# Minutes of the Wilton Select Board Meeting December 3, 2024

# (FULL RECORDING IS AVAILABLE AT www.mtbluetv.org)

Members Present: David Leavitt, Mike Wells (Via Zoom), Tiffany Maiuri, Keith Swett, Phil Hilton, Maria Greeley (Town Manager).

### Item #1- Pledge of Allegiance

#### Item #2- Minutes from November 19, 2024

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To approve the Minutes from the Select Board Meeting November 19, 2024.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

### Item #3- Public to speak on a non-agenda item

- -Nathan Hiltz quoted from an annual report dated for year-end 1963. Town Manager Harold Bean said, "including more information in the town report as to how and why the tax dollar is expected to aid materially in reducing criticism. Uninformed citizen is much more sympathetic with the problems of government, whether it be local, state or national." His idea of how to make uninformed citizens would have been based on the system that existed during his era. If we were to evaluate the media on which the public gets their information today, we would probably agree that it is not designed to reduce criticism as he suggests, rather to profit. By encouraging that very criticism, Nathan asks everyone to consider how our modern information systems could instead be used to produce a public that is more informed for having used them.
- -Nick Santora read a five-year plan in regards to the police department and was questioning how that was going.
- -Kathleen Masterman-It was great to see the sign used at McGillicuddy Park for the special town meeting in October. She thanked Maria and Tiffany for following through on this. Kathleen also thought it would be a fantastic if the town could find some funding to put an electronic sign down on Main Street where most of the traffic of the voters occur. She has been feeling frustrated seeing and hearing

the lack of participation from the town on issues that are important to us. Helping the public build a habit of being more informed will take time. It is encouraging to see the Town's commitment to making decisions that will further promote a culture of public participation as opposed to changes that could enable things to slip in the wrong direction.

# Item #4-Sevee & Maher Engineering-Retaining Wall (Jeffrey Read/Katie Tilas)

Jeffrey Read did a presentation on the Wilson Lake Retaining Wall.

The Preliminary & Design was prepared. Completed design plans and preliminary permitted was started but stopped.

(Attached are the design plans along with the preliminary estimates.)

## Item #5- Motion to commit balance of ARPA funds to Retaining Wall

Motion moved by David/Second by Keith-To commit the balance of the ARPA Funds to the Wilson Lake Retaining Wall.

Approximate amount -\$217,000 The reserve account has \$490,000.00 to go towards this.

Maria feels the Town had good plans and the motivation in 2019. The cost is only getting more expensive and it is a liability on the Town. Funds have to be spent and completed by December 2026.

Jeffrey Read-Sevee & Maher Engineering-The target would be to bid out late summer and fall for the next construction season. Work would be planned for 2026.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Maria stated that the cost of the project should be discussed in the near future. Mike suggested having the plans ready for bid late in May. We would then know what kind of an article to draft for the Town budget.

Maria feels this project should be taken care of in one swoop.

## Item #6- Department Head Reports

#### -Public Works-John Masse

-Approximately a mile of the Temple Road including a base layer was rebuilt, top of the Temple Road by the power line, 1300 feet of the Magrath Road, Voter Hill,

Woodland Avenue, Seminole Drive. Chip sealing that was also done: Pond Road, Magrath Road, Bubier Road, Adams Farm Road.

- -Brush cutting in the Lakeview Cemetery along the edges, Munson Road, Cemetery Road, Sanford Road, Blue Spruce Rd, Terrace Drive. Patched pot holes as needed.
- -All of the summer stuff was put away (Loons, benches, flower pots, flags.)
- -Leaves and debris were cleaned out of the ditches where required and fall clean up took place in the Cemetery.
- -John is looking to putting out an RFP for a used 2009 John Deere 772D that a nearby Town will be trading in. The Highway's grader is a 1985 John Deere 772B. It is currently about 40 years old. The trade in one is 15 years old and 25 years new. It was built before the DEF exhaust systems came out.

#### -Fire Department-Sonny Dunham

- -Wilton Fire has 20 firefighters and 2 junior firefighters.
- -75 Calls: 9 Structure fires-mutual aid/5 woods fires-local/2 mutual aid/4 mountain rescues/8 medical calls.
- -There are 3 EMT's on the department
- -Training-aggressive firefighting-16 hours, Hazmat training-8 hours, RIT training-6 hours. Upcoming training is cold water rescue, ladder training and January will consist of the mandatory trainings.
- -Grants that have been requested-breach door, guardian angel lights, Motorola radio and forestry grant.
- -The breach door grant got awarded and needs approval to accept. It is a \$9,200 piece of equipment. You can practice on how to get into locked and bolted doors. It is a freestanding piece of equipment. The Chief requested a vote to accept. There is no match. There is a December 11 deadline. Maria requested special Select Board Meeting prior to December 11, 2024 to discuss and have the Select Board vote on this.
- -The trucks are running fine, they passed recerts and are ready for winter.
- -Updates are taking place in the Public Safety Building. Bathroom stalls were replaced. They are working on getting gear racks for the turnout gear. There are new internet lines that have been run through the building along with new electrical lines for the card locks.
- -Bob Burdick went to Jay Fire. Cody Henry is Captain and Summer Fay is Lieutenant.

#### -Police Department-Ethan Kyes

- -Clearance rates -2023 was up 60.71%. The State average last Ethan knew was around 30-35%.
- -Grants-Patrick Leahy 2024 Vest grant has been submitted for reimbursement/Highway Safety Speed detail was completed with little success. We are not doing this for 2025 due to not having enough staffing. We have submitted for reimbursement. /2023 Stone Garden Grant has been submitted for reimbursement. There was a lot of early success with that grant. /The 2022 Burn JAG Grant was for the computer and was submitted for reimbursement. /Also submitted was the 2024 Homeland Security Grant for the access control doors./ The Cops Grant is on standby.
- -Brian Lynch was promoted to Lieutenant. Keith Masse was promoted to Sargeant. Officer Real left the department for Androscoggin County. There are two officers on medical leave. There are three officers including me that are working.
- -We attended Liberty Firearms training. We teamed up with Farmington. This was an eye-opening experience, getting trained by individuals that are very proficient in firearms and how much it has improved each officer in the last three times we have gone there.
- -Public Safety Building-Ethan has written the RFQ for the building upgrades on the police department side of the building. Upgrades to all of the internet services to Cat six lines. There will be two lines of internet in the training room. The access control doors were installed. Ethan is looking into possibly redoing the evidence room and is awaiting a quote.
- -Cruiser Study-It has been about a year on this. On the six vehicles we had on maintenance, they spent \$6,836.00. \$3,800 was for one vehicle so Ethan does not plan to put any more money into that vehicle. Overall, Ethan feels they did not spend that much money on maintenance. They budgeted \$10,000.00 and what was spent was \$6,800.00. Some of the equipment in the cruisers need upgrading. They put 66,000 miles in that period and it was spread across the vehicles. Ethan thinks it would be a good idea to continue with this.
- -Mike asked if Ethan had reached out to the Sheriff's Department for coverage? Ethan stated they were positive about it but they asked to stick to Monday through Friday shifts. Ethan will not force his employees to work every weekend, night shifts. He feels he would lose employees if that was done and would not

recommend this. Ethan gave them three shifts-24-hour shifts but they would prefer Monday through Friday eight to eight to eight to four, bankers' hours. They were more responsive to this this time around.

Ethan was asked if there was anything different crime wise? Domestics? Speeding? Ethan explained that crimes are where it has always been in our town. He worked a day shift today and yesterday and there were seven cases in that time period. That is a lot. They have been assisting with Livermore Falls and Farmington and they have been coming to help us as well.

#### **Dalton Plante-Water-Sewer Departments**

-The Water Department has one new employee. His name is Hunter. Annual trainings are taking place next week and, in a few minutes, there will be the discussion of a new truck purchase.

## **Item #7- Cemetery Committee Appointments**

- -Patrick Carlton
- -Richard Corey

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To appoint Patrick Carlton and Richard Corey to the Cemetery Committee.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

# Item #8-Woodland Wanderers Snowmobile Club-Municipal Grant-Eric Brown

Each year most of the snowmobile clubs statewide apply for a Municipal Grant. It is a cost sharing. It helps with maintaining trails. The Town Manager would have to sign off on this Grant. Typically, \$25,000.00 is submitted and they get approved for \$17,000.00. It is a 70% cost and 70% match. The State pays 70% of the approved Grant providing there is snow and that the work can be performed. The 30% is basically club money. The registration money we get back from the Town each year we look at as the Town share of funding the Grant. (This does not require action.)

# Item#9-Securing Wilton Maine's website-.gov Domain

-A .gov domain through the State was applied for by Maria. This was approved. As part of some upgrades to our systems, going through in choosing Microsoft and going with a Microsoft Platform is one of things that the cybersecurity and infrastructure security agency has done. Right now, we have world domain.org.

The .gov is much more secure. Cybersecurity infrastructure security agency offer tools detection and monitor .gov sites. If someone were to come in and all of a sudden tried to, had malware or install ransomware, they would come and do a forensic analysis for mediation, help us secure all free of charge because we are .gov. This is a free thing that would help us transition because we are transitioning our e-mail addresses. Wiltonmaine.org would still work for whatever time period that is needed.

David asked how the maintaining would work?

Maria explained that it is the same thing. We do not change domain hosting. It is the .org that changes. Only 14% of municipalities in the State of Maine that have a .gov, even though it is free. This is what brought this to her attention. Before it was not free and would cost hundreds of dollars and if they went in for mediation it would cost the Town money. Now they are offering it to us for free. Motion by Tiffany/Second by David- Recommending that the Town move forward

Motion by Tiffany/Second by David-Recommending that the Town move forward with .gov in the same time frame that we are moving forward with our e-mail addresses.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

# Item #10-Funding Proposal for the installation of USGS River Gauges in Franklin County

(See attached letter)

Maria received a letter from the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency stating that they submitted a project proposal for the installation of two United States Geological Survey River Gauges in Franklin County. The estimated cost of the project is \$151,400.00 with 75% anticipated to be funded by federal resources through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This leaves a non-federal match requirement of 25% or \$37,850.00. The unorganized territories, which comprise 50% of the county's land will contribute \$18,925.00 while the remaining half of \$18,925 will be allocated among the towns according to their respective land mass percentage. The Town of Wilton is being asked to respectfully contribute \$919.76 toward the 25% non-federal match calculated according to our Town's land mass percentage. Deadline to respond is by January 31, 2025.

Maria is recommending that we ask the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency to come and attend our Select Board Meeting

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To authorize Maria to schedule a meeting with the Franklin County Emergency Management Association.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

#### Item #11-Water/Wastewater Truck-RFP Approval

Dalton-For the 2024 budget year the water department budgeted \$75,000 for the acquisition of a pick-up truck. We went out to bid for six weeks and received two bids from Hight Chevrolet in Farmington.

2025 Chevy Silverado 3500- 1 bid is for a steel service body and the other one is for an aluminum service body.

The difference in cost is \$1,900.

Dalton is recommending to the Select Board that we proceed with the aluminum body. He feels the longevity would be better.

The vehicles that are in the fleet now are relatively low mileage. The biggest enemy is rust.

Aluminum-\$65,439.00

Steel-\$63,519.00

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil-To accept the bid from Hight Chevrolet in Farmington of \$65,439.00 for the 2025 Chevy Silverado 3500 Aluminum Body.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

## Item #12-Police Taser-RFP Approval

Ethan budgeted \$25,000.00. An RFP went out for the Tasers. They are looking at Taser 7, 7 holsters with docking stations and licensing with storage space on their platform. Evidence.com. Most agencies are using that. They come with a 5-year warranty. They come with training cartridges, deployment cartridges. If one is deployed, they will replace it for free. The cost is \$23,087.50.

Motion by Keith/Second by Tiffany-To Approve the Taser 7 for \$23,087.50. Brian is the Taser instructor.

The new platform, the Tasers 10s are more expensive and could be considered deadly force. It is the same mechanism as a bullet with power. Ethan went with the sevens.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

Item #13-Set Special Town Meeting Date/Time/Location (January 7, 2024/6:00 P.M./158 Weld Rd)

Maria explained the purpose of this Special Town Meeting is to authorize the final payment of the 2013 HME 78' Aerial Quint Fire Truck for the Fire Department. Maria was under the understanding that it was paid off last year, but there is one payment left on the amortization schedule. Currently, there is \$239,810.89 in the Comfort Inn TIF. The amount owed is \$54,441.00

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To set the Special Town Meeting at the Academy Hill Cafeteria January 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

#### Item #14-Approve Warrant Article for Special Town Meeting

Motion by David/Second by Keith-To Approve the Warrant Article for the Special Town Meeting for the 2013 HME 78' Aerial Quint Fire Truck Final payment.

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous

#### Item #15-Other

Keith has a concern on the outdoor light timer not working properly. There is a hold section on the timer so that where you turn the timer too it should hold. If this is not working properly, he is suggesting the timer be replaced with a hold that works. If we have problems with this continually and can't get it fixed, can we replace it.

#### Item #16-Manager's Report

looking for a coupe of members.

- -MMA hosted a forum on November 14, 2024 which included members of the Legislative Policy Committee, Land Use Planning Commission, State Police, and other Town Officials from Farmington, Jay, Rangeley Plantation among others. The discussion was on current issues within the legislature and how it affects our local municipalities. This discussion was very beneficial to Town Officials and Maria thanks the MMA's LPC for hosting this regionally throughout the State.

  -We are working to schedule the first comprehensive plan committee meeting mid-January. We are finalizing documents here within the Town Office to ensure we have up to date information and preparation for these meetings. We are still
- -December 31 dog licenses are due. January 31 is the last day to register your dog before a late fee is assessed February 1. Proof of Rabies is required.

- -The Christmas Giving Tree which is sponsored by the Farmington Elks Lodge is up at the Town Office. So, if you are able, please come pick up a tag and bring the unwrapped gift back by December 13 here at the Town Office.
- -The Town of Wilton is hosting the following Christmas Event on Saturday, December 14. The annual tree lighting ceremony will be held in the Monument Square at 5:30 P.M. Santa will arrive by fire truck and lead the countdown to the tree lighting. There will be a meet and greet with Santa at the Academy Hill School gym from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
- -Maria hopes that everyone had a peaceful and safe Thanksgiving. Thank you to the Public Works crew, our First Responders, Police Department and Fire Department and CMP crews. They work throughout the holiday and weekend ensuring our safety of our community. We appreciate all of your hard work.

Item #17-Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D)-Labor Contracts Motion by David/Second by Phil-To enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(D)-Labor Contracts Vote: 5-0 Unanimous 7:37 P.M.

# Item #18-Action following Executive Session, if applicable N/A

# Item #19- Adjourn

Motion by David/Second by Phil-To Adjourn

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous 8:03 P.M.



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Cumberland, ME 04021

www.smemaine.com (207) 829-5016 Purpose: Value Engineering of Probable Cost for Town of Wilton Wilson Lake Retaining Wall and Park Improvements

Assumptions:

Reference: Recent site development and shoreline stabilization projects in State of Maine. Cost shown on this sheet should be considered conceptual option of costs.

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Section / Item	บกโร	Q		unit cost		cost		Total
General							\$	61,000
Labor and Equipment	LS	1	\$	61,000.00	\$	61,000		
Earthwork							\$	120,000
Common Excavation	CY	2000	\$	50.00	\$	100,000		
Rock Excavation	CY	100	\$	200,00	\$	20,000		
Granlar Borrow	CY	1000	\$	100.00	\$	100,000		
Stairwell Reconstruction/ New Stairwell							\$	14,000
Precast Concrete Stairs	EA	2	\$	7,000	\$	14,000		
Sidewalk							\$	89,300
Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk	SY	415	\$	150	\$	62,300		
Rail	LF	300	\$	90	\$	27,000		
Retaining Wall Repair							\$	293,700
Non-woven Geotextile	SF	3,800	\$	10	\$	38,000	Ĺ	
3/4* Crushed Stone	CY	100	\$	100	\$	10,000		
Woven Geotextile	SF	3,800	\$	5	\$	19,000		
3' thick Riprap	CY	480	\$	100	\$	48,000		
Stormwater Management			Ī				\$	79,000
Catch Basins	EA	4	\$	6,000	\$	24,000		
Drainage Pipes	LF	200	\$	75	\$	15,000		
Stormwater Treament BMPs	LS	1	\$	25,000	\$	25,000	<u>L</u> .	
Sedimentation and Erosion Control	LS	1	\$	15,000	\$	15,000		
Parking and Striping							\$	67,650
14" Aggregate Subbase Course, Type D Gravel	CY	215	\$	60	\$	12,900		
3" Aggregate base Course Crushed, Type "A" Gravel	CY	50	\$	75	\$	3,750		
3" Hot Mix Asphalt- 19,00 MM	TON	100	\$	185	\$	18,500		
2" Hot Mix Asphalt- 12.5 MM	TON	65	\$	200	\$	13,000		
Curbing	LF	200	\$	75	\$	15,000		
White Striping	LS	1	\$	4,500	\$	4,500		
Landscaping							\$	32,050
Granite seating	SF	50	\$	250	\$	12,500		
Tree planting	EA	5	\$	450	\$	2,250		
Shrubs	EA	10	\$	130	\$	1,300		
4" Loam and Seed	SY	1,600	\$	10	S	16,000		

TOTAL		\$ 756,700
contingency	20%	\$ 151,340
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL		\$ 908,040



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Labor and Equipment	LS	1	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000		
Earthwork							\$	55,000
Common Excavation	CY	2000	\$	20,00	\$	40,000		
Rock Excavation	CY	100	\$	150,00	\$	15,000		
Granlar Borrow	CY	1000	\$	36.00	\$	36,000		
Stairwell Reconstruction/ New Stairwell			<u> </u>				\$	10,000
Precast Concrete Stairs	EA	2	\$	5,000	\$	10,000		
Sidewalk							\$	56,500
Reinforced Concrete Sidewalk	SY	415	\$	100	\$	41,500		
Rail	LF	300	\$	50	Ş	15,000		
Retaining Wall Repair			_				\$	312,725
Non-woven Geotextile	SF	3,800	\$	5	\$	19,000		
3/4" Crushed Stone	CY	100	\$	79	\$	7,900	<u> </u>	
Woven Geotextile	SF	3,800	\$	15	\$	57,000		
3' thick Riprap	CY	480	\$	165	\$	79,200		
Stormwater Management							\$	70,800
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Drainage Pipes	LF	200	\$	100	\$	20,000		
Stormwater Treament BMPs	LS	1	\$	20,000	\$	20,000		
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Parking and Striping					L		\$	55,775
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White Striping	LS	1	\$	4,500	\$	4,500		
Landscaping							\$	23,050
Granite seating	SF	50	\$	150	S	7,500		
Tree planting	EA	5	\$	350	\$	1,750		
Shrubs	EA	10	\$	100	\$	1,000		
4" Loam and Seed	SY	1,600	\$	8	S	12,800		

TOTAL		\$	633,850
contingency	20%	<u> </u>	126.770
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL	2078	\$	760,620

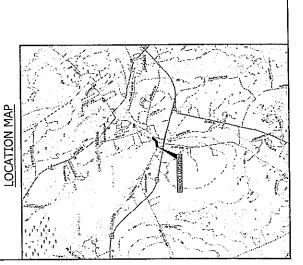
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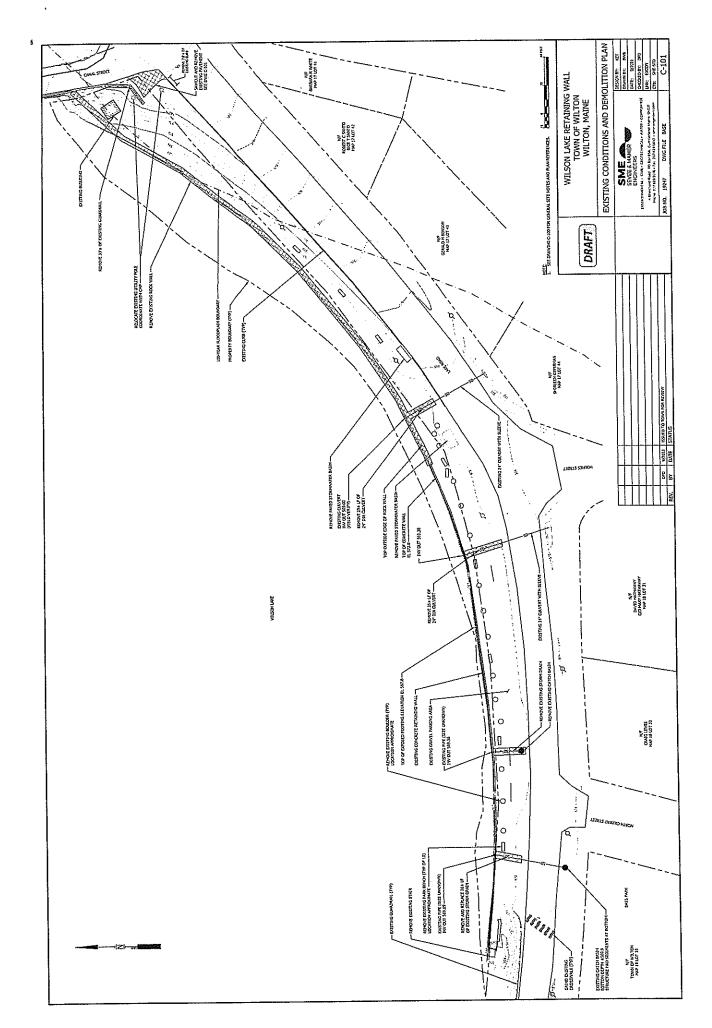
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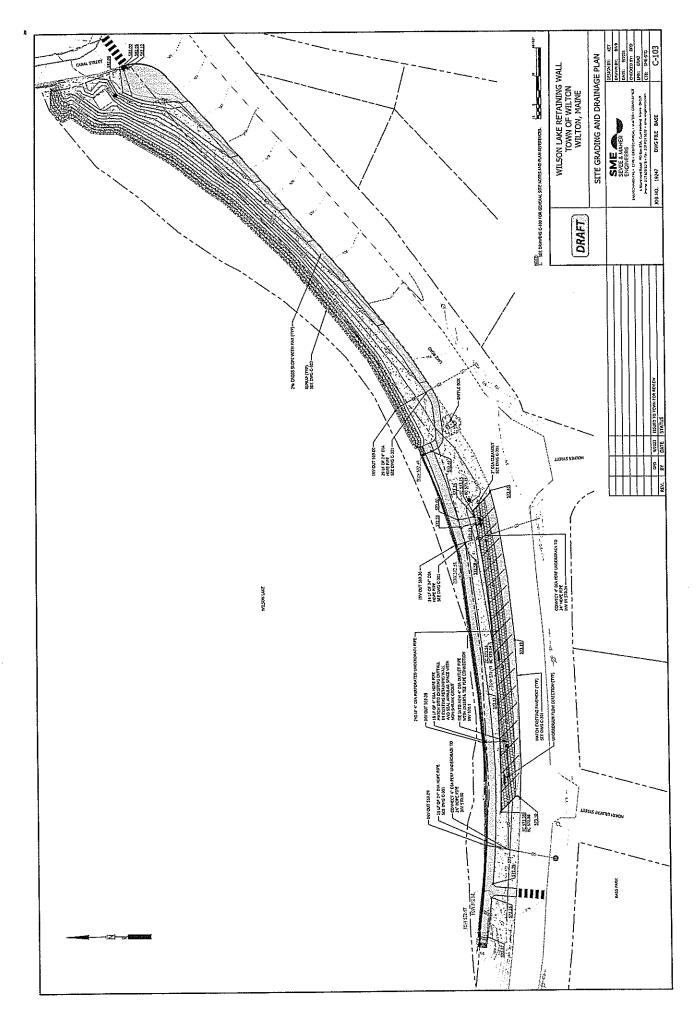


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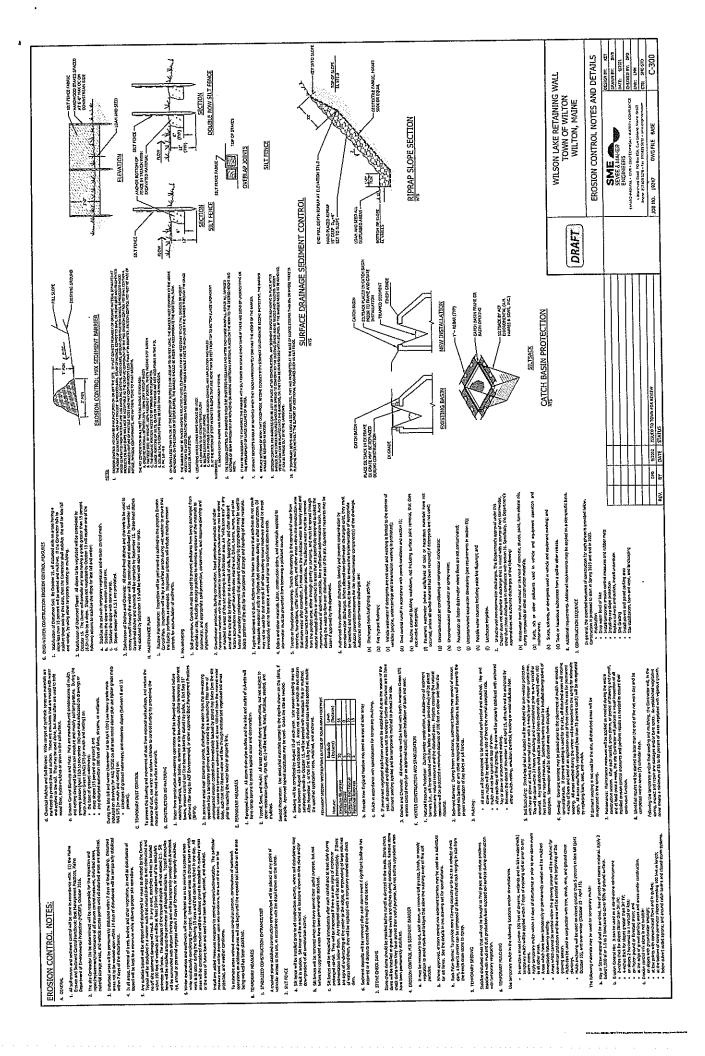
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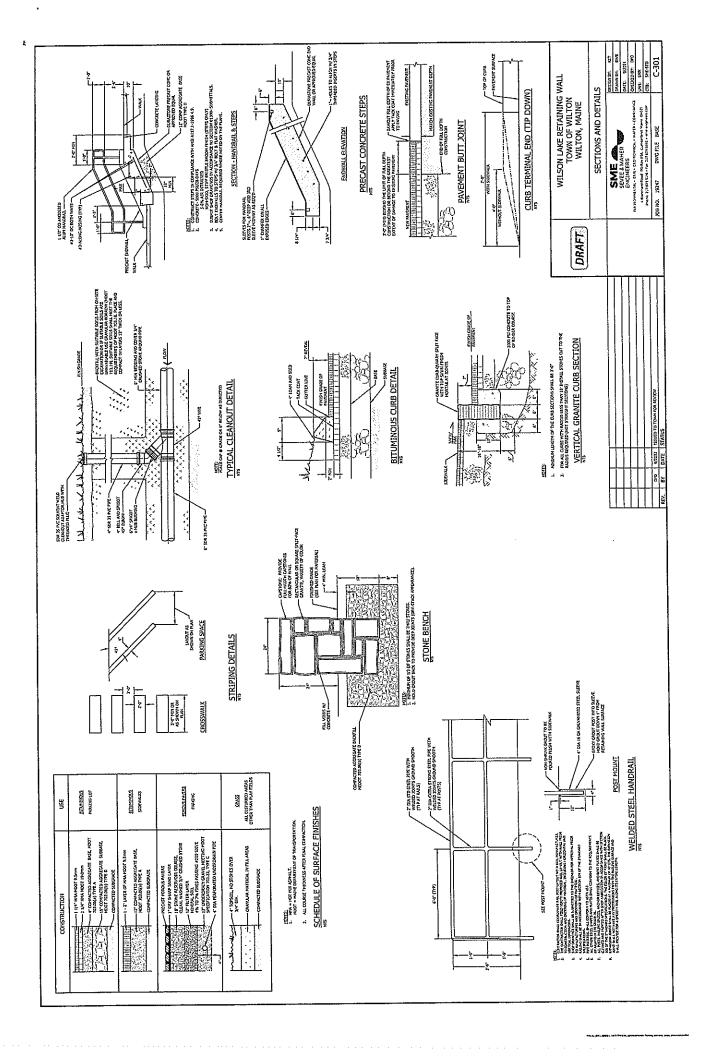


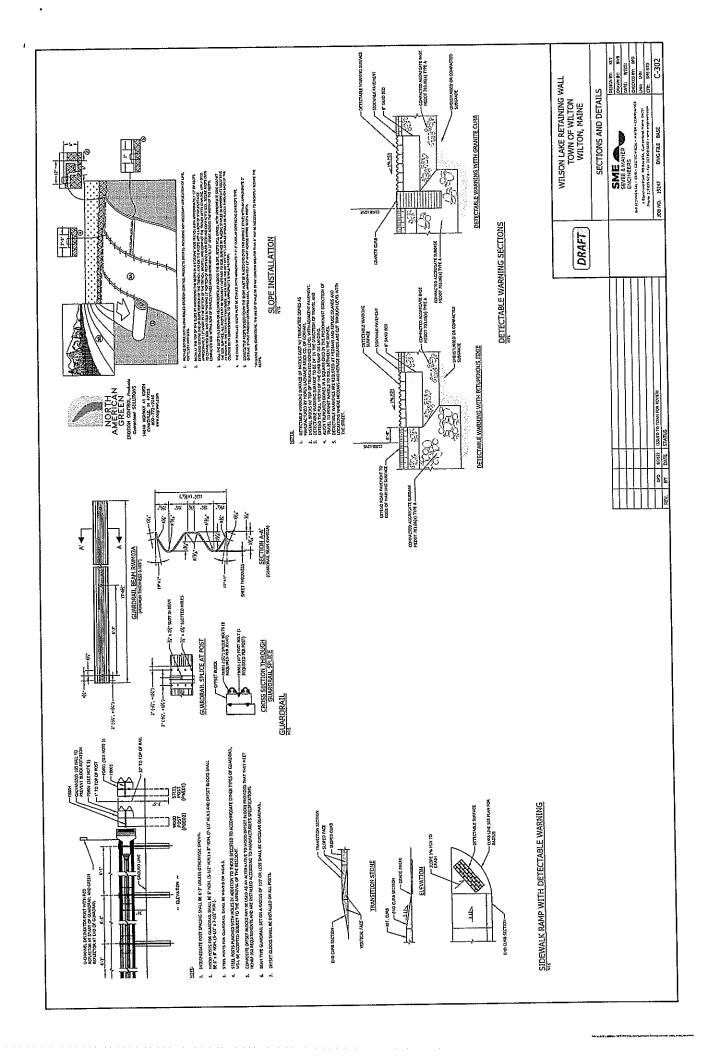
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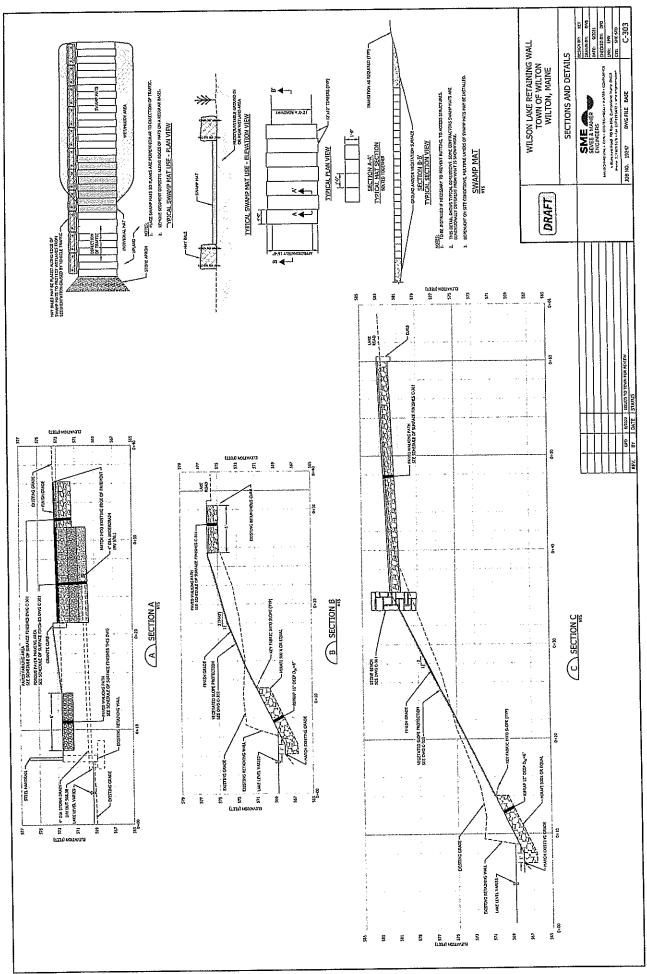
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# Funding Proposal for the Installation of USGS River Gauges in Franklin County

Dear Town of Wilton.

We are pleased to announce we have submitted a project proposal for the installation of two United States Geological Survey (USGS) river gauges in Franklin County. This initiative is essential for enhancing our flood monitoring capabilities and improving emergency response efforts across our communities. The proposed locations for the gauges are in Farmington, at the Sandy River near the Fairbanks Bridge (Route 4), and in Carrabassett Valley, adjacent to the South Branch of the Carrabassett River near Route 27. The total estimated cost of the project is \$151,400, with 75% anticipated to be funded by federal resources through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), leaving a non-federal match requirement of 25%, or \$37,850.

To ensure equitable cost distribution, we propose a cost-sharing model based on the land mass percentage of each municipality. The unorganized territories, which comprise 50% of the county's land, will contribute \$18,925, while the remaining \$18,925 will be allocated among the towns according to their respective land mass percentage. The installation of these gauges will deliver significant benefits, including real-time monitoring with updates every 15 minutes, thereby facilitating timely and informed decision-making. First responders will gain access to critical information to efficiently allocate resources in flood-prone areas, and the data collected will inform future infrastructure development, thereby enhancing community resilience.

We respectfully request that Wilton contribute \$919.76 towards the 25% non-federal match, calculated according to your town's land mass percentage. Your support will be instrumental in not only benefiting your community but also strengthening the overall emergency management framework throughout Franklin County. We firmly believe that the installation of these USGS river gauges represents a vital investment in our collective safety and resilience. We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on enhancing our community's flood preparedness.

Thank you for your attention to this important initiative. We eagerly await your response. Please respond no later than January 31st, 2025.

Sincerely,

Franklin County Emergency Management Agency