

Monthly Meeting of the WILMINGTON TOWN BOARD

Community Center – May 9, 2023 – 7 pm till 9 pm

To those that wish to call in, please use this number 1-929-205-6099 Meeting ID – 893 9314 1055 Passcode -901005

Attending

Roy Holzer-Supervisor

Darin Forbes-Deputy Supervisor/Board Member

Tina Terry-Preston-Board Member

Tim Folloos-Board Member

Michelle Preston-Board Member

Dawn Stevens-Town Clerk

Also Attending Ken And Jean Borgers, Rebecca J Rondeau, Bethany Kress, Celia Stephenson, Tim Preston, Paula McGreevy, Amy Langford, Cliff Holzer II, Danielle Celenzo, Nancy Gonyea, D. Neumann, Favor Smith, Gail Mitchel, Forest R Winch, Pat Winch, Robin Anthony, Barb Funk "Rose", Leah Walton, Donald Walton, Jim Kelly, S. Hockert, Rarilee Conway, Eric Diehl, Bill Wondorlin, Laura Hooker, Mathew Snow, Marjorie Swift, several others were there but I could not make out their handwriting or they chose not to sign-in. Pam Winch was also there remotely as a call-in.

The meeting is called to order by Supervisor at 7 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 51-2023 Resolved to accept the previous minutes.

Moved by Darin Forbes Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston All in favor

The job description for the Youth Group was discussed. It was suggested by the Supervisor Roy Holzer that the group start the registration process so there is a better idea of the number of children and parents interested. The supervisor also informed the group that there were available options for transportation for the Group. The Group also reminded everyone about the Fishing Derby on May 20th at Stevens Pond on the Whiteface Memorial Highway. The Youth Group will be having a Bake sale and Raffle to raise money for there projects. The Group will also be in Heritage park on May 13th. Donations are also accepted. Discussion was had on how to make it easier for the Youth Group to access money for projects and events.

Resolution 52-2023 Resolved to authorize a reloadable card for the Youth Group in the amount of \$500.00. The card will be reloaded when the proper receipts for expenses are turned into the Towns Account Clerk, Nicole Forbes.

Moved by Tim Folloos Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston All in Favor

The Use Form for Town facilities has been discussed, and the Attorney has made her recommendations. The fee structure is still being worked out and is leaning toward a case-by-case basis depending on size of the group and length of the use.

Resolution 53-2023 Resolved To accept and use the revised Facilities use Form.

Moved by Michelle Preston Seconded by Tim Folloos All in Favor

The sample form is at the end of the minutes.

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There was a discussion on the recreation fee for subdivisions. This will be discussed again, there was nothing decided.

The Town Historian being a paid position was discussed. It was decided that the Board would reach out to the Town Historian, Merri Carol Peck, before deciding. The matter was tabled till the next meeting. It was also discussed to help the Historical Society. It was pointed out that the Town gives them the space they work in at no charge, which is already a major support. This will also be discussed again.

Resolution 54-2023 Resolved to grant the request to adjust the water fee on a property due to a break in the line.

Moved by Michelle Preston Secoded by Darin Forbes All in Favor

This has been done in the past, when the property owner made every attempt to correct the situation once notified of a problem. The leak has been fixed. The resident was charged his normal fee.

Resolution 55-2023 Resolved to approve the expenses and transfers submitted.

Moved by Tina Terry-Preston Secoded by Darin Forbes All in Favor

Supervisor Holzer Stated, we need a resolution modifying **RESOLUTION 49-2023** by the Essex County Real Property Tax Services on the Sliding Scale Senior Exemption.

Resolution 56-2023 Resolved to modify Resolution 49-2023 amending limits for RPTL 467 (Senior Citizens Exemption) to include sliding scale options 1, 2 and 3. The base exemption to have an income limit of \$25,000 and a final sliding scale income of \$33,399.99 for a 5% exemption. These new exemption limits will take effect for the 2024 assessment roll.

Moved by Darin Forbes Secoded by Michelle Preston All in favor.

Resolution 57-2023 Resolved to authorizing Supervisor Holzer to Hire Summer Lifeguard's at a rate of \$17 to \$ 20 per hour for the 2023 season.

Moved by Darin Forbes Secoded by Michelle Preston All in favor.

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Resolution 58-2023 Resolved to authorize the reimbursement to Lifeguard Dan Klebes III of \$250. for his class to receive his Lifeguard Certification. Payment is to be made in 2 payments, \$125., at the end of July, the final payment of \$125 at the end of the season.

Moved By Michelle Preston Secoded by Tina Terry-Preston All in Favor

Resolution 59-2023 Resolved to hire a Beach Attendant for the 2023 season at \$15 an hour to rent boats and other duties as assigned.

Moved by Darin Forbes Secoded by Michelle Preston All in Favor

Resolution 60-2023 Resolved to pay the expenses for April and make the transfers

Moved by Tina Terry-Preston Secoded by Darin Forbes All in Favor

Affidavit at the end of the minutes.

Reports

Supervisor Holzer reported that there are new coated tables in the ballpark. He will also be looking at Handicap accessible tables for there, umbrellas for shade. Supervisor Holzer will also look into a Gaga pit. A motion was made to lower the net at the tennis court and reline the court so it can also be used for Pickle Ball and to also, to reline the baseball field.

Resolution 61-2023 Resolved to put the lines on both the tennis court and the ballfield and also add the Pickle ball lines.

Moved by Darin Forbes Secoded by Michelle Preston All in Favor

There was a discussion on Playground equipment, Councilmembers Michelle Preston and Tina Terry-Preston are going to look into the pricing more to see if we can get a better price.

Councilmember Darin Forbes commented on how expensive good equipment is for playgrounds. He also reminded the board that there is a need for more benches.

Resolution 62-2023 Resolved to purchase the additional benches.

Moved by Darin Forbes Secoded by Tina Terry-Preston All In favor

This will be done through the Community Enhancement Fund and will be of no cost to the taxpayers of the town, they will be coated and very low maintenance. These benches will be placed in various places for the convenience of residents and visitors.

The Visitor's Bureau is getting a face lift, it will look great after the painting is done. It will also get a fresh planting of flowers along with the rest of the Town Facilities.

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Also, a reminder of the upcoming 2-Fly Competition on May 18th, this starts the Summer season with a Bonfire, music, and food trucks. All are welcome!

Codes 4 building permits issued, \$2170.00 fees collected, \$950.00 of which was water, 53 open permits, 20 + site visits. STR update 102 permits issued, \$45950.00 fees collected, 8 permits in progress.

Water Gallons produced 1,952,100 Gallons to Whiteface 59,000

Daily Average 162,700 Daily Average 2,000

David Neumann and Jim Kelly are working on enhancements for the parks near the bridge.

Councilperson Tim Follos read the following statement.

I would like to start my report by saying a few words about Sue Ellen Gettens, who we lost in late March.

I didn't know Sue at this time two years ago. When I was "door-knocking" in my campaign for town board, one of her neighbors suggested that I visit her. I'm glad I did.

My visits with Sue Ellen were some of the most memorable and enjoyable experiences I had on the campaign trail, as well as during my time as an elected official. Talking with Sue about local and regional politics was like drinking out of a fire hose.

During our first visit she was telling me about regional policies, opportunities and programs.

At some point during that visit she paused and said, "We've really got to get you up to speed."

I was not completely shocked to learn that she and my grandmother were accomplices, and that my grandmother would "always sign Sue Ellen's Democratic Party petitions."

Sue was well known in the area for her engagement with the art world, for her involvement with the Democratic Party, and for her interest in local and regional issues.

Up until the last weeks of her life, Sue was emailing town officeholders about town issues.

We invited her to an event a few months ago. She said she was unable to attend but asked us how she could help.

My favorite book is a novel about politics. I have given it as a gift quite a few times over the years.

The only person I'd ever known who'd read that book prior to the time I foisted it upon them is my grandfather.

I asked Sue Ellen if she'd read it and she said, "Of course."

Public life affords one ample opportunities to meet new antagonists, but you also make some new friends.

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I am lucky that I was able to know Sue Ellen. There are a lot of doors to knock on, but I seemed to find myself at her door the most.

The Wilmington town board sends its sincere condolences to her family and to her many friends.

Wilmington will miss her. Wilmington was lucky to have her.

Councilperson Michelle Preston stated she was excited by the great things happening in town and thanked the town crew for all the work going into making our town beautiful and ready for Memorial day.

Councilperson Tina Terry-Preston reported that on Aug.30 there will be a Health Awareness Presentation at the beach at 6pm.

Local resident Pam Winch called in and read a letter on her disapproval of the way she views the board is treating Tim Follos. She asked that the letter be entered in the minutes, at the time I gave her the address to send the letter to, but after much thought and prayer I decided not to enter it in the permanent record. **I will not help further divide the town I love.** The minutes are my responsibility to leave a permanent record for history. I will however be mandated to put in anything that is done by **resolution**. Hopefully the new televised system will be working in June. I will only be putting summaries of the open discussions at the meeting into my minutes, this is all that is required by law. I am sorry if that upsets anyone, but I can not be part of all this negative energy. If anyone would like to read the letter, I will have it in my office.

Executive Session was called with a five-minute recess before entering session at 8:30 pm. At 9:pm meeting came out of session and was **adjourned**. There are no minutes for this session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Stevens

Townclerk/Taxcollector

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 Work Session Meeting held on May 9th, 2023, including the amount claimed and amount allowed thereof, and including bills audited from:

Name of Account	2023	2023		
General Fund	<u>From:</u> G309	To: G338	Amt:	9458.10
Payrolls			Amt:	30053.66
Social Security			Amt:	2163.89
Health Insurance			Amt:	
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Highway	<u>From:</u> H135	To: H139	Amt:	3714.79
Payrolls			Amt:	19285.49
Social Security			Amt:	1391.60
Health Insurance			Amt:	
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Water	<u>From:</u> W79	To: W88	Amt:	9974.13
Payrolls			Amt:	4159.96
Social Security			Amt:	294.32
Health Insurance			Amt:	
Other: Retirement			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
GARBAGE DIST.	<u>From:</u> GD16	To: GD17	Amt:	351.50
Payrolls			Amt:	
Social Security			Amt:	
Health Insurance			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
Other:			Amt:	
	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amt:</u>	

Dated: May 9, 2023

Roy Holzer Supervisor
 Michelle Preston Councilman
 Tina Terry-Preston Councilman
 Darin Forbes Councilman
 Councilman

Attest: Dawn Stevens

Town Clerk

**Town of Wilmington
Facility Use
LEASE AGREEMENT**



I. THE PARTIES. This Lease Agreement ("Agreement") made this _____ is between:
Landlord: Town of Wilmington with a mailing address of PO Box 180 Wilmington NY
12997("Landlord"), and Tenant(s): _____ with a mailing address of
_____ ("Tenant").

II. PREMISES. The Landlord agrees to rent the following property to the Tenant in
exchange for the Payment Terms in Section IV:

- a.) Property Address: _____
- b.) Facility: Ball Park Preston Festival Field Town Beach Other:

III. Date/Hours of Agreement. This Agreement shall be considered
 - Lease Term. The Tenant shall be allowed to occupy the Premises starting on
_____ at _____ am/pm and ending on _____ am/pm
("Lease Term"). At the end of the Lease, Tenant shall return the premise to the
condition it was in at the start of the Lease.

IV. PAYMENT TERMS. During the Lease Term, the Tenant shall be responsible for the
following: (check all that apply)

- Security Deposit - Trash removal - Staff Overtime
\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
- Donation to local charity organization. _____

V. Liability Tenant agrees to respect Town Property, and surrounding residents.

VI. ADDITIONAL TERMS Tenant hereby agrees to indemnify, defend and forever hold
the Town of Wilmington harmless from and against all claims, damages, costs, expenses
(including attorney's fees and disbursements), and liabilities resulting from injury or
damage to Tenants its agents, employees, and any other person claiming through Tenant
under this lease. In addition, Tenant shall provide proof of general liability insurance in
the amount of \$1,000,000 naming the Town as an additional insured.

Landlord's Signature: _____ Tenant's Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Print Name: _____