

Regular Town Board Meeting –February 14,2023

7 Community Circle 7:pm – 8:30 pm

For those wishing to call in, please use the number 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID 89393141055 Passcode 901005

Attending

Roy Holzer- Town Supervisor

Darin Forbes – Deputy Supervisor

Tina Terry-Preston- Board Member

Tim Follos- Board Member

Michelle Preston- Board Member

Dawn Stevens- Town Clerk

Also Attending *Cliff Holzer II, Favor Smith, Keith M, Celia Stephenson, Beth Kress Paula & Bill McGreevy, Pat Winch, Kristy Holzer, Doug Nemec, Rebecca Rondeau, Ben Hobday, Nancy Gonyea, Rarilee Conway, Coco Dunmire, Jeri Wright, Bill Wonderlin, Linda Shuster, Sarah Adams, Dave Neuman, Eric Diehl, Laura Hooker, Leah & Donald Walton, Al & Alicia Armstrong and several others who did not sign in. Remote, Pam Winch and Judy & Aseem Mathur, Also some who did not announce themselves.*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Holzer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited.

Resolution 10-2023

Resolved, to accept the January 10th and January 25th minutes.

Moved by *Tina Terry-Preston* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes* **All in Favor**

Resolution 11-2023

Resolved, to grant permission to the Historical Society to use town roads on June 17, 2023, for the Annual Whiskey Run.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Michelle Preston* **All in Favor**

Resolution 12-2023

Resolved, to enter into the Essex County Highway Maintenance Agreement.

Further Resolved, that Supervisor Holzer sign said agreement.

Moved by *Tina Terry-Preston* **Seconded by** *Tim Follos* **All in Favor**

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It was decided to interview all three applicants for the Planning Board Alternate position.

Jim Kelley, Pat Winch, and Mike Bowman are the three applicants.

The plans were presented for the improvements at Ballfield Park. A decision will have to be made on which project to do first. The Pavilion or the New Building. These projects will be paid for with Donations from the community.

The improvements to the Highway Garage are almost complete, but the outside painting and the generator will not be done till spring. The town has requested the final payment from the insurance company. The town is also pricing a gas inventory system for the pumps.

Supervisor Holzer stated the Housing Assistance Program is putting in for a grant for five long-term rental units on the Coarding Property. This will probably mean fewer Whole Houses but would give more affordable housing units overall.

Supervisor Holzer has asked the County Lawyer handling this matter to try to get the transfer to the Adirondack Community Housing Trust as part of the contract and agreement.

A state law has been passed which will offer active Fire Dept Volunteers a reduction in their property tax. There will be more information coming out on this matter soon.

Resolution 13-2023

Resolved, that Supervisor Holzer sign the contract on the Coarding Property on Rt. 86.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tim Follos* **All in Favor**

Resolution 14-2023

Resolved, to approve the transfers and pay January's expenses.

Moved by *Tina Terry-Preston* **Seconded by** *Michelle Preston* **All in Favor**

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*Tim Follos made a motion to appoint Laura Hooker to a full-time seat. There was a discussion on this. There was not a second. **Motion was not carried.***

Resolution 15-2023

Resolved, to reappoint William Eaton to the Planning /Zoning Board. The Term is January 2023- December 31, 2026.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Michelle Preston*

* Darin Forbes- **Aye**

*Tina Terry-Preston - **Aye**

*Michelle Preston - **Aye**

* Roy Holzer - **Aye**

*Tim Follos – **Nay**

Four Ayes One Nay Motion Carried

Resolution 16–2023

Resolved, to approve the Wilmington/Whiteface 100K Mountain bike race and the use of Town Facilities and roads on June 4th, 2023. This is at no financial cost to the Town of Wilmington.

Moved by *Michelle Preston* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes* **All in Favor**

The Town was informed by Essex County that it is preferred by NYS, that we have three members.

Resolution 17–2023

Resolved, to advertise for a third person to serve on the assessment review board.

Moved by *Tim Follos* **Seconded by** *Tina Terry-Preston* **All in Favor**

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Supervisor Holzer informed the Board that he had found a decent price on two solar -powered Radar Warning Signs. He asked for a motion to purchase them.

Resolution 18–2023

Resolved, to purchase two solar-powered Radar Warning Signs, the price being around \$6200.

Moved By *Tina Terry-Preston* **Seconded by** *Michelle Preston* **All in Favor**

Codes *three building permits were issued,\$797.00 fees were collected, 61 open permits; 30+ site visits; to date we have 68 Short term rentals registered, and \$30650. collected.*

Visitors Bureau *The Wilmington Community Dinner will be held March 22,2023.It will be held at the Hungry Trout; tickets are \$30.00 each. This year we are honoring the Historical Society with special honors to Judy Lawrence.*

The 2-Fly Beach Party is May 18th, all are welcome to attend.

Mountain Music Festival 2023 *The festival will be held July 29th, we are looking for Sponsors and Volunteers for the event. The concert will be a Foreigner/Journey tribute band, opening for them will be Tink Bennett and Tailored Made a country band.*

Correction to the website, *Laura Hooker brought to the Boards Attention That there was a mistake on the Town website in the Q&A for STRs*

The question “ Does my short-term rental license apply to multiple properties?”

The answer “ No. You are only allowed to short-term rent one dwelling unit per license in the town of Wilmington. An owner is permitted a maximum of one whole home rental and one partial home rental, but each STR requires its own license and fees.

Supervisor Holzer asked the codes officer to correct this immediately.

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This is a copy of the statement given by Tim Follos at this meeting. Board Member Darin Forbes asked that it be entered in the minutes.

Mr. Lally, in his comments at our September meeting, accused me of wanting to “take Wilmington back 50 years.”

Mr. Lally doesn't know what Wilmington was like 50 years ago. I don't either.

But I know what Wilmington was like 35 years ago. And I know it was a nice place.

If you like peace, quiet, knowing your neighbors on any given day of the week, nature, open space, or small-town charm, it was nicer than it is now.

I have lived in many places and I chose Wilmington.

I love Wilmington as much as anyone.

Mr. Lally doesn't know what Wilmington was like 50 years ago. And I don't either.

But there are a lot of people who do know what Wilmington was like 50 years ago, and a lot of those people support the ideas I am putting forth.

Mr. Lally should ask them why they support those ideas.

The citizens of Wilmington, know all the members of this board very well, and the citizens of Wilmington made their choice.

Mr. Lally and his friends should have more respect for the people of Wilmington.

It is possible that I'm not the only person who has noticed that there are two groups who most fiercely oppose the ideas I am putting forth;

One group is mostly made up of people who haven't lived in this area very long and now appear extremely reluctant to reexamine any of their beliefs or assumptions about Wilmington.

In the other group is mostly made-up of people who own multiple Airbnbs.

And there are two groups of people who most consistently support the ideas I have put forth for nearly two years now - and who appreciate my persistent efforts to make progress on the ideas and policies on which I campaigned,

Those two groups of people are:

First, people who have lived in Wilmington for several decades or more.

And, second, people who lived in Lake Placid previously and live in Wilmington now.

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The people who lived in Lake Placid previously know what that town was like, and they know what this town was like, and they know that Lake Placid is a wonderful community that is being destroyed by greed and they see that Wilmington is sleepwalking down a similar path.

If you want to know what Wilmington was like 50 years ago, this is what it was like:

“So, if we go back 50 years, we are going to have five gas stations, a few more motels and four or five bars slash restaurants with the required number of rooms available for those who won't be able to drive home.

To think that some of us used to go “bar hopping” in Wilmington, then go on to Paleface and then on to Jay, and on from there until the wee hours.

Yes, let's go back 50 years to that... But now I have my hopes up - thanks to that suggestion at a town board meeting.

You sure bring back so many great memories!! Bar hopping on our snowmobiles with our local Ridgerunners Snowmobile Club was a weekly event. Six stops just in town before heading to Pale face and beyond.

Let's not forget the weekly dances at the Old Town hall and the ones up at the Clubhouse at the beach. The monthly potluck suppers at the Firehouse for members and Auxiliary were always fun.

I really do not think going back 50 years would be such a bad thing.

Thank you all for your time.

Thank you to those who see Wilmington as something much more valuable than a mere revenue stream.

Let us dedicate ourselves to working together to preserve and protect our town.

I am stating again that this is the copy I was given of the speech, I did, however, remove the items that were crossed out, any punctuation errors or typos were not made by Tim Follos.

Some attending applauded, others did not.

Supervisor Holzer thanked Board member Tim Follos for his Political Speech but stated he disputes the accuracy of some of his information and timeframe.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Stevens

There will be no
Work Session-Meeting
Feb.22nd 2023.

AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned, acting as a Board of Auditors of the Town of Wilmington, do hereby certify that the attached is a complete and true abstract of all accounts audited by the Board at its Regular Monthly Meeting held on February 14th, 2023, including the amount claimed and amount allowed thereof, and including bills audited from:

Name of Account	2023	2023		
General Fund	<u>From:</u> G86	To: G156	Amt:	118975.06
Payrolls			Amt:	36008.02
Social Security			Amt:	5030.68
Health Insurance			Amt:	13000.14
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Highway	<u>From:</u> H34	To: H68	Amt:	36975.75
Payrolls			Amt:	25730.84
Social Security			Amt:	8334.26
Health Insurance			Amt:	9044.46
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Water	<u>From:</u> W19	To: W34	Amt:	3334.88
Payrolls			Amt:	5713.32
Social Security			Amt:	1943.85
Health Insurance			Amt:	1907.00
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
GARBAGE DIST.	<u>From:</u> GD5	To: GD7	Amt:	1241.24
Payrolls			Amt:	2749.52
Social Security			Amt:	204.62
Health Insurance			Amt:	486.37
Other:			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amt:</u>	