

Work Session/ Meeting of the Town of Wilmington Town Board

January 31, 2024

Community Center

4PM – 5:15PM

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Attending

Favor Smith - Supervisor

Darin Forbes – Board Member

Tina Terry-Preston – Deputy Supervisor

Tim Follos - Board Member

Laura Hooker - Board Member

Dawn Stevens – Town Clerk

Also attending - Doug Nemec, Joyce Terry, Tim Preston, Paula McGreevy, Barb Funk, Louie Adragna, Michelle Preston, Nancy Gonyea, Celia Stephenson. Several chose not to sign in. There were also three people viewing remotely.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Resolution 35-2024

Resolved, to accept the minutes of December 12, 2023 as written.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Second by** *Tina Preston* **Carried all in Favor**

Old Business

Resolution 36-2024

Resolved, to authorize Supervisor Favor Smith to execute a contract with the Whiteface Visitor Center running from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Moved by *Laura Hooker* **Seconded** *Darin Forbes* **Carried 4-1**

Tim Follos - NO

Darin Forbes - Aye

Laura Hooker – Aye

Tina Terry-Preston – Aye

Favor Smith – Aye

A discussion was held before the vote on this resolution to explain the differences between Roost and our Visitors Bureau, it was also explained how the different money is used by the Bureau.

Resolution 37-2024

Resolved, that the board pass the following resolution in Support of the Town of Wilmington being designated as a Pro-Housing community and in support of the development of properties for Quality, Accessibility, Affordability, and Workforce housing, which was tabled at the meeting held on January 10, 2024.

Whereas, the Town of Wilmington believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages

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and income levels negatively impacts the future of the New York States economic growth and their communities' well-being;

Whereas, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

Whereas, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated, integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

Whereas, we believe that evidence showing the infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

Whereas, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

Whereas, the Town of Wilmington does hereby, support the furtherance of providing multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, workforce housing, supportive housing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Wilmington, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge. Which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing., accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

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Moved by Favor Smith

Seconded by Darin Forbes

Carried 4-1 1-Abstension

Tim Follos - Abstain

Darin Forbes - Aye

Laura Hooker – Aye

Tina Terry-Preston – Aye

Favor Smith - Aye

Resolution 38-2024

Resolved, by the board to **NOT** renew the contract with GOV.OS and to request a prorated final bill from that vendor to cover services rendered during January 2024.

Moved By Tim Follos

Seconded by Laura Hooker

Carried all in favor

The STRs will be handled in-house from now on.

New Business

Resolution 39-2024

Resolved, to authorize the board to allocate the fund balance from 2023 into reserve accounts.

Further Resolved, to put \$12000. into savings in Water and \$10000. Into savings in General.

Moved By Darin Forbes

Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston

Carried all in favor

Resolution 40-2024

Resolved, that the board authorizes the water department to remove a water account assigned to Bruce Huntington that currently applies to a disused swimming pool.

Moved by Laura Hooker

Seconded by Tina Terry-Preston

Carried all in favor

The board received a letter from Karen Peters which resulted in the following resolution.

Resolution 41-2024

Resolved, that the board grants the request of the Wilmington Historical Society authorizing permission to use town roads for its annual whiskey run.

Moved by Tina Terry-Preston

Seconded by Laura Hooker

Carried all in favor

Resolution 42-2024

Resolved, to authorize the supervisor to execute a contract with the Elizabethtown Community Hospital whereby ECH hospital provides drug testing services required by law for a period of one year.

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Moved by *Laura Hooker* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 43-2024

Resolved, to authorize the supervisor to pay ORDA the sums of \$3,856.00 (WF P/O Id 01.10.2024 1299) and \$477.00 (WF P/O Id 01.10.2024 1299) for the Wilmington Youth Commission ski program.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tim Follos* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 44-2024

Resolved, to authorize the supervisor to sign a contract with Above Social for web management services from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

Moved by *Laura Hooker* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 45-2024 Resolved, to authorize the town to retain R. Michael Scheer for computer/IT services at the rate of \$75.00 per hour.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tina Terry-Preston* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 46-2024

Resolved, that the board appoint Supervisor Favor Smith as authorized official/key grant personnel for the NBRC grant re Homestead Housing project.

Moved by *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tina Terry-Preston* **Carried all in favor**

Discussion

During the general discussion Codes Officer Doug Nemec was asked to prepare a schedule of Fee increases to present to the Town Board.

The Board feels we may have enough citizens who would like to volunteer to serve on an Appeals Board for Zoning. The board is going to look at modifying a Local Law from 2018 to reinstate an Appeals Board.

There were no residents at the meeting wishing to make a public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Stevens *Town clerk / Tax Collector / Registrar/ NYS Notary*