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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Kim O'Reilly, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Christian Camarota T. J. Buzzeo (The Daily Wilton), Tom Evans (Villager)

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

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Bruschi, the consent agenda was approved as follows: (Mr. Clark abstained from approval of minutes as he was not present on 12/20/10)

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of December 20, 2010

Gifts

- Gift in the amount of \$50 from Lawrence Janes and Nina Monaco to the Fire Department Gift Fund
- Gift in the amount of \$250 from Zachary and Ruth Sachs to the Fire Dept. Gift Fund

These gifts are very much appreciated and these donors are thanked for their generosity.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Southwest Regional Mental Health Board – Ms. Kim O'Reilly, MSW, Executive Director of the SWRMHB advised that there are five regional boards in Connecticut. The Southwest Regional Board, consisting of 14 towns, has been in existence for 30 years, under State Statute. As a private, non-profit, 501c3, it is the only citizen advisory organization responsible for monitoring the allocation of state mental health and addiction funding. She gave an overview of the assistance that is provided to those with mental health and addiction problems, who cannot afford help on their own. Their budget is \$162,000 including one full-time and two part-time employees, covered by contributions from member towns that are requested to provide 15¢ per capita. Mr. Creeth suggested contacting towns who are currently contributing to find out their experience and then possibly consider allocating funds for this organization.
2. FY 2012 Budget Plans
CFO Sandy Dennies distributed the FY 2012 Town Department Budget Requests, noting that health insurance is showing a 19.95% increase but that the state disapproved that increase request from Anthem so that number will be lower. Sandy and her team were thanked for the extraordinary amount of work that was put into setting up this new system for budget preparation. The first BOS budget review meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm.
3. Appointment of Aoife Sullivan to SWRMHB
Ms. Sullivan was interviewed earlier this evening. Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Aoife Sullivan as a representative to the Southwest Regional Mental Health Board. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
4. Re-appointment of Stephen Hudspeth to Council on Ethics
Ms. Bruschi moved to reappoint Stephen Hudspeth to the Wilton Council on Ethics. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
5. Appointment of Jeff Rutishauser to Investment Committee
Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Jeffrey Rutishauser to the Investment Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
6. Miscellaneous Other Business
Pension Submission to IRS – Sarah Taffel explained that the IRS is now auditing government retirement plans. On 1/11/11, Wilton must submit any amendments, negotiated and legislated, that have

been made to our retirement plan since the first audit of FY 01/02, which did receive a positive “determination letter” from the IRS.

School Bus Barn – The new above-ground fuel tank is now operating and the final report has been sent to the DEP. We are now working on the claim for reimbursement.

Senior Survey – The survey is expected to be mailed next week to approximately 3,000 seniors. Results should be available by the end of March.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman’s Report

Sidewalk Snow – A reminder that a town ordinance requires all sidewalk abutting property owners to clear the sidewalk within six hours after daylight following a snowfall. This helps to prevent accidents and liability to the property owner. There were good results after the recent 18’ snowfall but there are still some areas where the ordinance was not followed.

Dog Ordinance – There has been some confusion regarding the most recent amendment to leashing of dogs on fields during the winter season. Town Counsel is preparing clarifying language to verify the intent of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

2. Selectmen Reports

Ms. Bruschi – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter: Thanked everyone who contributed to the troop boxes this season.

Mr. Clark – No report

Mr. Creeth – No report

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

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary