

TOWN OF WILTON
May 20, 2025
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

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

Item #1 Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2 Minutes from the May 6, 2025 Select Board Meeting

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil- to approve minutes from the May 6, 2025 Select Board Meeting.

Vote: 4-1(Absent-Mike Wells)

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

Nathan Hiltz stated, “Generational problems require generational solutions”.

Nick Santora asked how joining forces with the Jay Police Department will affect us and what the reason for that is.

David stated two years ago at the town meeting the residents of the town voted to look into possible ways of consolidating services. No idea on how it will affect yet, David stated we have met one time and have another meeting June 9th which will be the first one with citizens that apply to be on the committee for both Jay and Wilton. It is very preliminary; nothing is in place at all, just the conversation started.

Item #4 Charlie Woodworth from Greater Franklin

Charlie Woodworth from Greater Franklin stated in 2016 Wilton wrote a check to help support a countywide plan and were leading an example every other town followed the example. Because of this, 22 towns in the county wrote a check to enter this project. Charlie stated in this point in time 96% of every commercial and residential address in the county can connect to fiber.

Charlie states they have expanded into digital literacy. State and foundation funding has been received to hire instructors, their partners are RSU 73 and RSU 9. They are in twelve of the biggest libraries in the county. Over 1,083 classes since 2022 have been held.

Charlie stated an Oriented Strandboard Mill is coming to Jay. Through Congressman Golden and Maria some CDS earmark funding for your water distribution system was received. Charlie states they operate off communication, connecting, and advocating.

In the childcare space, federal dollars are being distributed between small and large projects such as The Sweatt-Winter Center. Charlie states in Franklin County between the ages zero and five, there are around fifteen hundred children. There are childcare slots for around seven hundred and sixty. There are seven hundred and forty parents that might not be able to reenter the workforce because of this.

Charlie stated Wilton has been a consistent supporter of Greater Franklin. The community service organizations are asking towns to support them.

Rileigh Blanchet, the social services director at the Franklin County Children's Task Force, stated they are a nonprofit organization established in 1978. There are four major programs at the Children's Task Force. The first program is the 21st Century Kids of Franklin after school and summer program. This program served 78 children in Wilton. The Maine Families program provides home support and education for new parents and parents identifies by DHS as needing additional support. This program served 212 home visits which included developmental assessments, check-ins, conversation about parent-child interactions, setting goals, and family well-being. Prevention Council provides community education, parent support, parent education, supervised visitation, and concrete supports. Rileigh stated some of the concrete supports provided were 226 food baskets to families and 107 families with free clothing. Through additional grant support, the Rising Futures Maine Program supports student parents who are returning to school, community college, adult education, or another certification program to further their education and better their economic well-being for their family. Rileigh stated they offer mandated reporter training in the community as well.

Item #5 Legal Services – RFP Discussion

Maria stated two bids were submitted, one from Preti Flaherty and one from Bernstein Shur.

Maria states Preti Flaherty partners of counselors were \$265 per hour, associates were \$215 per hour, paralegals were \$155 per hour, bond related work were \$295 per hour, and other specialty work to not exceed \$305 per hour.

Maria states Bernstein Shur town attorneys were \$375 per hour, labor, TIF, and municipal bond and litigation were \$450 per hour, associate attorney were \$325 per hour, paralegal were \$175 per hour, and other staff costs were \$0.

Motion by David/Second by Tiffany– to approve Preti Flaherty for legal counsel.

David states both are reputable firms, and it is significantly cheaper with Preti Flaherty.

Vote: 4-1(Absent-Mike Wells)

Item #6 Approval 2025 Road Paving Bid

Maria states three bids were received. One from Pike Industries, one from Spencer Group Paving, and one from Gendron Corporation.

John Masse states the Pike Industries reclaim was \$2.95 per yard, \$115 per ton for 19.5-millimeter mix, \$121 per ton for 12.5-millimeter mix, \$120 per ton for 9.5-millimeter mix, \$120 per ton for shim mix and \$270 a ton for hand placed mix.

John states Spencer Group Paving reclaim was \$3.50 per yard, \$99.75 per ton for 19.5-millimeter mix, \$99.75 per ton for 12.5-millimeter mix, \$101.50 per ton for 9.5-millimeter mix, \$113.75 per ton for shim mix, and \$250 a ton for hand placed mix. Fine grading is \$1.25 a sq yd.

John states Gendron Corporation reclaim was \$4 per sq yard, no bid for the 19.5-millimeter mix, \$132 per ton for 12.5-millimeter mix, \$126 per ton for 9.5-millimeter mix, \$235 per ton for shim mix, and \$365 per ton for hand place work.

David asked how much reclaiming is done. John states around 4,400 sq yards.

Motion by David/Second by Keith – to approve Spencer’s bid for paving.

Vote: 4-1(Absent-Mike Wells)

Item #7 Liquor License Renewal- Two 80 Main, LLC

Motion by David/Second by Phil- to approve renewal

Maria states it is current on water, sewer, taxes, fees, and has had no police issues.

Vote: 4-1(Absent-Mike Wells)

Item #8 Town Meeting Warrant Articles Approval – due to corrections needed

Maria states it is sixty-nine articles. The “R” in article 4 needed to be a lower case “r”. The Selectboard and Finance Committee recommendations no longer have an underline for the users of the document to read it easier. Formerly was spelt incorrectly in article 17, it has been corrected. The amounts in articles 26 and 33 were corrected. Article 36, no amount was adopted last year so that was put back to zero. Article 41 was originally Community Concepts which is now Sweetser. Article 63 was the tax levy limit and that was repealed by LD 2013 and is no longer required bringing it down to 69 articles.

Motion by David/Second by Keith- to approve the warrant articles as corrected.

Vote: 4-1(Absent- Mike Wells)

Item #9 Next Select Board Meetings:

June 3, 2025- 6:00 PM * Public Hearing to begin at 6:00 PM on the ATV Access Route request from Chesterville Ridge Riders ATV Club on McCrillis Corner Road.

Item #10 Other

David states he's working on the ATV parking access grant. David, John, Jordan, and a contractor met and got a quote that is a part of the grant application. It needs to be submitted by May 30th.

Item #11 Manager's report

Maria stated she has been in discussion with Chief Kyes, Chief Sage, and their Town Manager, to discuss the possibility of collaboration among our police departments. At the June 20, 2022, Town Meeting, the legislative body voted to approve the Town establishing a committee for the purpose of meeting with other municipalities to consider regionalization of Town services, including but not limited to Public Safety and Public Works. Two Selectboard members from each municipality have met to discuss the next steps. Maria states we are asking for volunteers to serve on a joint committee between Wilton and Jay, that will be established at our June 3rd Selectboard Meeting.

Maria states Election Day is scheduled for June 10, 2025, from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM for the June General and Referendum Election. Absentee ballots are currently available and the deadline to request an absentee ballot without providing a special circumstance is June 5th.

Maria states the Town Office will be closed Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

Maria states sign ups for the summer programs will be held at Kineowatha Park in the Main Lodge between June 23rd- June 26th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. These include sign ups for swimming lessons, basketball camp, soccer camp, field hockey camp, disc golf camp, arts & crafts workshop and adventure camp.

Item #12 Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – Employment Contract

Motion by David/Second by Keith- to move into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – Employment Contract.

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Vote: 4-1 (Absent-Mike Wells)

Item #13 Action following Executive Session, if applicable

Motion by David/ Second by Phil- to approve 3-year contract extension as agreed to.

Vote: 4-1 (Absent- Mike Wells)

Item #14 Adjourn

Motion by Keith/ Second by David- to Adjourn

Vote: 4-1 (Absent-Mike Wells)