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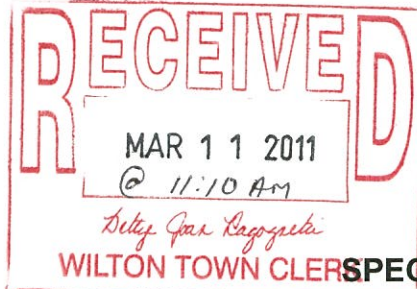
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

**GUESTS:** Sandy Dennies, Dr. Gary Richards, Ken Post, Sean O'Toole, Gil Bray, Karen Birck, Richard Dubow, Barbara Meyers, Malcolm Whyte, five residents/press

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

**FY 12 PROPOSED BOE CAPITAL BONDING PLAN**

Schools Superintendent Dr. Gary Richards, Director of Financial Planning and Operations Ken Post and Director of Maintenance and Facilities Sean O'Toole presented the proposed capital projects. Dr. Richards advised that for the past two years, the budget funding for maintenance has grown to \$800,000/year. As with the Town, projects have been deferred for many years and this has led to some challenges.

The first year, FY 12, of the Five Year Plan includes \$200,000 for design funding at Miller-Driscoll School. A steering committee has been working since 2007 on the various options for the building. They will be meeting again soon and bringing their final recommendations to the BOE, to forward to the Council on Public Facilities.

FY 12 requests also include:

Renovation of the Middlebrook School auditorium, to include new seating and air conditioning. Also renovation of the Family Science rooms and the Band Room.

Complete renovation of 10 bathrooms at Middlebrook and 20 at the High School which are 40 years old. These would be reconfigured to comply with ADA Code and possibly eligible for state reimbursement.

Mr. Brennan noted that last year, there was no mention of the bathrooms project. Mr. Creeth added that it was not in any Five Year Plan before this one. Dr. Richards explained that due to costly operational problems, the thought was to draw attention and try to get support. The design funding would be needed next year but actual construction would be during FY 2013.

Regarding replacement of oil tanks, Mr. Brennan asked if all were installed in the same year, since they should have a 20 year life expectancy? Mr. Post answered that all were installed with two to three years of each other. He will go through the records to get exact dates.

The approved Capital Process is to bring projects to the Board of Selectmen first and then to the Council on Public Facilities.

Ms. Bruschi asked about the priorities for FY 2012. Dr. Richards answered that the top two would be the Miller-Driscoll design work and some progress on the bathrooms. Mr. Brennan does not see justification for more space at Miller-Driscoll when projected enrollment is declining.

Mr. Malcolm Whyte stated that the role of the BOE is to develop the requirements, not the solution. The BOS is responsible for a solution and the budget. A Miller-Driscoll study group has been meeting for some time with no agendas or minutes posted for the public. The role of a study group is to create requirements and then recommend to the BOS to form a building committee with members of the BOE plus citizens. This is the way it has always been done in the past.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

  
Jan Andras  
Recording Secretary