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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL

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

James Saxe

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Bob Nerney, Pat Sesto, Bruce Hampson, Kevin O'Brien.

J. Casey Healey, Bruce Beebe, approximately 20 members of public, Jan

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OTHERS: Three members of media

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/19/13. (Mr. Saxe was not present at that meeting.)

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Keiser Property Conservation Easement

Pat Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs, advised that plans to purchase this property began at least 10 years ago. The Town, the Land Trust and the Keiser Family are now ready to go ahead with the purchase of a conservation easement on 35 acres of property with great ascetic appeal. The Land Trust will contribute \$300,000 towards the \$2.5 million easement purchase price. A contract and easement will be finalized and brought to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting for authorization to call a Special Town Meeting for 11/19 to vote on the funding.

2. Revised Fee Schedule - Inland Wetlands Commission

Ms. Sesto advised that the IWC fees have been the same since 2001, although the State of CT has raised their portion of the fees. Mr. Dubow moved to approve the revised fee schedule as outlined (attached), effective 9/3/13. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. C-PACE Marketing Plan / CEFIA Grant / Memorandum of Understanding Mr. Bruce Hampson, Energy Commission Chairman, reminded that the BOS had approved a resolution to participate in the C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) Program. We now need a signed agreement with CEFIA to implement the program. Mr. Clark moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority and the Town of Wilton. Motion

4. Wilton Youth Football - Proposed Turf Field - Middlebrook School

Attorney J. Casey Healey of Gregory & Adams, representing a group of residents proposing to convert the Middlebrook School Athletic Field from sod to synthetic turf, gave a general overview of the plan which will use private funds to be raised. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a public hearing on 9/23 and the IWC on 9/26. Mr. Earl Goven, landscape architect with Blades and Goven, showed the plans for the \$800,000 synthetic turf and lights. Mr. Bruce Likly advised that the BOE has seen the plans, but has not voted yet, although he indicated that they are in favor. Mr. Dubow suggested sending the group the rules for a public/private partnership. Mr. Anthony LoFrisco, 33 Cider Mill Place, spoke about safety issues with synthetic turf, such as staff infections and ACL injuries.

5. Status of Capital Projects and Plans

seconded and unanimously carried.

The Middlebrook School roof has been completed and inspected. The Comstock roof replacement will begin this week and should take about a month. The Middlebrook toilet rooms are complete and will be inspected this week. The architect has been approved for the Miller Driscoll renovations project. A Letter of Intent has been signed and the contract is being developed. Mr. Saxe reported that a walk through at Comstock is scheduled for interested bidders on the project. The deadline for submission is 9/25 and a decision will be made 10/17. Regarding Yankee Gas expansion, Mr. Brennan reported that the next project review meeting will be on 9/18. YG is in the process of filing state and Metro North permits and is working on easements to be brought to the BOS. A public outreach program is being put together by YG.

6. Director, Facilities and Energy Management - Position Search Plans

The Board of Selectmen has approved the position description. The next step is the search process. Mr. Saxe, who was asked to do position search research, distributed his recommendation (attached) to use social media — LinkedIn, Monster.com and the CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Job Bank at a cost of \$940 vs. \$20,000 to hire NESC. He stated that this is what big companies are now using. The other Board members disagreed and feel that the expertise

of NESC is necessary to bring in qualified candidates and to recommend the best candidates for interview by the Town. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the contract for NESC to perform the search for Director, Facilities and Energy Management. Motion seconded and carried: 4 YES – 1 NO (Saxe)

7. Appointment of new Wilton Health Director

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Barrington A. Bogle as Director of Health for the Town of Wilton. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Once Mr. Bogle has been approved by the State Department of Health, Mr. Steve Schole, current Director of Health will retire.

8. Social Services Proposal to Dispose of Old Property Lien

Ms. Lauren Hughes of Wilton Social Services advised that Ms. Sondra Breeland is trying to obtain a reverse mortgage, but has a lien on her property that does not show an amount. The former Social Services Director believes that this was part of a State general assistance program that no longer exists and that the money would have been reimbursed to the town anyway. Town counsel has looked at this and advises that the Board of Selectmen release the lien. Mr. Dubow moved to release the current outstanding lien provided that Ms. Breeland does not owe any back taxes. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

9. Reappointment of Animal Control Officers

Mr. Clark moved to reappoint Robert Napoleon as Animal Control Officer and to reappoint Chris Muir as Assistant Animal Control Officer. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

10. Miscellaneous Other Business

On School Road Toddler Program – Mr. Brennan read comments (attached).

C. Public Comment – Ann Marie Galella, involved with Youth Field Hockey and Youth La Crosse, stated that these groups currently purchase field time because there is no time available for them on the public fields. Having additional fields in Wilton would mean that money could stay here and be used for maintaining fields.

D. Reports

1. <u>First Selectman's Report</u>: Mr. Brennan received many e-mails from citizens supporting a solution to the On School Road toddler program displacement. Thank you to all who have written. He will respond to each one tomorrow.

2. Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Dubow – No report

Mr. Clark - suggests looking into turf field safety issues raised by Mr. LoFrisco

<u>Mr. Hoffstatter</u> – appreciates Town officials listening to the parents and Director regarding the On School Road toddler program.

Mr. Saxe - No report

E. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

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Att.: Revised Fee Schedule - Inland Wetlands Commission

On School Road comments

J. Saxe recommendation for use of social media

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES REGULATIONS

FEE SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

Regulated Activity Applications	Fee
Minor Regulated Activity Intermediate Regulated Activity Significant Regulated Activity	\$150 + 60* \$450 + 60* \$1200 + 60*
ADDITIONAL FEES Subdivisions Other Residential Developments Commercial Development Significant Regulated Activity	Activity Fee + \$200/lot Activity Fee + \$200/unit Activity Fee + \$200/1,000 s.f. of proposed and/or altered impervious coverage Activity Fee + \$200/1,000 s.f. of disturbed land project-wide
Emergency Activity (see sec. 2.1.l) Map Amendment Declaratory Ruling Additional Compliance Inspections (see sec. 13) Permit Renewal	\$150 + 60* No Fee \$25 + 60* \$100/excessive visit Original Activity Fee
Corrective Action Permits	Fee
Minor Regulated Activity Intermediate Regulated Activity Significant Regulated Activity	\$300 + 60* \$900 + 60* \$2400 + 60*
ADDITONAL FEES Subdivisions	
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ON SCHOOL ROAD TODDLER PROGRAM

The Town administration recognizes that the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health's recent directive that the Town cease and desist the "On School Road" toddler program at Comstock Community Center had a significant impact on the families with children participating in the program and on the Director Sharon Cowley and her staff. The Town of Wilton and the Parks and Recreation Department staff acknowledge and are deeply sorry for the disappointment and distress this closure has caused the families affected.

Since being advised of the State's decision, the Town and Parks and Recreation Department have been rigorously exploring options that would allow Sharon's toddler program to continue in a manner that would be compliant with the State Department of Public Health regulations. Both short- and long-term options are being studied and considered in an effort to respond as quickly as possible to the families currently in need.

Town of Wilton officials will be meeting with Sharon Cowley tomorrow to review the various options they have identified to date. Given the variables that must be addressed, including possible alternative sites, facility requirements, possible collaborative efforts with other child care providers, or the development of a scaled down program, it is premature to establish any target dates for setting up future toddler programs.

Lastly, Town officials recognize the desire of the families who have expressed their heartfelt hope to have the toddler programs continued and are making every effort to develop a workable and achievable solution.

Once again, on behalf of the Town of Wilton and the Board of Selectmen, we are very sorry for this unexpected program closure and most appreciate your cooperation and understanding on this matter.

William F. Brennan First Selectman

for Town Manager Position Social Media Alternative

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