report)

Nomination papers for Selectboard seat #3, Selectboard seat #4, and an RSU #9 seat are now available. Completed papers need to be returned to the town office by April 11th.

RSU #9 is having an election on March 24th from 8:00AM to 8:00PM at the town office regarding using grant funds to fully acquire the property and building at 144 High Street in Farmington for use as Franklin County Adult Education and Community Resource Hub.

Nominations for the Boston Cane are due back March 13th by the end of the day. The holder of the Cane must be the oldest known Town of Wilton citizen, and they must have been a resident of the Town of Wilton for at least the past 5 consecutive years.

John Masse, Highway Foreman, noted that Posted Roads will be in effect March 7th. These signs are put up when daytime temperatures stay above freezing for several days, which we are currently seeing this weather.

Due to a scheduling conflict, The Police Department budget will be presented at the March 17th Budget/SB Meeting. All other departments (Fire, Public Works, Recreation/Parks) will be presented at the March 31st meeting.

The Planning Board has been working diligently on updates and compliance within our zoning ordinance. The plan is to have these updates presented and approved at the Annual Town Meeting in June.

Maria tabled agenda numbers 10 and 11.

Mike stated agenda items number 10 and 11 are tabled due to an insufficient response.

Item #10- Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) – Labor Contracts

Tabled

Item #11- Action following Executive Session, if applicable

Tabled

Item #12- Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Legal

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

6:12 PM Out at 6:24

Vote: 4-1 Absent (Tiffany Maiuri)

Item # 13- Action following Executive Session, if applicable

None

Item #14 – Adjourn

Motion by Phil/Second by David- To Adjourn

Vote: 4-1 Absent (Tiffany Maiuri) 6:24PM

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1. Other Items:

a.

2. Town Manager's Report:

- a. Nomination papers for Select Board Seat #3, Select Board Seat #4, and an RSU #9 seat will be available at the Town Office beginning March 3rd. Completed papers must be returned to the Town Office by April 11th.
- b. Just a reminder – RSU 9 is holding an election on March 24, 2025 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM regarding a vote deciding if you are in favor of authorizing the School Board of RSU 9 to use grant funds to fully acquire the property and building at 144 High Street in Farming for use as Franklin County Adult Education and Community Resource Hub. We will simply be holding the election here at the Town Office, again on March 24th from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Absentee Ballot are currently available at the Town Office. A special circumstance is required after the 3rd business day before election day). *March 19th. IF you have any questions regarding this ballot question, please reach out to RSU9 directly.
- c. Nominations for the Boston Post Cane are due back on March 13th by EOD. The holder of the Cane must be the oldest known Town of Wilton citizen, and they must have been a resident of the Town of Wilton for at least the past 5 consecutive years (with the exception to this is if the recipient resides in a hospital, nursing facility, or other long-term facility or if they are living with family in another community.)
- d. John Masse, Highway Foreman, noted that Posted Roads will be in effect March 7th. These signs are put up when daytime temperatures stay above freezing for several days, which we are currently seeing this weather. John coordinates with surrounding towns to ensure consistency in road postings. The notice will also be shared on the town website, the sign out front of the Town Office, and the Town's Facebook page. The signs will remain up until conditions allow for their removal, but no later than May 15th.
- e. Due to a scheduling conflict, The Police Department budget will be presented at the March 17th Budget/SB Joint Meeting. All other departments (Fire, Public Works, Recreation/Parks) will be presented at the March 31st meeting.
- f. The Planning Board has been working diligently on updates and compliance within our Zoning Ordinance. We expect to be sending the updates to the Town's attorney within the next few weeks prior to having the board review. The plan is to have these updates presented and approved at our Annual Town Meeting in June.