

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Wilmington Town Board December 12, 2023 Community Center 7PM – 7:55 PM

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Attending

Roy Holzer - Supervisor

Darin Forbes – Board Member

Tina Terry-Preston – Deputy Supervisor

Tim Follos - Board Member

Michelle Preston - Board Member

Dawn Stevens – Town Clerk

Also attending

Favor Smith, Amy Langford, Rebecca Rondeau, Cliff Holzer, Steve Forbes, Tim Preston, Kristy Holzer, Doug Nemeec, Jane Sibalski, Susan Hockert, Paula & Grace L., Rodger B., Joyce Terry, Forest Winch, Rarilee Conway, Thomas Conway, Charles Assetta, Pat Winch, Laura Hooker, There may have been more who chose not to sign in. Remotely attending Jeri, Robin Anthony, Aseem, Paula McGreevy, Tony Nickinello and six others identified only by their phone number.

The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Holzer presented Marcel Bruce and Michelle Preston with tokens of the town's appreciation for their hard work.

Tim Follos also expressed thanks to Supervisor Holzer for his Work as Supervisor.

Resolution 111-2023 to accept the minutes of the November 9th meeting and public hearings.

Moved By Tina Terry-Preston Seconded by Michelle Preston Carried all in favor

Resolution 112-2023 to conduct a public hearing on January 9, 2024, at 7 pm to consider the adoption of the Alternative Veterans' Exemption from Real Property Taxation under and in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law 458-a commencing for the 2025 tax year.

Further resolved that said exemption shall be for the maximum exemption available under Real Property Tax Law 458-1 for such exemptions.

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

Tim Follos asked to have the 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, Accessible, Affordable, Workforce Housing be TABLED until he could look at it further. NONE OBJECTED.

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Resolution 113-2023 to accept the expenses and make the transfers for the month of November.

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

Resolution 114-2023

Motion to approve the NYS DOT 2023/2024 Municipal Snow and Ice Agreement Supplement for Contract #D014778.

Moved By *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tim Follo* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 115-2023 to advertise for and hire an attendant to be in Base Station on the Youth Ski Days, at a hourly wage of \$18.00- \$20.00 for the 23/24 season.

Moved By *Tim Follo* **Seconded by** *Darin Forbes* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 116-2023 to allow the newly elected town officials to attend the training in Albany.

Moved By *Roy Holzer* **Seconded by** *Tina Terry-Preston* **Carried all in favor**

Resolution 117-2023 The following was presented by Darin Forbes. That the sum of \$5000. be put in a Truck fund for both the Parks and Water, and \$3000. be put in a machine fund for both separately. This money is to come out of the fund balance.

Moved By *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Michelle Preston* **Carried all in favor**

Darin Forbes also asked for,

Resolution 118-2023 to change the clothing allowance of \$600. to be distributed in December instead of January.

Moved By *Darin Forbes* **Seconded by** *Tim Follo* **Carried all in favor**

Codes 6 building permits/\$4707.50 fees collected/61 open permits/10+ site visits/

Water Gallons produced 1,891,600

Gallons to Whiteface 50,700

Daily average 145,500

Daily average 1,700

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SUPERVISORS REPORT FOR THE TOWN BOARD MEMBERS FOR 12/12/23

Thanks to all the volunteers that made the 16th Annual Wilmington Christmas Celebration such a great success. The event was awesome, and I really appreciate the participation of our town staff that work so hard on our yearly event.

Also, a sincere thank you is extended to all the people and businesses that donate to our celebration. Between Fireworks and gifts, our yearly expense is around \$10,000. All done with donations. Currently we already have around \$5,000 towards next year's event.

Speaking of Christmas, we will once again be participating in the "Toys for Tots" program this year. Next week the back tables will be full of toys for our younger citizens. Anyone in need can contact the Supervisors Office. All assistance is handled with strict confidentiality.

I have been notified by NYSEG that there will be a brief power outage on December 13th at 9am.

I would like to offer a resolution to approve registration, training costs and expenses for any newly elected Wilmington officials to attend the New York State Association of Towns training classes to be held in January.

The Town of Wilmington has officially been designated a Clean Energy Community by NYSERDA. As many are aware we have taken many steps to lower our energy usage, from streetlights to more efficient equipment at our highway garage. The designation opens the door for an automatic \$5,000 grant that can be used to further our efforts.

Supervisor Elect Smith and I have been meeting on issues concerning the town. I feel we are making good progress, and he should be able to hit the ground running on January 1, 2024

Finally, I want to take this opportunity in my last report to the board to thank the residents of the Town of Wilmington for the opportunity to serve our community.

The job of Town Supervisor has been a passion for me. As I reflect on my tenure with the town, and the two different times I served, I recall the great Ice Storm of 1998 and worldwide pandemic in 2020 as the two biggest challenges of being a small-town leader. I honestly feel we live in one of the best places in the world and "Mayberry" as I like to call it, is still the kind of community many long for.

Board members expressed gratitude towards all who voted in the last election. There was a brief discussion on matters they would like to address as a board in the coming year.

Tim Follo called for a executive session at 7:40pm.

*Supervisor Holzer called for a 5-minute recess before **opening the session at 7:45.***

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The board came out of executive session at 7:53 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Dawn Stevens

Town Clerk