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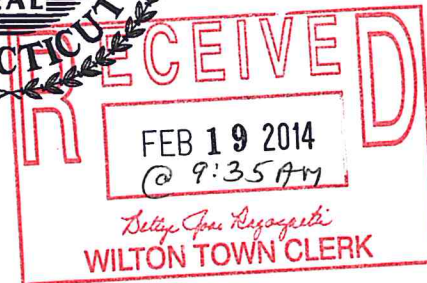
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Richard J. Dubow

James A. Saxe

TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman Bill Brennan, Hal Clark, Richard Dubow, Ted Hoffstatter, James Saxe

GUESTS: Sarah Taffel, Sandy Dennies, 1 Member of the Public

OTHERS: None

A. Board entered Executive Session at 7:00 p. m.

Board out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion made by Mr. Brennan to approve the AFSCME tentative agreement, seconded by Jim Saxe, unanimously passed.

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

B. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dubow, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

Minutes

-Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 27, 2014

Tax Refunds

- As per Tax Collector's Memorandum of January 29, 2014

Gifts

- Norris R. Browne Horseshoe Pond - \$1000.00
- Nancy A. McTague-Stock for K-9 Unit - \$250.00

Mr. Brennan thanked both individuals for their generosity.

C. Discussion and/or Action

1. Interest Rate on Deferrals

Memo attached regarding Interest Rate on Deferrals (Wilton Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance). Mr. Brennan gave a quick summary and asked Sandy Dennies to speak regarding borrowing rate. Ms. Dennies indicated that bonding will take place around February 20th, and estimates that the interest rate will be between 2.5% and 3.0%. Motion made by Mr. Brennan to set the deferral interest rate charges to 2.75%, seconded by Hal Clark, unanimously passed.

2. Agreement for Auditor Services

Mr. Brennan gave a brief summary. Four firms responded to RFP's that were sent out for auditor services. They were interviewed by the Board of Finance, Town, and Board of Education staff. Blum Shapiro was chosen as the most qualified. Contract was drawn up and reviewed by Town Counsel. BOS needs to authorize the signing of the contract. Motion made by Dick Dubow to approve the Blum Shapiro contract, seconded by Jim Saxe, unanimously passed.

3. Status of Capital Projects and Plans

- Middlebrook School – Final inspection will be Tuesday, February 4, 2014 after which the warranty will be reissued to eliminate the current exclusion(s). Final closeout letter to be done.
- High School and Middlebrook School Toilet Renovations – Ty Tregellas and Karen Birck met with Rich McArdle to finalize distribution of Turner's expenses. Final closeout letter to be done.
- Comstock– On February 12, 2014 Judy Zucker, Chair, Building Committee to update BOS on project.
- Gilbert & Bennett – Replacement boiler has been installed and working properly. Various piping replaced and valves being added to balance heating in the building.
- Yankee Gas – Yankee Gas executives gave presentation on January 28, 2014. Feedback on the presentation has been very positive. Questions were answered very candidly. If citizens interested in getting natural gas there will be an upcoming website (wilton.iwantnaturalgas.com) set up to get that information.

4. Miscellaneous Other Business

- Fire Chief – Candidate that was being considered has moved on and is no longer being considered. Fire Commission has been charged to come back with recommendations and to possibly consider an interim Fire Chief, if that is plausible. Commission has been asked to review the entire policy and requirements for Fire Chief and make recommendations they feel are desirable.

- Search Committee has interviews with 4 candidates tomorrow February 4, 2014 for Director of Facilities and Energy Management. Objective is to get down to 2 candidates and meet with them on the 7th and make a decision by the end of this week.
- Reminder that this Saturday, February 8, 2014 is the 9:00am capital budget tour.

D. Public Comment – None.

E. Reports

First Selectman's Report:

- Capital meeting budget workshop on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. Major work to be done on the department budgets. Some numbers that were presented at budget meetings did not include operating capital. On Wednesday – will present a summary on where we are in the budget development process.
- BOS members to follow up regarding acknowledgments of receipt of Code of Ethics and swearing in with the Town Clerk.

Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Saxe – No Report

Mr. Dubow – Miller Driscoll Building Committee met on January 30, 2014 to prepare for a vote at the next regularly scheduled Building Committee meeting on February 13, 2014 where they will select a final design option for presentation and consideration to the BOS at the February 18, 2014 meeting. Committee would then return on the March 3, 2014 BOS meeting to answer any BOS questions prior to BOS voting. Building Committee and BOS will present status report to the Board of Finance on March 18, 2014. Once approved, gives A&E team to prepare schematic design, which in turn will allow for Turner Construction to prepare cost estimates to enable the project to go to a Special Town Meeting on September 23, 2014. Committee reviewed interactive website (www.tskp.com/MillerDriscoll) which will allow for questions to be asked about the project and allows the committee to respond.

Mr. Hoffstatter – No Report.

Mr. Clark – WSTF to meet February 4, 2014. Dr. Bernstein will be speaking at the High School in the Little Theatre at 7:00PM. Urge all citizens to attend.

F. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Jacqueline Rochester, Recording Secretary
(Taken from video)

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January 31, 2014

To: William F. Brennan, First Selectman

From: Sandra L. Dennies, Chief Financial Officer 

Re: Interest Rate on Deferrals

The Wilton Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance, Section 26A-7B indicates that all deferrals are subject to simple interest of not more than the rate of 5% per year; however, the interest rate is subject to change no more than once per year by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Board of Finance.

Beginning February 3 through May 15, 2014 applications may be made for participation in the program. Therefore, your discussion of the interest rate that will be charged should be addressed at your next Board of Selectman meeting.

The interest rates that have been charged in the past are as follows:

Grand List Year 1995 – 2002	6%
2003 – 2008	5%
2009 – 2011	3%
2012	2.5%

Last year 29 tax parcels benefitted from the tax deferral program with \$187,410.12 granted in deferrals.

A copy of the application is attached.

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TAX RELIEF
FOR THE ELDERLY or TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS
TOWN CODE CHAPTER 26A Revised January 19, 2010
FILING PERIOD: February 3, 2014 through May 15, 2014

OWNER _____ BIRTH DATE _____
OWNER _____ BIRTH DATE _____
PROPERTY ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

1. Applicant is a resident of the Town of Wilton at time of application: YES NO
2. Applicant has been a taxpayer of the Town for one (1) year immediately preceding the receipt of tax relief under this Article: YES NO
3. Applicant occupied property as PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE for more than 183 days during the twelve months immediately prior to the filing of this application: YES NO
4. Applicant's percentage of ownership: _____
5. Applicant is 65 years of age or over as of December 31, 2013: YES NO
OR Applicant is 60 years of age or over as of 12-31-13 and is the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who qualified for tax relief at the time of his/her death: YES NO
OR Applicant is under 65 years of age and is permanently totally disabled under SS, Railroad Retirement Act, or any Federal, State or Local Government retirement program with requirements similar to Social Security. If so, attach a copy of the Total Disability Certificate: YES NO
6. Applicant or his or her spouse has paid all taxes due to the Town of Wilton in the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the credit is applied: YES NO
7. Applicant has applied for tax relief under State of Connecticut Statutes: YES NO
If No, please state reason, _____
8. Applicant receives tax relief as a homeowner in another state or in another Connecticut Municipality: YES NO
9. Attach a copy of the signed IRS Form 1040 and 1099 Social Security Statement for 2013. If no IRS filing is necessary, copies of all income sources including 2013 1099 Social Security Statements are required.

ELECTION OF RELIEF PROGRAM: CREDIT _____ DEFERRAL _____ CREDIT/DEFERRAL _____

SWORN AFFIDAVIT (To be signed only in presence of the Assessor or member of the Assessor's staff, or Assessor's designee.)
The above named applicant, or authorized agent, deposes and says that the above statements are true and complete and claims tax relief under provisions of Chapter 26A of the Town Code of the Town of Wilton. The preceding applicant or authorized agent is also aware that the penalty for making a false affidavit is \$500 fine or imprisonment for one year or both.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ STAFF _____

10-1-13 LIST NUMBER _____ CREDIT OPTION _____ DEFERRAL OPTION _____

INCOME	CREDIT	INCOME	MAX. BENEFIT RATE
\$0 - \$41,600	\$4,450	\$0 - \$79,000	100% OF TAX
\$41,601 - \$79,000	\$4,449 - \$1		

TOWN CREDIT \$ _____ TOWN DEFERRAL % _____

ALLOWED _____ DISALLOWED _____ REASON _____