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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Bettye Ragognetti, Peg Koellmer, Bill Koellmer, Gary Gerard, Barbara Rockefeller, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Matt Coyne (Villager), Craig Donofrio (Patch)

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

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Clark, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Special Meetings Minutes – 1/12/12, 1/25/12
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – 02/06/12

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Taxes as per Tax Collector Memo of 2/15/12

Gifts

- \$15,000 from Cider Mill PTA for purchase of SMARTBoards at Cider Mill School

B. Discussion and/or Action

Mr. Brennan moved to scramble the items on the agenda. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

1. Grant Application – State of Connecticut Historic Documents Preservation

Ms. Ragognetti, Town Clerk, advised that we have applied for and received funds since 2001. For each document recorded by the Town Clerk's office, \$3 is collected, with \$2 going to the State Library. Those funds are then returned to towns in the form of a grant to be used for document preservation. The amount we are eligible to apply for this year is \$4,000. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the application for a \$4,000 grant from the State of Connecticut Historic Documents Preservation Program. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. FY 2013 Operating and Capital Budget – Next Steps

On 2/29, Bill Brennan, Sandy Dennies, Warren Serenbetz and Ken Post will be meeting with bond counsel to discuss the strategy for bonding capital projects at the lowest interest rates. On 3/5, the BOS will receive recommendations from the CPF on the various capital projects. On 3/8, the BOS Budget must be forwarded to the BOF. On 3/21, the BOS will meet with the BOF to review the budget. On 3/27, the BOF will hold a public hearing.

Regarding the Miller Driscoll Statement of Requirements, on 3/3, the BOE will review the final revised document. If approved, it will then come back to the BOS. Mr. Saxe indicated he has minutes of meetings of the Miller Driscoll steering committee, which he will send out to the other Selectmen.

3. Annual Townwide Clean-Up Day

Once again, Mike Conklin of the Conservation Dept. will be heading up this important event, scheduled for 3/31/12. Last year, 180 citizens volunteered their time to clean up the litter around town.

4. Wilton Warm Up Fund Raising Program

Peg Koellmer, Chairman, Commission on Social Services, advised that federal funds for fuel assistance were dramatically reduced this year. She gave an overview of the fund-raising campaign that has been going on the past few months. There is now \$45,000 in the fund, with a goal of \$68,000. Next year, it is hoped that an organization will take over, using the program that has been established this year.

5. Miscellaneous Other Business:

HEARTSafe: Wilton has been declared a "HEARTSafe Community" by the State Department of Health. Mr. Brennan distributed copies of a press release (attached). He thanked Ms. Nancy Capelle and Ron Hitter (WVAC) for the work they have done in submitting the application to make this happen. Aluminum signs will be posted along the roads in town to let everyone know that Wilton is "HEARTSafe". Of the 169 municipalities in Connecticut, 77 have this designation, which is a big accomplishment for the State.

Economic Development: Mr. Dubow is drafting the documents discussed by this Board, i.e. Mission Statement, Goals/Objectives, Vision, and Charge to an Economic Development Commission. This will be on the 3/5 BOS agenda and the plan is to appoint a Commission by July 1, 2012

- C. Public Comment: Mr. Gary Gerard, 82 Musket Ridge, feels that Wilton needs a noise ordinance to control annoyances such as howling dogs, ATVs, and leaf blowers being used in the early morning hours on weekends. In New Canaan, you cannot use machinery until 10:00 am on Sunday and in Norwalk, until 9:00 a.m. He distributed copies of ordinances from neighboring towns. Mr. Brennan noted that this is an issue that has been brought up in the past. He will put this on a future BOS agenda to begin discussion.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Storm Debris – More than 80% of the Town has now had storm debris picked up by the DPW. They are still working in the southern portion of the town and have moved 1.5 million lbs of chips. We have found that contractors are dumping piles of wood chips along town properties, such as Mollbrook Drive. The Police Department will follow through when violators are identified

Merwin's Meadow – The pond dredging has been completed and new sand has been spread around the perimeter.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Clark: He would like to ask the CPF to look into the feasibility of using the 20-year membranes for roofs that are leaking. This could be a solution for the Comstock building and others.

Mr. Hoffstatter: No report

Mr. Saxe: No report

E. Adjournment: Mr. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Press Release – HeartSafe Community Designation

PRESS RELEASE

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Wilton Designated as a **"HEARTSafe Community"**

February 21, 2012 – Bill Brennan, First Selectman, announced today at a Town Hall ceremony that the Town of Wilton has been designated as a **"HEARTSafe Community"** by the CT Department of Public Health's Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program, the Office of Emergency Medical Services, and the American Heart Association.

Mr. Brennan stated: "Being designated a **"HEARTSafe Community"** broadly recognizes many dedicated public safety employees and citizens, which includes members of the Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps (WVAC), Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians and Responders, plus Wilton police officers and firefighters. All of these employees and volunteers have been trained in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which greatly enhances the community's readiness to respond to cardiac arrest emergencies."

The Town is particularly grateful to Ron Hitter, President of WVAC, who has been a strong training advocate, and to Nancy Capelle, a 40-year old Wilton mother of two who suffered a heart attack on May 14, 2011. Fortunately, Paramedic Mike Szumigala of the WVAC, who responded to the emergency call, and the staff at Norwalk Hospital were able to save Nancy's life! In recent months, Nancy played a key role in the Town's attainment of the **"HEARTSafe Community"** award. "Her diligent work in the development of the necessary data to support the Town's application was extremely helpful, for which we are very thankful", stated Mr. Brennan.

Mr. Thomas Lenart, Connecticut Department of Health, Office of Emergency Services, made the presentation of a Certificate and a letter from the Commissioner, plus road signs indicating that Wilton is a **"HEARTSafe Community"**.

A **"HEARTSafe Community"** promotes and supports:

- CPR training in the community
- Public access to defibrillation through strategic placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs)
- CPR and AED trained and equipped first responders, and
- Early advanced care

The Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps is currently involved in a Community "Hands-Only" CPR program aimed at training the general public. Approximately 200 citizens have been trained during the past year. One training session per month is planned through June 2012.

In addition, several corporations in Wilton, including ASML, Wilton Family Y and Four Seasons Racquet Club have CPR/AED training every two years. Defibrillators have been placed in several buildings, including the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex, all of the public schools, Our Lady of Fatima Church and School, Village Market, Trackside Teen Center and the Wilton Library.

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