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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING  
September 5, 2007

MINUTES

Present: William F. Brennan, Harold E. Clark, Richard F. Creeth (7:33pm), Susan A. Bruschi, Ted W. Hoffstatter

Others: Joe Dolan, Chief Financial Officer; Sarah Taffel, Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations & Administrative Services; Steve Pierce, Director of Parks and Recreation; Pat Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs

Guests: Mike Lindberg, Energy Commission; Karen Birck, Board of Education; Paula Birdy, Garden Club; Kimberley Young, Naomi Dempsey, Kate Throckmorton, Kristen Begor, Nicholas Lee, Patrice Gillespie, David Hapke, Conservation Commission; Judy Zucker, resident; Jerrod Newman, The Villager; Brian Shea, The Bulletin

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

A. Consent Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Hoffstatter and carried 3-0-1 (Ms. Bruschi abstained) to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting – August 6, 2007

Gifts

- Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) from the Rolling Hills Country Club, Inc. to the Fire Department Gift Fund.

Refunds

- Real Estate and motor vehicle tax refunds as recommended in the Tax Collector's memorandum dated August 22, 2007.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Consideration of approving the Wilton Energy Commission mission statement and operating guidelines.

Mr. Brennan gave a brief background and noted that the Selectmen's suggested changes to the mission document have been made.

Mr. Dolan recommended that compensation approval be from the First Selectman, rather than the Board of Selectmen so not to hold up payment. The Selectmen concurred.

Mr. Clark requested that the Commission also do a cost benefit analysis on current equipment.

Mr. Lindberg explained that since the discussion at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting, 36 Wiltonians have stepped forward expressing interest in serving on the Commission or one of the subcommittees. He urged that those not chosen to be a core member of the Commission attend the meetings and/or serve on a subcommittee.

Mr. Lindberg reviewed the organizational structure of the Energy Commission and suggested that the core Commission consist of nine members with the day to day work to be done by the three subcommittees. He also recommended that Malcolm Whyte and Adam Markham be named special advisors to the Commission.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Clark and unanimously carried to approve the Wilton Energy Commission mission statement and operating guidelines as amended (Mr. Dolan's suggestion on compensation).

2. Consideration of appointing members to the Wilton Energy Commission.

Mr. Lindberg reported that he has met with 36 residents interested in serving on the Commission and that it was very difficult to narrow down to 9 nominees. He reviewed the qualifications of each nominee.

Mr. Brennan asked how the development of the subcommittees is envisioned. Mr. Lindberg stated that the first Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Library at which time the members will identify priorities and subcommittee composition.

Mr. Brennan mentioned that he would like the Commission to report back to the Selectmen on a regular basis.

Mr. Lindberg explained that since the budget cycle is quickly approaching, he would like the Commission to meet with the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen to discuss energy assessment.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Creeth, seconded by Mr. Hoffstatter and unanimously carried to appoint Ron Cagenello, Richard Creeth, Ron French, James Furnivall,

Bruce Hampson, Rust Muirhead, Mitchell Reichgut and Jim Snedeker to the Energy Commission.

Mr. Lindberg invited residents to an energy program scheduled at the library for October 25<sup>th</sup>.

3. Consideration of appointments to the Town of Wilton's Council on Ethics.

Mr. Brennan stated that the terms of the members on the Council on Ethics will be three years. He explained that the Code allows initial appointments to be made on a staggered basis (1 1-term appointment, 2 2-year appointments, 2 3-year appointments).

Mr. Brennan reported that three members of the Independent Committee on Ethics have agreed to serve on the Council on Ethics – Steve Hudspeth, John Ingersoll, Peter Kaskell. In addition, the Republican Town Committee has nominated Howard Friedman and the Democratic Town Committee has nominated Gini Benin.

Mr. Brennan suggested the following terms:

Steve Hudspeth, Peter Kaskell	3 year term ending November 30, 2010
Gini Benin, Howard Friedman	2 year term ending November 30, 2009
John Ingersoll	1 year term ending November 30, 2008

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Ms. Bruschi and unanimously carried to approve the appointments to the Town of Wilton's Council on Ethics as outlined above.

4. Wilton Conservation Commission – progress report – Wilton Center tree plan.

Ms. Sesto explained that the concept of a Center tree plan dates back to the 1990's and that current activities in the Center have activated the plan. She stated that members of the Conservation Commission, along with the Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce and Tree Warden have approved the concept. Consistent with other Town Center improvements, Mr. Brennan stated that he and the Board of Selectmen have encouraged and support this plan.

Using a map of the Center, Ms. Sesto stated that trees have been identified and their appropriateness and health have been noted. She commented that some trees are on town property while some are on private property. Ms. Sesto reported that the next step is to map out where new trees should be planted. She explained that this project would be a public/private endeavor phased over time. Ms. Sesto added that it was decided not to solicit for donations, rather look for corporate sponsors and use Conservation gift funds.

Mr. Brennan asked when the plan will be completed. Ms. Sesto responded this month and added that the goal is to have it adopted in the Wilton Center plan.

Mr. Clark asked if the Land Trust has been involved in the plan as a number of the trees are along Schenck's Island. Ms. Sesto explained that the plan is to create windows into the Schenck's Island.

Ms. Sesto agreed to send an update draft plan to the Selectmen.

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

D. Reports

1. First Selectmen's Reports

Elderly Tax Relief Public Hearing

Mr. Brennan suggested that the Elderly Tax Relief public hearing originally scheduled for September 17 be rescheduled to October 1 at 7:00pm since the Chairman of the committee will be out of the country on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Fields Project

*Teamrooms/Concession Stand*

The construction is making consistent and steady progress. The project is on schedule and on budget. Contingency plans are in line for the first few games at the stadium.

*Track*

The track has been resurfaced and will be re-striped in the near future. The current lip at the edge of the track will be coated with a different color for users to acknowledge between the lip and the track itself.

*Field Repairs*

ProGrass will be at the field tomorrow to complete repairs.

Comstock Steering Committee

David Stern, Judy Zucker and Steve Pierce have agreed to serve on the Comstock Steering Committee. Currently waiting to hear back from two other individuals. Malcolm Whyte will be an advisor to the Committee

Capital Process

Mr. Brennan met with Dick Dubow, Joe Dolan, David Stern, Malcolm Whyte and Turner Construction to review in detail the capital process. Turner Construction will submit a proposal by the end of the week.

FAA

This is a regional issue, spanning from New Jersey to Bridgeport. The town is waiting to receive the final report, and if required to protect residents from aircraft noise pollution, will fight the proposal. The Town is coordinating opposition plans with other Towns in the region.

2. Selectmen's Report

Wilton Commons

Mr. Creeth commented that Wilton Commons will be reporting to the Selectmen at the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

E. Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Clark, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lund  
Recording Secretary