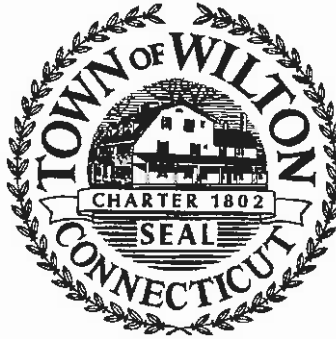


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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Chief Michael Lombardo, Sarah Taffel, Jan Andras

OTHERS: 3 members of press

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

A. Consent Agenda

Mr. Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Saxe asked to include in the minutes that the Miller Driscoll SOR will be submitted for the second BOS meeting in March. The consent agenda was unanimously approved as amended:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2012

Gifts

- Donation of \$537 to CERT from the Wilton High School "Model Congress"
- Donation of \$500 to CERT from the CT United Ride
- Framed Watercolor Painting of Old Town Hall from Dominique Arrighi and Lionel Arnal of Bon Appetit Café.

These gifts are most appreciated.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. FY 14 Department Budget Requests and Plans

This week (1/9) will be the first budget presentation meeting. At this point, the health insurance costs are not finalized and union salaries are not finalized, pending conclusion of the contract negotiations. Ms. Taffel will report on the progress during an executive session at the end of this meeting.

2. Security – Town and School Facilities

Mr. Brennan read statement (attached). Police Chief Michael Lombardo advised that the Police Department has been pro-active in working with the schools for several years and there has been steady improvement and training. Policy is not to publicly discuss any details. Tomorrow evening, he will be attending a meeting of the Fairfield County Police Chiefs where the recent Newtown tragedy will certainly be a topic. We need to be careful to move forward slowly and methodically. Mr. Brennan added that there have been two mandatory training sessions for Town employees, which might also be helpful for schools personnel. The Selectmen agreed that a Security Task Force should be appointed. Members were asked to submit objectives at the next meeting and to recommend candidates.

3. Middlebrook School and Comstock Roofs – Capital Project

The Hoffmann Architects Report and Turner Construction comments for these roof projects will be sent to the Council on Public Authorities, along with the Statement of Purpose and Objectives for the Comstock building. The CPF will be asked to comment on the cost value benefits of the three options – good/better/best. They will also be asked to comment on the drainage design recommendations in the Hoffmann Report and whether a sloped roof design is a credible solution. Mr. Brennan would also like to know where will the roof drains take the water?

4. Other Capital Projects – Status and Updates

The Steering Committee has prepared a list of candidates for the Middlebrook and High School Toilet Facilities Renovation Project. Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Karen Birck (BOE), John Murphy (Schools), Jory Higgins (Middlebrook), Rebecca Thomson (High School) and Trevor Hufford (CPF) to the Building Committee for the Toilet Renovations Project. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Mr. Ty Tregallas of Turner Construction will work with this committee.

Regarding the Miller-Driscoll Project, the Board of Selectmen has approved the Objectives and Purpose; Karen Birck is amending the Statement of Requirements for the first BOS meeting in March; and the Building Committee will be appointed at that time.

An "abbreviated" SoR is being developed to reflect the objectives for the Comstock Renovation.

Mr. Clark reported that he recently visited the Ambler Farm project and he distributed photos. Excavation has been done on the back part of the building and there is less damaged than expected. It will be possible to install a full foundation and heating system.

Regarding the new Fire Tanker, Mr. Saxe reported that the truck committee visited the manufacturer to investigate the pumping apparatus and have finalized the design. They got an agreement for a five-year warrantee on parts and labor. On 1/15, the specs will be sent to interested vendors who will have 30 days to reply.

5. Special Town Meeting – Referendum Town-Wide Network Capital Project

The Selectmen previously voted to send the Town Wide Network Fiber Optic Project to a Special Town Meeting. The proposed date will be Tuesday, 3/12/13, with a location to be determined. Bond Counsel is drafting the resolution and also a resolution for the possibility that insufficient funds are budgeted to pay for the roof issues, based on proposals from vendors. At the 1/22 meeting, the Board of Selectmen will officially set the date and call the STM.

6. Miscellaneous Other Business

Alarm Systems Ordinance – Mr. Brennan moved to hold a public hearing on proposed revisions to the Alarm System Ordinance on 1/22/13 at 7:00 pm in Room B at the Town Hall. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

EDC – Mr. Brennan will send a letter to the EDC Chairman requesting an interim report on their progress. The BOS also needs to address any request for funding for consulting fees that the EDC will require to prepare the Economic Development Plan.

C. Public Comment – None noted.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report – On 1/12/13, there will be a Celebration of the Life and Music of Dave Brubeck at the Clune Center at 8:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

2. Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Saxe – Looked at the guide rails around Lily Field and other areas and feels that we should try to go with an all wood version which looks better.

Mr. Clark – No report

Mr. Dubow – No report

- E. Executive Session – Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss negotiations and to invite Sarah Taffel to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 8:33 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:27 p.m. at which time the meeting adjourned. No action was taken.



Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

att. Brennan Comments on Safety

Security – School and Town Facilities

The security of our school children, teachers, administrators and Town employees is a prime responsibility of every Town and School official.

The horrific Newtown tragedy in our neighboring community has shocked the entire nation. For it is not unreasonable to assume, if a mass murder can happen in Newtown, it potentially could happen anywhere!

For many years, Wilton Police and School officials have worked closely to implement security measures and to develop best practices for our School and Town facilities.

Most recently, there have been several meetings of Town, Police and School officials to review current security procedures and safety protocols.

While the consensus of officials supports current security measures, we can expect a major initiative to develop in the security products market in response to the Newtown tragedy. This will require careful analysis of new security technology and other proposals that meet Wilton's needs and are also cost efficient.

While Town, Police and School officials continue to exchange information with counterparts in other communities, I am recommending that the BOS establish a Wilton Security Task Force.

I believe the mission of the Wilton Security Task Force should be to further enhance the safety and security of Wilton's public and non-public school children and, more simply stated, to recommend measures to keep our school children, staff and town employees safe.

This will be a challenging assignment and will require that the Task Force be organized with Town, Wilton Police and School officials. In addition, citizen volunteers with public safety and security experience, plus a mental health representative would also be valuable task force members.

In summary, I am proposing that we establish a security task force, but that we do it in a well thought out process with a clear mission statement and charge.

Wilton Police Department and School officials are very supportive, and I am obviously very anxious to obtain the Board's thoughts and suggestions tonight.

- Discussion
- Next Steps