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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING

January 16, 2007

MINUTES

- Present: William F. Brennan, Alice L. Ayers, Richard F. Creeth, Harold E. Clark
- Others: Joe Dolan, Chief Financial Officer; Sarah Taffel, Director, Human Resources, Labor Relations & Administrative Services
- Guests: Susan Bruschi, Selectman as of 2/1/07; Frank Musso, Bob Mills, Marissa Lilliedahl, Trackside; Luke Tiller, Joe Bear, Mike Warner, Cora Martin, Faye Stilley, Naomi Dempsey, Dianne Gorman, Gene Leganza, Mike Kaelin, residents; Brian Shea, The Bulletin; Jeremy Soulliere, Wilton Villager

First Selectman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30p.m.

A. Consent Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Creeth and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as amended:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting\* – January 2, 2007
- Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting – January 2, 2007

\*page 5, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, second sentence replace "he" with "Mr. Clark"

Gifts

- Fifty dollars (\$50.00) from Susan DiLoreto to the Fire Department Gift Fund.
- Thirty dollars (\$30.00) from William and Linda Moros to the Conservation Commission and matching IBM grant.

B. Discussion and/or Action

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to add two items to the agenda pertaining to appointing Robert Shultz to the Wilton

Employees Retirement Plan Investment Committee and a discussion of the municipal solid waste participation letter.

1. Consideration of appointing Susan Bruschi to the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marilyn Gould. Said term to expire November 6, 2007.

Mr. Brennan explained that Ms. Bruschi will be participating in the Board of Education's budget hearing at the end of the month and therefore, her effective date on the Board of Selectmen will be February 1, 2007.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to appoint Susan Bruschi to the Board of Selectmen effective February 1, 2007 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marilyn Gould. Said term to expire November 6, 2007.

2. Consideration of appointing a Second Selectman.

Mr. Brennan tabled the appointment of a Second Selectmen to the February 5, 2007 meeting at which time the complete membership of the Board of Selectmen will be present.

3. Presentation of Trackside Teen Center financial reports.

Mr. Mills, President of Trackside, distributed a year to date financial report (attached). Mr. Musor reviewed the report. He noted that total income is less than budgeted because the organization is behind on applying for grants. Ms. Lilliedahl explained that Trackside just received a grant from United Way and is in the process of applying for a \$45,000 grant.

Mr. Musor and Mr. Mills reported on upcoming fundraising events.

Mr. Mills explained that the Route 7 road construction has had an impact on potential rental bookings and student attendance. He commented that the town wide mailing was very successful.

Ms. Lilliedahl stated that the Greenwich Teen Center, which has been open for over 10 years, is the most successful Teen Center in Fairfield County yet their first few years were very difficult.

4. Report from Dog Park Committee on proposed site near the overflow parking lot for the Comstock Community Center.

Ms. Ayers reported that she and approximately 10 other people visited the site suggested at the last Selectmen's meeting. She stated that the site was deemed too steep and too small for a dog park. Ms. Ayers explained that the group then walked around the area and found another site that was much more level and larger and met all the criteria. Using a map, Ms. Ayers outlined the area (parcel above the parking lot). She stated that steps would have to be constructed to get to the area and that tree

clearing would be necessary. Ms. Ayers noted that the trees on the parcel are mostly trash trees and that the valuable, mature trees could remain.

Ms. Ayers explained that the Dog Park Committee reviewed 43 possible sites. Of those 43, 12 sites were visited and then narrowed down to 4 possible sites. She stated that all 4 possible sites have been rejected by certain Boards and Commissions.

Ms. Ayers noted that she reviewed the proposed site with Dr. Richards and that he indicated that the Board of Education does not have any future plans for that particular parcel. She added that the land is owned by the Town of Wilton.

Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark stated that they both have walked the site.

Mr. Brennan stated that the next step would be to get a design of the park on the site, obtain an estimate on the clearing of the land and to schedule a public information session. Ms. Ayers added that she will confirm with Bob Nerney that there are any requirements with Planning and Zoning.

Ms. Ayers complimented the Dog Park Committee for their hard work. She also recognized the Town Clerk's office, Department of Public Works and Planning Zoning for their assistance.

5. Announcement of formation of the Elderly Tax Relief Committee.

Mr. Brennan announced the Chairman, Bob Kelso and the other members of the Elderly Tax Relief Committee.

6. Consideration of reappointing:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term End</u>
Owen McEvoy	Council on Public Facilities	12/01/10
Christopher Pagliaro	Council on Public Facilities	12/01/10
Mary Kehoe	Council on Public Facilities	8/16/09
Edward Raposa	Commission on Social Services	12/01/08
Leslie Rogers	Commission on Social Services	12/01/08

Mr. Brennan commented that due to the 10 year term limit, Ms. Kehoe must resign by August 16, 2009 although the actual term expires December 1, 2010.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to reappoint the above listed individuals.

7. Interview schedule for Judith Mabley, nominee for the Commission on Social Services and Harry Somerdyk, nominee for the Area 9 Cable Council.

Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark expressed interest in interviewing Ms. Mabley via telephone. Ms. Lund agreed to give Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark Ms. Mabley's contact information.

8. Consideration of accepting the resignation of Ted Hoffstatter from the Water Pollution Control Authority.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Ted Hoffstatter from the Water Pollution Control Authority.

9. Consideration of accepting the resignation of Nanette Rich from the Commission on Social Services effective immediately.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Creeth and unanimously carried to accept the resignation of Nanette Rich from the Commission on Social Services effective immediately.

10. Consideration of appointing Robert Shultz to the Wilton Employees Retirement Plan Investment Committee for a two year term. Said term to expire January 16, 2009.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Hal Clark and unanimously carried to appoint Robert Shultz to the Wilton Employees Retirement Plan Investment Committee for a two year term. Said term to expire January 16, 2009.

11. Discussion of the municipal solid waste participation letter.

Mr. Brennan explained that Norwalk, Wilton and other surrounding town's 20 year solid waste disposal contract with CRRA expires December 31, 2008. He stated that since last year, the town's representatives have reviewed various options. Mr. Brennan distributed a non-binding participation letter (attached) that will be sent to Mayor Moccia.

#### C. Public Comment

Mr. Milton Pohl gave a brief background on Wilton Commons and voiced his opinions on the project. Mr. Creeth stated that he will respond to Mr. Pohl's comments at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Ms. Cora Martin thanked the Board of Selection for the numerous Dog Park discussions.

#### D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

##### Budget Calendar

The Selectmen budget meetings begin the week of January 22.

##### Website

Per Mr. Creeth's request, email addresses for the Selectmen have been posted on the town's website.

2. Selectman's Report

Fields Committee Meeting

Mr. Clark reported that the Fields Committee and the Council on Public Facilities will be holding a joint meeting on January 18.

E. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lund  
Recording Secretary