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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

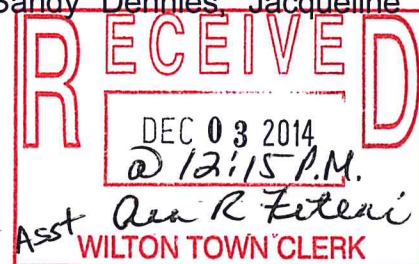
PRESENT: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** – First Selectman Bill Brennan, Richard Dubow, Ted Hoffstatter, James Saxe

GUESTS: J. Casey Healy, Kevin Hall, along with representatives of Wilton Youth Football, Wilton Youth Field Hockey Association and Wilton Lacrosse Association, Peter Gaboriault, Pat Sesto, Mark Ketley Bruce Beebe, Michael Kaelin, Hal Clark, Sarah Taffel, Sandy Dennies, Jacqueline Rochester and Members of the Public

OTHERS: 3 Members of the Press

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

A. Consent Agenda



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

Minutes

- Public Information Session – November 3, 2014
- Board of Selectmen Meeting – November 3, 2014

Tax Refunds

- As per Tax Collector's Memorandum of November 12, 2014

Gifts

- Waveny Care Center Inc. for Senior Newsletter- \$850.00
- Georgetown Lions Club for Parks and Recreation - \$501.00

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Middlebrook Field – Land Use Approval

Mr. Brennan asked J. Casey Healy, representing Wilton Youth Football, Wilton Youth Field Hockey Association and Wilton Lacrosse Association to give a brief

review of the request to renew the Board's authorization to proceed with plans to pursue land use approvals, raise funds and eventually, renovate the existing multi-purpose athletic field at Middlebrook School. Mr. Healy presented the plan for the turf field to the BOS (drawing attached). Mr. Brennan expressed concern over the organizations' ability to raise the required funds in a one-two year period. Mr. Hall expressed confidence that they will be successful. After discussion, Mr. Brennan made a motion to authorize the Associations to proceed with the proposal and approach Inland Wetlands for a permit, seconded by Ted Hoffstatter, unanimously carried 4-0.

2. Land Swap Affecting Keiser Property Easement

Mr. Brennan asked Pat Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs to give a description of the proposed Land Swap affecting the Keiser Property Easement (memo and letter attached)

3. Norwalk Transit District – FY 2015 Town-to-Town Service Agreement

Mr. Brennan asked Sandy Dennies to give a description of the Letter of Agreement with the Norwalk Transit District (attached). Motion made by Mr. Brennan allowing him to sign the Letter of Agreement between Norwalk Transit District and Town of Wilton. Seconded by Dick Dubow, unanimously carried 4-0.

4. Wilton-Weston ALS Billing Contract

Mr. Brennan asked Sandy Dennies to give a brief description of the Billing Contract for Wilton-Weston ALS with Holdsworth Group, Inc. Ms. Dennies went over concerns raised at the November 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting and provided a more detailed description addressing those concerns (attached to the contract). Town Counsel has reviewed the contract. Motion made by Dick Dubow to approve the Billing Contract. Seconded by Jim Saxe, unanimously carried 4-0

5. Appointments/Reappointments

Mr. Brennan move to appoint Pam Kelley to the Commission on Social Services and Kenny Rhodes to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Dick Dubow, unanimously carried 4-0.

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint A. Gilmore Bray to the Council on Ethics. Seconded by Dick Dubow, unanimously carried 4-0.

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Michael Kaelin to the Board of Selectmen to fill the term of outgoing Board of Selectmen member Harold E. Clark that will expire on November 30, 2015. Seconded by Jim Saxe, unanimously carried 4-0.

After the motion was approved, Kaelin sat with the other selectmen, although he was unable to vote on any matters that followed because he was not yet officially sworn in.

Mr. Brennan then complimented Hal Clark, who was seated in the audience. Mr. Brennan recognized Mr. Clark for his service for the past nine years as a

Selectman and service on a number of different boards, commissions and assignments.

6. Consideration of a FY15 Employee Pension COLA

Mr. Brennan asked Sarah Taffel to review FY15 Employee Pension Cost of Living increase (attached). It was noted that the Board of Selectman is not obligated to grant the adjustment, but they believe it is appropriate to offer and adjustment this year. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Brennan to offer 1.5% COLA increase to Town of Wilton Employees Retirement Plan. Seconded by Jim Saxe, motion unanimously passed 4-0

7. Status of Bonded Capital Projects and Plans

- Miller Driscoll – Proposals for the hazardous material firms have been received to do the inspections. Two firms are being considered by the Subcommittee. Interviews have been scheduled with the two firms on November 18, 2014. The two firms being considered are Hygenix and TLC. Decision to be made after the interviews. Information to be presented at the next meeting. Construction Manager Selection Agent, subcommittee selected Diversified Project Management for the assignment. The contract has been reviewed by Town Counsel with minor adjustments that was agreed to by the firm. Contract to be present at December 1, 2014 Board of Selectmen meeting for approval.
- Yankee Gas – Phase I of the project has been completed. Gas is fully energized to all the different facilities. Most of School Road has been paved. Some areas in the Town will be paved in the spring. Phase II of this project – Yankee Gas is working closely with the Sisters of Notre Dame to convert to natural gas. Working with Mark Robbins, who is the consultant representing Sisters of Notre Dame. Mutual goal is to make decision to get negotiations going with Yankee Gas for a project next summer.
- Comstock – RFP's are out for bid with proposals due to the Building Committee by December 4, 2014. Start of construction is March 2015. Assuming an 11-month construction process, completion would be February 2016.

8. Miscellaneous Other Business

- Five Year Road Paving Program – In the first two years into the program have paved 21 miles of road in Wilton. To date we have completed approximately 10 miles of road during this segment. Received \$300,000 this year from the State that allowed the Town to pave additional miles of road. There will be additional paving in the spring (approximately 2-3 miles), which should bring us to about 33 miles of road for this year. Roads paved to date are listed on the Town Website. To improve the condition of River Road, a shim coat has been applied to stabilize the road to get the Town through the coming winter. Paving for River Road is still scheduled for 2015.

- Sandy Dennies distributed a copy of the FY 15 Budget Status Report (as of October 31, 2014) to the Board of Selectmen which will be presented to the Board of Finance on November 18, 2014.

C. Public Comment

Blue Star Bazaar owner Megan Abrahamsen of 7 Rolling Ridge Road spoke regarding the difficulty she faces keeping her business open with the town's current signage regulations. She described her current permanent sign—the only one she has on the road frontage where her business is at Lambert Corner on Rte. 7. She stated that when she has a temporary sandwich board sign advertising her business, sales for her small business are double to triple what they are when the sign is removed. She spoke to the Board of Selectmen urging them to help her in getting the current town signage ordinances changed.

D. Reports

First Selectman's Report

Mr. Brennan extended an invitation to the community on November 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. on Hubbard Road where the Town will have a dedication ceremony for a sculpture piece gifted to the Town by Peter Rubino. Mr. Rubino will be in attendance along with Jeff Mueller, gallery director of the Silvermine Arts Center. Mr. Mueller has been very supportive and anxious to collaborate on a loan program with the Town.

Selectmen's Reports

Dick Dubow – None

Jim Saxe – None

Ted Hoffstatter – None

E. Executive Session

Board moved to enter executive session at 8:45 PM to discuss First Selectmen's Salary. Sarah Taffel, Human Resources Director was asked to join.

Board out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Motion made by Dick Dubow to approve a 2.5% salary increase for the First Selectman effective December 1, 2014. Jim Saxe seconded the motion. Board out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Voted 2-1 to a salary increase of 2.5% for the First Selectman.

F. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Jacqueline Rochester, Recording Secretary

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November 6, 2014

To be delivered by hand

The Honorable William F. Brennan
First Selectman
Town of Wilton
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Re: Middlebrook Field

Dear Mr. Brennan:

On behalf of Wilton Youth Football, the Wilton Lacrosse Association and the Wilton Youth Field Hockey Association, I hereby request that they be placed on the Board of Selectmen Agenda for its November 17, 2014 meeting to ask for the Board's authorization to proceed with plans to pursue land use approvals, raise funds and eventually, renovate the existing multi-purpose athletic field at Middlebrook School.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Casey Healy

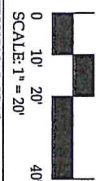
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MIDDLEBROOK
MIDDLE SCHOOL
WILTON, CONNECTICUT

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SITE PLAN

SCALE:

1" = 20'

DATE:

30 OCTOBER 2014

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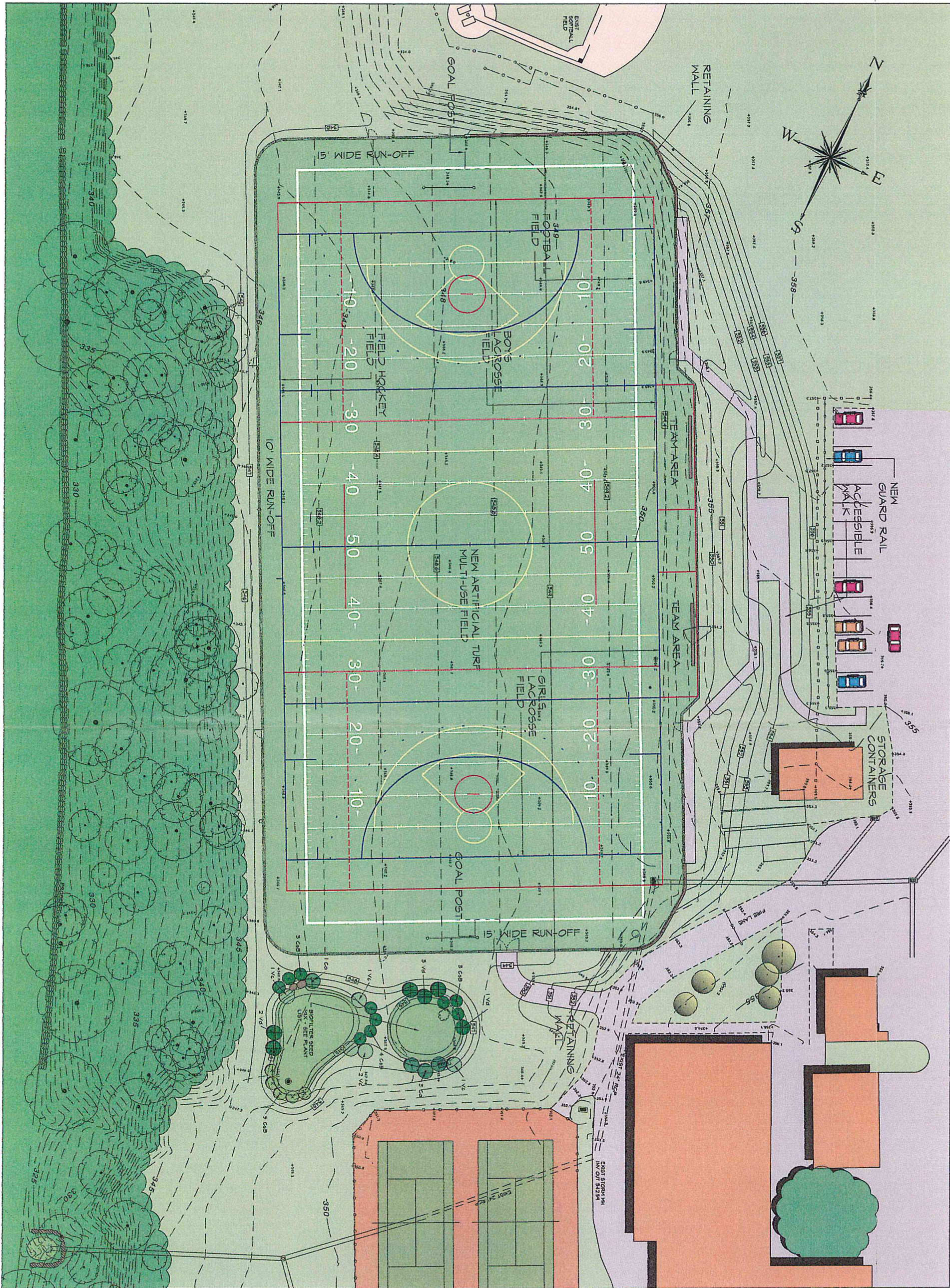
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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Patricia Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs *PS*

DATE: November 17, 2014

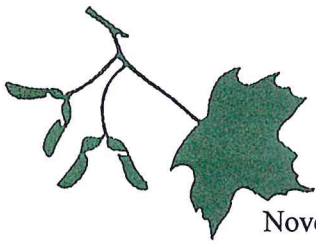
RE: Proposed Land Swap with secondary involvement of Conservation Easement
Former Keiser Property, Seeley Road

As indicated in the attached letter from the Wilton Land Conservation Trust, the five-acre Westcott parcel immediately north of the former Keiser property was recently purchased by the same owner of the Keiser property. In order to facilitate enrollment of the excess lot of the former Westcott parcel, the lot needs to be combined with the Keiser parcel. This requires the Land Trust swap the location of their accessway, an accessway the town has in interest in.

I believe the swap has no impacts on the town's interests, and can in fact create a better accessway. I will be in attendance at your meeting to explain the details of the proposal and help ensure the town's interests are protected.

Attached are aerial maps depicting the existing and proposed accessways.

cc: Conservation Commission



Wilton Land Conservation Trust

November 12, 2014

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Mr. William F. Brennan
First Selectman
Wilton Town Hall
238 Danbury Road
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RE: Land swap affecting Keiser Property Easement

Dear Bill,

The 5 acre parcel immediately north of the former Keiser property has come on the market. The northern part of the property includes a house and outbuildings. The southern part, abutting our joint conservation easement, is a meadow. This property can readily be developed with a new house. In an effort to keep this from happening, the new owner of the Keiser property has purchased the 5 acres and first cut of approximately 2.5 acres which abuts the former Keiser property. He plans to combine the 2.5 acre parcel with the Keiser land. This additional acreage would be enrolled in the state's "P.A. 490" program as open space, requiring the land remain as open space for at least ten years.

In order to accomplish this goal, the Land Trust has been asked to swap the location of our 25' accessway off of Seeley Road from the south side of the new lot to its north side. The current location of the accessway lies between the new lot and the Keiser property boundary, preventing the joining of the two.

The proposed new 25' accessway crosses a meadow and is, therefore, a more walker-friendly entrance to the protected property than is the current access through an overgrown area. Inasmuch as the Land Trust is required to grant the Town of Wilton access over this accessway as part of the Conservation Easement recently purchased on the Keiser property, the Land Trust cannot authorize the swap without the approval of the Board of Selectmen. We are confident the Board will see the conservation benefits of the proposal without any sacrifice of public expectations that came with the easement purchase.

The Land Trust respectfully requests this matter be placed on the selectmen's agenda for discussion.

Sincerely,


Bruce E. Beebe



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Keiser Property



1 inch = 168 feet



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November 6, 2014

Sandra Dennies, Chief Financial Officer
Town of Wilton
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Dear Ms. Dennies:

Enclosed is an updated Letter of Agreement between the Norwalk Transit District and the Town of Wilton for the FY'15 TOWN-TO-TOWN service. Although the year is into its fifth month, we still should have an agreement in place. Please sign both copies if the terms remain acceptable and return them to me.

We look forward to our continued working relationship with the Town of Wilton and its residents as we provide mobility options to them for their medical intertown transportation needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy R. Carroll".

Nancy R. Carroll
Chief Operating Officer

NRC:bhs

Enclosure (1)

LETTER OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NORWALK TRANSIT DISTRICT
AND
TOWN OF WILTON

The Norwalk Transit District, hereinafter referred to as the DISTRICT, agrees to provide door-to-door intertown paratransit service to the Town of Wilton, hereinafter referred to as the TOWN, during the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The service, currently entitled TOWN-TO-TOWN, will be provided to those TOWN residents determined eligible using the DISTRICT's certification process for persons with disabilities. Service will only be provided for medical trip purposes to those certified residents.

The cost of service will be based on a rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per one way passenger trip. Total reimbursement to the DISTRICT will not exceed five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) during the period. The TOWN will be invoiced monthly for each trip provided. Invoices will be submitted with proper documentation.

In the event that the five-thousand dollar sum or any future sum appropriated by the TOWN for this service is fully expended in advance of June 30, 2015, the TOWN may, at its option and without penalty, (1) terminate this letter of Agreement or (2) seek further appropriations from the appropriate TOWN public agencies.

Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, either party may terminate this agreement upon sixty (60) days advance notice to the other party.

This agreement is entered into this day of , 2014.

Signature

Louis Schulman, Administrator
Norwalk Transit District

Signature

Name, Title
Town of Wilton

RETIREMENT PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF WILTON

Exhibit F
continued

Plan 4 - Fire Fighters

Plan 3 - Other Town Employees

Plan 1 - Police

Optional Forms:

Contingent beneficiary, ten year certain and life.

Same

Cost of Living:

Review at least once every four years.
Recent cost of living adjustments have been as follows:

July 1, 1979: 4% per year since retirement (max. 44%)

July 1, 1983: 4% per year since retirement (max. 16%)

July 1, 1986: 2% per year since retirement (max. 6%)

July 1, 1988: 3% for all eligibles

July 1, 1989: 3% for all eligibles

July 1, 1993: Percentage of inflation since July 1, 1989

July 1, 1994: 2.5% for all eligibles

July 1, 1997: 4.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 1998: 4.22% for all eligibles

July 1, 1999: 1.45% for all eligibles

July 1, 2000: 3.19% for all eligibles

July 1, 2001: 2.86% for all eligibles

July 1, 2002: 1.3% for all eligibles

July 1, 2003: 2.3% for all eligibles

July 1, 2004: 2.5% for all eligibles

July 1, 2005: 3.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 2006: 0.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 2007: 1.98% for all eligibles

July 1, 2008: 2.50% for all eligibles

July 1, 2009: 0.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 2010: 0.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 2011: 0.0% for all eligibles

July 1, 2012: 2.5% for all eligible

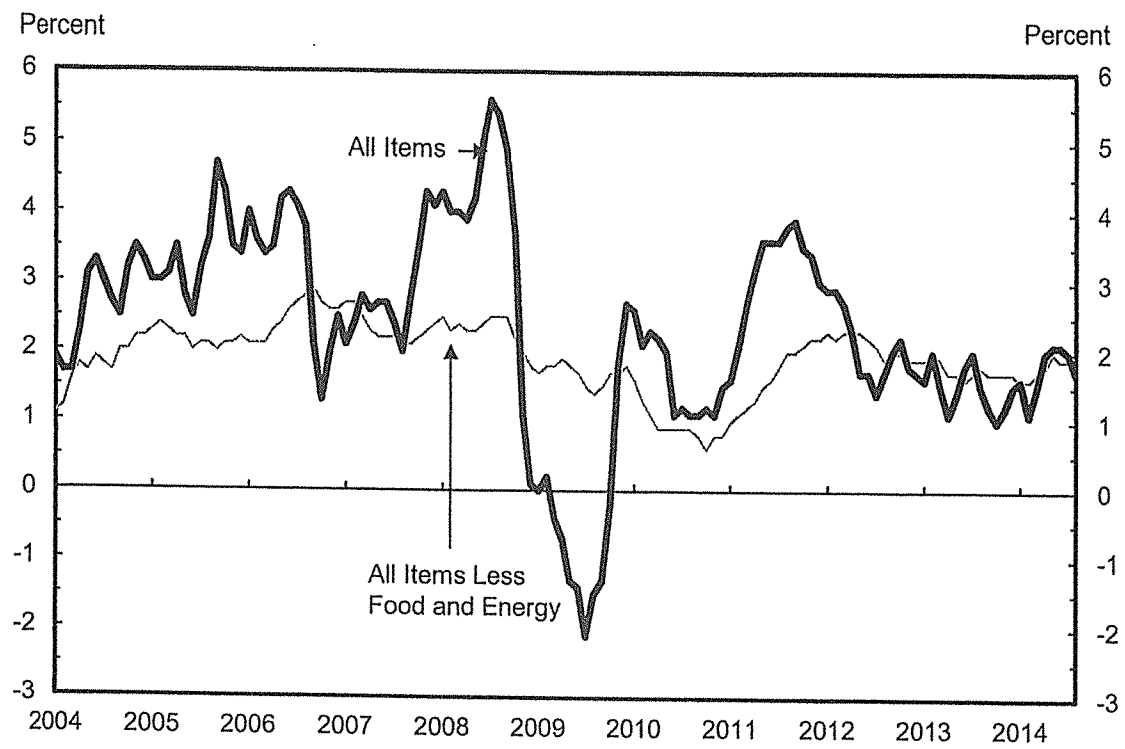
July 1, 2013: ~~1.5%~~ for all eligible

Same

Same

1.25%

CPI-U 12-Month Changes, 2004 to Present



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2014

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) decreased 0.2 percent in August on a seasonally adjusted basis, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 1.7 percent before seasonal adjustment.

The seasonally adjusted decline in the all items index was the first since April 2013. The indexes for food and shelter rose, but the increases were more than offset by declines in energy indexes, especially gasoline. The energy index fell 2.6 percent, with the gasoline index declining 4.1 percent and the indexes for natural gas and fuel oil also decreasing.

The index for all items less food and energy was unchanged in August; this was the first month since October 2010 that the index did not increase. While the shelter index increased and the indexes for new vehicles and for alcoholic beverages also rose, these advances were offset by declines in several indexes, including airline fares, recreation, household furnishings and operations, apparel, and used cars and trucks.

The all items index increased 1.7 percent over the last 12 months, a decline from the 2.0 percent figure for the 12 months ending July, and the smallest 12-month change since March. The index for all items less food and energy also rose 1.7 percent over the last 12 months. The food index has risen 2.7 percent over the span, while the energy index has increased 0.4 percent.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un- adjusted 12-mos. ended Aug. 2014
	Feb. 2014	Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	May 2014	June 2014	July 2014	Aug. 2014	
All items	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1	-0.2	1.7
Food .....	.4	.4	.4	.5	.1	.4	.2	2.7
Food at home .....	.5	.5	.4	.7	.0	.4	.2	2.9
Food away from home ¹ .....	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.3	.2	2.5
Energy	-.5	-.1	.3	.9	1.6	-.3	-2.6	.4
Energy commodities	-1.3	-2.0	1.9	.6	3.0	-.3	-3.9	-2.4
Gasoline (all types)	-1.7	-1.7	2.3	.7	3.3	-.3	-4.1	-2.8
Fuel oil ¹	4.1	-2.9	-3.0	-1.4	-1.7	-.7	-1.2	-.2
Energy services .....	.7	2.6	-1.9	1.4	-.4	-.4	-.6	4.6
Electricity	-.2	1.1	-2.6	2.3	.2	-.3	.1	4.1
Utility (piped) gas service	3.6	7.5	.3	-1.7	-2.6	-.4	-2.8	5.8
All items less food and energy .....	.1	.2	.2	.3	.1	.1	.0	1.7
Commodities less food and energy commodities	-.1	.0	.1	.1	.1	.0	-.1	-.4
New vehicles .....	.1	.0	.3	.2	-.3	.3	.2	.4
Used cars and trucks	-.1	.4	.5	-.1	-.4	-.3	-.3	.0
Apparel	-.3	.3	.0	.3	.5	.2	-.2	.0
Medical care commodities .....	.6	-.3	.3	.5	.7	.3	-.1	2.6
Services less energy services .....	.2	.3	.3	.3	.1	.1	.0	2.5
Shelter .....	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.2	2.9
Transportation services .....	.3	.2	.7	1.0	.1	-.7	-.6	1.5
Medical care services .....	.2	.3	.3	.3	.0	.1	.0	1.9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Consumer Price Index Data for August 2014

Food

The food index rose 0.2 percent in August after increasing 0.4 percent in July. The food at home index was also up 0.2 percent, with the six major grocery store food group indexes split between three increases and three declines. The index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs rose 1.5 percent in August, the largest increase among the groups. The index for beef and veal rose 4.2 percent, its largest increase since November 2003. The index for dairy and related products rose 0.6 percent, and the cereals and bakery products index advanced 0.2 percent. In contrast, the index for fruits and vegetables fell 0.8 percent in August, with the indexes for fresh fruits and fresh vegetables both declining. The index for nonalcoholic beverages also declined in August; its 0.2 percent decrease was its first decline since April. The index for other food at home, which rose 0.7 percent in July, decreased 0.2 percent in August. Over the last 12 months, the food at home index has risen 2.9 percent, with the index for meats, poultry, fish and eggs up 8.8 percent.

Social Security

Official Social Security Website

Cost-Of-Living Adjustment

History of Automatic Cost-Of-Living Adjustments

Automatic benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments or COLAs, have been in effect since 1975.

The 1975-82 COLAs were effective with Social Security benefits payable for June (received by beneficiaries in July) in each of those years. After 1982, COLAs have been effective with benefits payable for December (received by beneficiaries in January).

COLAs received in 1975-2013 are shown below.

Automatic Cost-Of-Living Adjustments

July 1975 -- 8.0%	January 1996 -- 2.6%
July 1976 -- 6.4%	January 1997 -- 2.9%
July 1977 -- 5.9%	January 1998 -- 2.1%
July 1978 -- 6.5%	January 1999 -- 1.3%
July 1979 -- 9.9%	January 2000 -- 2.5% ⁽¹⁾
July 1980 -- 14.3%	January 2001 -- 3.5%
July 1981 -- 11.2%	January 2002 -- 2.6%
July 1982 -- 7.4%	January 2003 -- 1.4%
January 1984 -- 3.5%	January 2004 -- 2.1%
January 1985 -- 3.5%	January 2005 -- 2.7%
January 1986 -- 3.1%	January 2006 -- 4.1%
January 1987 -- 1.3%	January 2007 -- 3.3%
January 1988 -- 4.2%	January 2008 -- 2.3%
January 1989 -- 4.0%	January 2009 -- 5.8%
January 1990 -- 4.7%	January 2010 -- 0.0%
January 1991 -- 5.4%	January 2011 -- 0.0%
January 1992 -- 3.7%	January 2012 -- 3.6%
January 1993 -- 3.0%	January 2013 -- 1.7%
	January 2014 -- 1.5%

January 1994 -- 2.6%

January 1995 -- 2.8%

⁽¹⁾ The COLA for December 1999 was originally determined as 2.4 percent based on CPIs published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Pursuant to Public Law 106-554, however, this COLA is effectively now 2.5 percent.

Related Information

COLA, tax, benefit
and
earning amounts
for 2014

The Story of
COLAs

Actuarial
resources

Press Release:
Social Security
Announces 1.5
Percent Benefit
Increase for 2014

Effect of COLA on
Social Security
Benefits