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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Monday August 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Meeting Room B, Town Hall**

PRESENT: First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, David Clune, Lori Bufano, Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden

GUESTS: Anne Kelly-Lenz, Casey Healy and members of the Fire Commission, Rich McCarty and members of Fire Station 2 Building Committee, Chris Burney

OTHERS: Members of the Press and Members of the Public

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

B. Executive Session

- Discussion with Fire Commission regarding Deputy Fire Chief position
Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for Discussion with Fire Commission regarding Deputy Fire Chief position, and invite Sarah Taffel, Fire Chief Ron Kanterman, Fire Commissioners Casey Healy, Ross Tartell and Chris Weldon. Motion moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows amending the August 6, 2018 to reflect that Anne Kelly-Lenz was not present for the meeting:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – August 6, 2018

Refunds

- As per Tax Collector's Memo dated August 16, 2018

D. Public Comment

None.

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Fire Station 2 – Discussion of Statement of Requirements

Ms. Vanderslice explained that the purpose of the discussion was to reconsider the appropriateness of the current Fire Station 2 Building Project Statement of Requirements. She noted that the Fire Commission and Fire House #2 Building Committee were present and thanked them from all their hard work on the project. Comments and questions were discussed. After discussion the board concluded more information is needed before making any decisions.

2. Authorization for First Selectman to Execute Contract with Findorak for Installation of New Potable Water Supply

Chris Burney reviewed the request for the First Selectman to Execute the Contract with Findorak for Installation of New Potable Water Supply. Mr. Burney again reviewed the RFP and selection process. Mr. Burney requested authorization for the First Selectmen to execute the contract with Findorak in the amount of \$86,865 pending approval of Town Counsel with an additional \$10,000 (approximate) for contingency. Motion made by Ms. McFadden to approve the First Selectman execute a contract in the amount of \$86,865 (pending approval of Town Counsel) with Findorak for Installation of New Potable Water Supply and allow the First Selection, at her discretion to approve additional funding. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.

3. Comparative Area Municipal Fiscal Indicators

Ms. Vanderslice informed the members that CT OPM had recently released their report on Comparative Area Municipal Fiscal Indicators. Ms. Vanderslice provided an overview of comparisons between Wilton and surrounding communities (documentation attached).

4. Safe Community – Keeping it that Way

Ms. Vanderslice noted Wilton was one of the safest communities in the country and the state. Ms. Vanderslice provided suggestions as to how residents can help keep the Town of Wilton a safe community.

5. WestCOG Update

Ms. Vanderslice gave an update on topics reviewed at the WestCOG meeting she attended.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's New York-New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study
- U.S. EPA and U.S. DOT NHSTA Proposed Fuel Economy Standards
- CT-Air Quality Analysis – Proposed

6. Appointments

- Scott Fischer – WPCA/Inland Wetlands Commission
Motion made by Mr. Cole to appoint Scott Fischer to the Inland Wetlands Commission. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.
- Ms. Vanderslice noted that a special meeting of the BoS will be held on September 12, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. to hold interviews for open board/commission positions.

F. Selectmen's Reports

1. First selectman

- Cannondale Dam Removal
Cannondale dam was removed as part of a project to remove three dams to open up the river.
- Sunday, August 26th: Cannon Grange Agricultural Fair and CT Friends of the Performing Arts Family Day Free Concerts at Merwin Meadows
Ms. Vanderslice noted that the CT Friends of the Performing Arts is a new Non-Profit in Town looking to increase the performing arts in Wilton.

2. Selectmen

Ms. Bufano
None

Mr. Clune
Mr. Clune commented on the information Ms. Vanderslice gave on Comparative Area Municipal Fiscal Indicators.

Mr. Cole
Mr. Cole noted the Food Truck Festival had to be postponed due to weather and is looking forward to the reschedule for the fall.

Ms. McFadden
Ms. McFadden noted any organizations interested in a particular aspect of Sustainable CT should contact the Energy Commission. She also noted that the DTC barbecue will be held September 8, 2018.

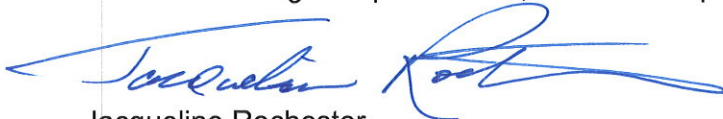
G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ms. Bufano to adjourn meeting at 10:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clune and carried 5-0.

Next Meeting – September 17, 2018 – 8:00 p.m.



Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
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MUNICIPAL COMPARATIVE FISCAL INDICATORS

OFFICE OF POLICY and MANAGEMENT-2016

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) requires towns to submit annual financial data

OPM uses that data to produce comparative municipal indicators

The data provides an opportunity for us to review our spending levels versus neighboring towns and better understand our mil rate versus those same neighboring towns

**MUNICIPAL COMPARATIVE FISCAL INDICATORS
OFFICE OF POLICY and MANAGEMENT-2016**

- **Wilton's Tax Levy Per Capita is similar to the low mil rate communities, but.....**
- **Wilton lacks the density (residents per sq mile) of the low mil rate communities**
- **Wilton doesn't share the high market value per capita of the low mil rate communities**

Town	Population	Mil rate	Rank low/ high	Tax Levy Per Cap	Rank high/ low	Density	Rank high/ low	ENGL Per Cap (in thous)	Rank high/ low
Darien	21,744	15.35	1	\$5,895	5	1,718	1	\$623.6	1
New Canaan	20,280	15.99	2	\$6,433	3	914	3	\$610.3	2
Westport	27,840	18.09	3	\$6,566	1	1,394	2	\$596.4	3
Ridgefield	25,063	26.01	4	\$4,844	6	726	4	\$287.8	6
Wilton	18,560	26.83	5	\$6,199	4	692	5	\$352.1	4
Weston	10,302	28.67	6	\$6,520	2	520	6	\$348.0	5

**MUNICIPAL COMPARATIVE DATA
OFFICE OF POLICY and MANAGEMENT-2016**

Wilton's expense per pupil is consistent with low mil rate towns, but is higher on a per capita basis because of our population and population mix

Town	Per Pupil Expend	Rank high/ low	Educ Exp Per Cap	Rank high/ low	Debt Sevice Per Cap	Rank high/ low	All Other Per Cap	Rank high/ low	Total Expenses Per Cap	Rank high/ low
Darien	\$19,314	5	\$4,317	3	\$527	5	\$1,382	5	\$6,226	5
New Canaan	\$19,576	3	\$4,115	4	\$839	1	\$1,871	2	\$6,825	2
Westport	\$19,800	2	\$4,066	5	\$617	2	\$2,536	1	\$7,219	1
Ridgefield	\$17,013	6	\$3,404	6	\$481	6	\$1,412	4	\$5,298	6
Wilton	\$19,337	4	\$4,329	2	\$581	4	\$1,632	3	\$6,542	4
Weston	\$20,759	1	\$4,802	1	\$620	3	\$1,216	6	\$6,638	3

MUNICIPAL COMPARATIVE DATA
OFFICE OF POLICY and MANAGEMENT-2016

Wilton's ranking in terms of total bonded debt is reflective of the two recent projects and our road paving catch up. Debt service per capita is where we might expect to be ranked

Town	Educ Exp Per Cap	Rank high/ low	Bond Debt (in Millions)	Rank high/ low	Debt Service Per Cap	Rank high/ low	All Other Per Cap	Rank high/ low	Total Expenses Per Cap	Rank high/ low
Darien	\$4,317	3	\$71.5	5	\$527	5	\$1,382	5	\$6,226	5
New Canaan	\$4,115	4	\$120.4	1	\$839	1	\$1,871	2	\$6,825	2
Westport	\$4,066	5	\$100.9	2	\$617	2	\$2,536	1	\$7,219	1
Ridgefield	\$3,404	6	\$79.6	4	\$481	6	\$1,412	4	\$5,298	6
Wilton	\$4,329	2	\$87.3	3	\$581	4	\$1,632	3	\$6,542	4
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MUNICIPAL COMPARATIVE DATA

OFFICE OF POLICY and MANAGEMENT-2016

Spending by town varies particularly in recreation, fire safety and public library support

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