

**Work session/ Meeting  
of the Town of Wilmington Town Board,  
February 26, 2025      Community Center 4:00 PM**

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**Attending Officers**

*Favor Smith - Supervisor*

*Tina Terry-Preston – Deputy Supervisor*

*Darin Forbes - Board Member*

*Tim Follos - Board Member*

*Laura Hooker – absent, watching remotely*

*Dawn Stevens – Town Clerk*

*Also attending twelve signed in residents, several who did not sign in and three remote viewers.*

*Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*

*There were several discussions this afternoon and everyone was allowed to ask questions during the meeting, and also at the end. Councilmember Laura Hooker also asked questions during the meeting.*

*The first discussion was an update on the Homestead Housing Project / Paul and June Coarding property. This project has evolved and changed several times since it started. The one thing that has never changed and will never change is the fact it will always be residential housing. Paul and June Coarding along with previous Supervisor Roy Holzer made sure of this when the deed was drawn up and was turned over to the town and then to the land trust. The Trust will work hard to get the most homes for the lowest cost, which will help keep the sale price down. The Trust is again working with the APA to choose the best spot for homes. In the future it is hoped that the land that cannot have homes can be used to as a walking trail at some point. This will make it available to everyone to enjoy, this of course will meet all APA requirements.*

*The next discussion was with the Ride the River event. Doug Haney spoke. He thanked the town for their past support and offered solutions to the problems that occurred last year. The board is waiting for a more formal solution to be presented, Doug was sure this could be accomplished before May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Organization is willing to pay any extra costs for the Parks Department and rent Porta potties to help with the bathroom congestion. This event is scheduled to take place July 13<sup>th</sup>. The board will make a decision on this as soon as they have the formal solutions regarding parking and the discussed issues from last year. This event is very popular and many people in our town participate in it.*

*The next discussion was with our Assessor Devan Korn. He stressed the need for the Town Board to find more assessors, or hire a full-time assessor, maybe by joining with another town as we did for Dog Control. Devan told the board that the job and the training for assessors is very time consuming. He suggested the Town Board come up with a solution. Supervisor Smith has been assisting people with paperwork to try to lighten Devan's workload. Devan has a full-time job, besides being an assessor. The Town Board will be looking for solutions to this problem.*

*The final discussion was on the 10-k race that takes place in May, and the need for more staffing for this event. Maybe, Volunteers from the Adirondack Sports Council and people from the community. This will be discussed again in further detail.*

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*Tina Preston had to leave the meeting at 5:30 pm.*

**Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 by **Tim Follos** and seconded by **Favor Smith** all present agreed. //

Respectfully Submitted By

*Dawn Stevens*