

TOWN OF WILTON
September 2, 2025
SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Members Present: David Leavitt, Tiffany Maiuri, Keith Swett, Nancy Allen, Phil Hilton, Maria Greeley (Town Manager).

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

Item # 1- Pledge of Allegiance

Item #2- Minutes from August 19, 2025, Select Board Meeting

Motion by Keith/ Second by Phil- To approve the minutes.

Vote 3-0-2 (2 abstentions: David and Tiffany)

Item #3- Public to speak on non-agenda items.

Nathan Hiltz shared an analogy of the justice system then explained how the concept applies to a current issue in Wilton. The system is built on the balance of opposing forces; prosecutors share information during discovery even though it may make their case harder. They don't do it just for the sake of following the law, prosecutors participate in this system because they believe in its values. Unfortunately, the situation facing Wilton today is that the legislative branch of government has been dormant for at least 50 years. In hopes of restoring some balance, Nathan quoted from a piece of statute: Title 1, section 406, "public notice shall be given for all public proceedings. The notice shall be given in ample time to allow public attendance and shall be disseminated in a manner reasonably calculated to notify the general public the notification to include time and location." The current version of the website does allow the town to post the times of committee meetings; however, the calendar is not currently set up to display their locations. He is currently unaware of any alternate channel by which the location of all committee meetings is shared with the public.

Item #4- Department Head Updates: Jordan Schanck- Parks and Recreation Director

They enjoyed great weather and strong community participation across all the programs and facilities. Most seasonal staff have returned to high school, but gratitude was given for their hard work this summer. Gate attendance collected \$4,956 in park entrance fees and \$4,185 from rentals (Reunion Barn, boat/kayak, and pavilion/gazebo rentals).

Buoy installation at both designated swimming areas has been met with positive feedback. There have been increased patrols to remind boaters and anglers about the swim-only zones. There have been some issues with patrons attempting to bring dogs into these areas and to address this, clear and more visible signage is needed.

The swim program saw continued growth with 110 participants. 15 total classes with participants aged from 18 months to 16 years old.

As the season wraps up, they will be transitioning operations back to the main office. The lodge had several maintenance challenges this summer including the replacement of water lines to the sinks and toilets. The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking into next season's repairs and maintenance plans for the future.

Participation in all the sports camps increased slightly this summer and they are hopeful that they will continue into the fall sports seasons. The programs with the most growth were Soccer Camp, Disc Golf Camp, and Adventure Camp.

Over the winter, they will explore new ways to expand community services and deepen engagement across Wilton. Potential ideas include indoor family fitness events, snowshoeing meetups, school vacation camps, and guided moon hikes.

They are also currently working on developing a facility use agreement, and collaboration with Community Geographics to develop an Outdoor Access Report, which is still in the draft phase, as well as developing a senior program, group trips, walks and gatherings.

Jordan thanked Renee and her family for all they do to support the Blueberry Festival. They coordinated children's crafts and organized vendor tent setup.

Upcoming events: Fall Soccer Clinics, 2nd through 8th grade- start September 8 and the Trunk-a-treat is October 31st.

Nancy suggested that bigger signs are needed at Bass Park for no smoking. Jordan suggested looking at signage at the boat landing. If it were new and fresh, people would read them.

David mentioned that a constituent mentioned that Veteran's Park near E. Dixfield is not being maintained and people are permanently parking there. Jordan was unaware of it but will look into it.

Item #5- Review and Approval of ATV Parking Lot RFP

Bids were due back on 8/25 and 3 bids were received on time and considered. A 4th bid was submitted after the deadline and was not considered. The 3 bids included: E.L. Vining- \$28,637, C.M. Earthwork, Inc- \$20,890 and Richardson Excavation- \$32,391.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Tiffany: To approve C.M. Earthwork for the ATV Parking Lot RFP.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

The project will be completed 4-7 days after the start date, as soon as possible. It does need to be completed and billed by November 14. The work will include cutting down trees, new gravel, adding fill, and some excavation. There will be no paving, it will be gravel.

Item #6- Review and Approval of Police Department Body Camera RFP

Bids were due back on 8/29 and 6 bids were received, 4 didn't meet the RFP. The last time the body cameras were purchased was in 2016, so they were due for new ones.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Tiffany – To accept the LensLock Body Camera RFP for \$33,940.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #7- Wilton- Jay Police Collaboration Committee Appointment.

There were 7 applications received for 1 opening on the committee.

Motion by Tiffany/ Second by Keith- To nominate Sarah Caton.

Motion by Phil/Second by Keith- To nominate Ruth Cushman.

Motion by Phil/Second by Keith- To withdraw the nomination for Ruth Cushman.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous to approve Sarah Caton as the committee member.

Item #8- CMP Application for Pole Location

CMP Application for Pole location on Munson Road/ Black Road. The number of poles is 4. These are all in Wilton.

Motion by Keith/ 2nd by Tiffany- To approve the CMP Application for Pole Location.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #9- Upcoming Meetings: Selectboard Meeting- September 16, 2025- 6:00 pm

Yes, that's the correct date and the meeting will be held at the Town Office, downstairs.

Item #10- Other

Ethan is working with other communities on a mutual aid agreement. Other communities are aware of our agreement. It protects the town with liability. If another community's law enforcement personnel are injured while helping another municipality, then the liability falls on the town that the officer is from.

Maria recommends that this agreement goes to legal first. Maria will forward the agreement to legal and to the selectboard members. The mutual aid agreement will be added to the agenda for September 16.

Item #11- Manager's Report

Dylan and Maria met with auditors that morning. There are a few items that still need to be worked on, and then they should be able to finalize FY 2024's audit. This will put Wilton back on track for audit purposes.

30-day notices were mailed on 8/8/2025 for the 2024 tax year. The 30 days expires on September 8th. If there are any questions about balances on accounts, residents can call the Town Office. Payments will be received until the end of business on September 8th.

Wilton still has openings in the water/wastewater departments, including the superintendent position. The superintendent's position has been advertised again with an increase to the salaried amount. Tiffany asked how many other communities have a combined water/ wastewater department? Most are separate departments, but Wilton isn't big enough to split into 2 departments. Wilton has been without a superintendent since May 2. Please contact the Town Office if you are interested in learning more about these open positions

Tax commitment: Paul is coming this week and will work with Maria to set a date.

Item #12- Executive Session pursuant to Title 36 § 841(2)(E) M.R.S.A.- Poverty Abatement

Motion by Keith/ 2nd by Tiffany- To enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 36 § 841 (2) (E)
M.R.S.A.- Poverty Abatement

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

In at 6:42 PM, out at 7:00 PM

Item #13- Action following Executive Session, if applicable.

No action needed.

Item #14- Adjourn

Motion by Tiffany/ 2nd by Nancy- To adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous