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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING  
April 4, 2007

MINUTES

Present: William F. Brennan, Harold E. Clark, Alice L. Ayers, Richard F. Creeth (7:47pm),  
Susan A. Bruschi

Others: Tom Thurkettle, Director of Public Works

Guests: Harriet Taylor, Jonathan Foltz, Historic Property and Historic Districts  
Commission; Colleen Fawcett, Milton Pohl, residents; Jared Newman, The  
Villager; Robin Walluck, The Bulletin

First Selectman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

A. Consent Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Ayers and carried 4-0 to  
approve the consent agenda as amended:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting – March 19, 2007\*

\*page 2, first paragraph, second sentence should read "...approximately \$1,000 initially  
for the first year but would rise to approximately \$12,000 by year 2010."

Tax Refunds

- Sewer use charge, real estate and motor vehicle tax refunds as outlined in the Tax  
Collector's memorandum dated March 29, 2007.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Consideration of approving the creation of Historic District #6 (Georgetown).

Mr. Brennan referred to Ms. Russell's letter dated April 2 and the accompanying  
timeline.

He stated that 80% of the votes received from the residents in the proposed historic district approved the creation of the new district. Mr. Brennan commented that a 2/3 approval was necessary to move the project ahead, which was obtained.

Mr. Brennan explained that the next step is for the Selectmen to approve the creation of historic district #6 (Georgetown), schedule a public hearing to amend the ordinance and then finally vote on the amended ordinance.

Mr. Brennan stated that the creation of this new district is a way to preserve a part of Wilton history. Ms. Ayers commended the Historic Property and Historic Districts Commission's hard work.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Ayers and carried 4-0 to approve the creation of Historic District #6 (Georgetown).

(The scheduling of the public hearing was discussed during the First Selectmen's report)

2. Discussion on solid waste disposal plans and options when the current contract expires on December 31, 2008 – Tom Thurkettle.

Mr. Thurkettle reported that the current 20 year CRRA solid waste disposal contract will terminate on December 31, 2008. He explained that the Directors of Public Works from Norwalk, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Weston and Wilton have been working together to explore all the option available for a new contract. Mr. Thurkettle stated that the City of Norwalk has hired consultant to review the current contract, review options and work toward preparing a Request for Proposal (RFP). He noted that the goal is to have proposals back in time for next year's budget process. Mr. Thurkettle added that the term for the next contract will most likely be for 5 or 10 years.

Mr. Brennan stated that the First Selectmen from the above mentioned towns, along with the respective Directors of Public Works will be meeting to discuss the next steps and to create a timeline. He added that SWRPA may be coordinating this meeting.

Mr. Brennan agreed to keep the Selectmen updated.

3. Response to Mr. Pohl regarding Wilton Commons.

Mr. Brennan distributed and read the letter addressed to Mr. Pohl (attached). Mr. Pohl commented on Mr. Brennan's letter. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Brennan stated that the matter is considered closed.

4. Consideration of scheduling a public hearing on April 16 at 7:15 pm to hear comments on a proposed ordinance creating a trust for other post employment benefits pursuant to authority created by the Connecticut General Statutes.

Since the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as been rescheduled to April 12, Mr. Brennan changed the public hearing to be held on April 12 at 5:30pm. He explained that the ordinance organizes the trust and trustees.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Clark and unanimously carried to schedule a public hearing on April 12 at 5:30 pm to hear comments on a proposed ordinance creating a trust for other post employment benefits pursuant to authority created by the Connecticut General Statutes.

5. Consideration of accepting the resignation of R. Brooke Furst 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 R. Brooke Furst from the Water Pollution Control Authority.

6. Consideration of appointing Richard Tomasetti to the Water Pollution Control Authority to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of R. Brooke Furst. Said term to expire July 1, 2008.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to appoint Richard Tomasetti to the Water Pollution Control Authority to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of R. Brooke Furst. Said term to expire July 1, 2008.

7. Consideration of appointing Stephen R. Jones to the Council on Public Facilities to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Elizabeth Rudolph. Said term to expire December 1, 2009.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Bruschi and unanimously carried to appoint Stephen R. Jones to the Council on Public Facilities to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Elizabeth Rudolph. Said term to expire December 1, 2009.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Selectmen's Calendar

The upcoming meeting schedule was discussed. A hard copy will be sent to the Selectmen.

The Selectman agreed to schedule a public hearing on May 21 at 7:15 pm in meeting room B to discuss and hear comments on the proposed amendment to

the Historic District ordinance which would include the approved Historic District #6 (Georgetown) in the existing ordinance.

Underage Drinking Task Force Letter to the Editor

The letter to the editor will be followed up with a booklet to Wilton parents. It was suggested that the length of the letter be shortened. Mr. Hudspeth agreed to rework the letter and forward the revised letter to the Selectmen.

Energy Efficiency and Technology Committee

An Energy Efficiency and Technology Committee will be created. The Conservation Commission has been asked to make recommendations for possible committee members.

Various other committee memberships were discussed.

2. Selectman's Report

Dog Park

Ms. Ayers reported that Planning and Zoning has requested an A-2 survey of the proposed dog park location. She stated that such a survey has been estimated to cost \$5,000, which the Dog Park committee does not have. She will discuss this request further with Bob Nerney.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Ayers, seconded by Mr. Brennan and unanimously carried to add an executive session to the agenda to discuss a contract negotiation with Crown Castle.

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bruschi, seconded by Ms. Ayers and unanimously carried to adjourn to executive session at 9:10pm.

Mr. Brennan reconvened to open session at 9:50 pm.

F. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Creeth, seconded by Mr. Brennan and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lund  
Recording Secretary