

TOWN OF WILTON
September 16, 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 September 2, 2025, Select Board Meeting

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

Vote 5-0 unanimous

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

Nathan Hiltz shared that the updates to the town website include valuable additions. The front page now features a newsfeed of recent notices and a red alert bar that sometimes appears bringing attention to extra events of particular importance. When people visit the site and notice differences, it can help train them to check more often with the expectation of seeing new information. Nathan is now able to find the Selectboard minutes and agendas. This new format shows that the town is uploading them and has been for some time. The changes to the website are meaningful to him and he appreciates the efforts that went into it.

Item #4- Approval of Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Projects Watershed Plan Implementation Grant

We were originally granted a conditional award contingent upon DEP releasing funding; however, we were just notified that DEP released funding and can move forward with the grant.

Jen Jespersen discussed the grant for erosion of the Wilson Lake watershed project. This is the second grant received. We were recently approved for just under \$150,000. Construction for the watershed project includes the retaining wall by the boat launch, parking lot at Bass Park, North Gilbert St culvert and ditch, Kineowatha Park, some town roads, etc.

Maine DOT is supporting the grant, and Friends of Wilson Lake is a partner with the grant. Jen mentioned contracting now through December, with the project starting in January and will last about 2 years. The contract is between Maine DEP and the town saying they are giving us the money agreed to for the project.

Motion by Tiffany/ Second by Keith- To accept and approve the nonpoint source pollution control project watershed plan implementation grant and to allow the Town Manager to sign and approve any contractual paperwork that goes with it.

Vote 5-0 unanimous

Item #5- Review and Approval of Varnum Pond Source Water Protection Grant- Pine Point Road Bids

Per request from the Board the Town Manager sat in on discussions to review the bids that were received. After following up with the contractors and discussions with the road association, the recommendation is to move forward with awarding the bid. This is in collaboration with Temple.

This is a town of Wilton source water protection grant. Jen Jespersen said the grant is almost \$20,000 for Varnum Pond Rd, Pine Point Rd. This is considered a high priority for protecting the lake. They are recommending Taylor Construction as the contractor. The grant is for \$10,000, but the bid is for \$12,860. Pine Point Rd Association will be responsible for the difference and as an association they have agreed to cover those costs. The Town pays the contractor and then gets reimbursed by the grant.

Motion by Tiffany/ Second by Phil- To accept and approve the Varnum Pond Source Water Protection grant, Pine Point Road bids and award Taylor Construction the bid and to allow the Town Manager to sign and approve any contractual paperwork that goes with it.

Vote 5-0 unanimous

Item #6- Weld Road Cemetery Billboard Sign- Albert Stehle- Appropriate funds from Cemetery Fund

Cemetery Committee recommends moving forward with hiring Albert Stehle to restore and repair the billboard sign at the Weld Road Cemetery. The recommendation is contingent upon the price of the quote. Funding would be paid for out of the Cemetery Fund held at the Portland Trust Company. \$1250 includes materials and labor and will be finished by Oct. 1.

Motion by Tiffany/ Second by Keith – To appropriate the funds from the cemetery fund and accept the quote from Albert Stehle for fixing the Weld Road Cemetery Billboard Sign.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #7- Review and Approval of 2025 General Assistance Maximums.

Cindy attached the final 2025 GA maximums that require a yearly approval. She also noted the differences from last year to this year. The state sets the amount, and we get reimbursed 70% of it. Overall maximum increases were shared. Please see screenshot at the end of the minutes.

Motion by Keith/Second by Phil- To approve the 2025 General Assistance maximums.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous.

Item #8- MMA Ed MacDonald Safety Scholarship Programs Grant Award- HazMat Technician Refresher Training

Wilton and Jay fire departments alternate every year who applies for the training and then complete the training together. This year, Wilton applied for the scholarship for HazMat technician refresher training, and we have been awarded it.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Phil- To approve the Ed MacDonald Safety Scholarship Program Grant through MMA for HazMat Technician Refresher Training.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #9- Update on Halloween Event and High Street Road Closure Request

Renee is asking for approval of this event and for the road closure then she will advertise for volunteer participants and monetary donations for candy. Once approved, the event will be shared on Facebook and posted on the town website.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Phil-To close High St from after the Municipal Parking Lot to the end of High St (where it meets Weld Rd) from 5:30-7:30 on October 31st for the Halloween Event.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #10- Approval to close Town Office for Annual Safety Training Day- October 28th, 8:00- 5:00

The safety training will include fire safety, active shooters, blood-borne pathogens, and other safety requirements. The transfer station and the Town Office will both be closed that day.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Phil- To close the Town operations at the Town Office and the transfer station for the Annual Safety Training Day on October 28th.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

Item #11- Upcoming Meetings: Selectboard Meeting- October 7, 2025- 6:00 PM

Yes, at the Town Office

Item #12- Other

Tiffany brought up that she's heard from some constituents about dry wells and the drought. They are wondering what resources are available. People can call 211. As a town, it was discussed what could be done to help the citizens. Hopefully, some neighbors will/can help others. PUC regulates the town water, but if someone is in need, the town will help them find resources. GA could be a possibility but there are definite eligibility requirements that must be met. Maybe there could be some kind of monetary donation by the community that we could put into an account to help with water. The Wilton Food Pantry, the Lion's Club, and Poland Spring could be resources. Please reach out if in need.

Salt and Pepper has been trying to use the state website to apply for a renewal of their liquor license and finally got it. Their taxes and fees are current and there have been no police issues.

Motion by Keith/ Second by Tiffany- To approve Salt and Peper to renew their liquor license.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous

The Selectboard will be holding an informational workshop at 3:00 on September 17 for tax commitment. It will be held at the Town Office. Paul, the assessor, will address the Selectboard and will present the tax commitment for the 2025 taxes.

Keith asked if there could be a workshop held to discuss the water/sewer superintendent vacancy. Maria will look into if it can be an executive session after a Selectboard meeting or if needs to be a workshop.

Item #13- Manager's Report

All departments except for the Recreation Department have been transferred over to internet with Fidium and all is working well. We are still working through scheduling of the recreation department, but are grateful to have borrowed a hotspot from the PD. The highway department, wastewater, transfer station, and recreation department still do not have working phones. If you need to reach anyone directly in these departments, please contact the town office and we can get the messages to the department heads.

The Town of Wilton has been officially verified for MMA's Worker Compensation Safety Incentive Program for the 2026 WC Policy, which is available to all members who meet certain thresholds. We are currently at Tier 1, which includes 5% associated credit. Goals of this program include reducing the incidence of injury and illness, improving overall safety, amongst others. A huge thank you to Michelle who keeps the safety committee informed and on top of regulated tasks.

Tax liens for the 2024 tax year will be filed at the registry tomorrow. If any property owner has any questions regarding the balance on their taxes, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Town Office and staff will be more than willing to help.

We still have openings in the Water/Wastewater departments, including superintendent. We advertised the Superintendent position again with an increase to the salaried amount. Please contact the Town Office if you are interested in learning more about these positions.

Item #14- Adjourn

Motion by Keith/ Second by Phil- To adjourn the meeting.

Vote: 5-0 unanimous, 6:39

2025 ^{Increases} General Assistance Maximums Summary Sheet-Franklin County 2026

OVERALL MAXIMUMS				
Persons in Household				
1	2	3	4	5
35	43	54	63	52
* Add \$75 for each additional person				

FOOD MAXIMUMS				
Persons	Weekly	Monthly		
1	1.39	6		
2	2.33	10		
3	3.96	17		
4	4.42	19		
5	5.82	25		
6	7.21	31		
7	8.14	35		
8	7.68	33		
Add \$153 per month for each + person				

HEATING FUEL			
Month	Gallons	Month	Gallons
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
		May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

Housing Maximums				
BEDROOM	UNHEATED		Heated	
	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	4	19	6	29
1	6	27	8	36
2	9	40	11	47
3	11	49	13	56
4	10	41	10	44

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES		
Number in Household	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1-2	10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

NOTE: For each additional person add \$1.25 per week or \$5.00 per month.

ELECTRIC		
NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need.		
1) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>Without</u> Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:		
Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$14.00	\$60.00
2	\$15.70	\$67.50
3	\$17.45	\$73.00
4	\$19.90	\$86.00
5	\$23.40	\$99.00
6	\$28.00	\$117.00
NOTE: For each additional person add \$7.50 per month.		
2) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>With</u> Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:		
Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$20.61	\$89.00
2	\$23.75	\$102.00
3	\$27.70	\$119.00
4	\$32.25	\$139.00
5	\$38.15	\$167.00
6	\$41.00	\$176.00
NOTE: For each additional person add \$10.00 per month.		

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Stayed the same this year