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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

ABSENT: First Selectman Bill Brennan, Selectman Richard Creeth

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Bob Nerney, Tom Thurkettle, Ken Post, Ed Norgaard, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager)

Second Selectman Susan Bruschi 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 Regular Meeting of 5/16/11

Gifts

- Donation of \$600 to CERT by the Wilton Rotary Foundation
- Donation of \$1,000 to the Wilton Senior Center by the Wilton High School Gift Fund

Both contributing groups were thanked for these generous donations.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Recycling Violations

In response to a large number of citizen complaints regarding refuse haulers who are tossing recyclables in with solid waste when picking up at residences, DPW Director Tom Thurkettle reported that his office sent letters to each licensed refuse hauler operating

in Wilton (copy attached). He also stressed the fact that these haulers do not work for the town, but for the residents themselves. If a resident sees a problem with the handling of the recyclables, he/she should say something to their contracted hauler or switch to another company. Ms. Bruschi asked that the list of haulers who are licensed to use the Wilton Transfer Station be posted on the town website.

2. Yankee Gas – Installation Agreement

Ms. Bruschi advised that the agreement has not yet been reviewed by all necessary parties so a vote will not be taken tonight. Mr. Thirkettle advised that there is a lot of work going on to produce an agreement that can be agreed upon by all concerned. Time is of the essence and once the agreement is signed, the Town is ready to proceed. Wetlands permits are in place for site work at Wolfpit Road and Route 33 and P&Z has given approval.

3. 5 Dirksen Drive - Gift of Open Space

P&Z Director Bob Nerney advised that both the P&Z Commission and the Conservation Commission have approved the acceptance of this small parcel of land. Mr. Clark moved to accept the offer of the parcel of land known as 5 Dirksen Drive for open space. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Application for Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program Grant

Mr. Nerney advised that the Wilton Station Walkway Project, that would allow train commuters to easily access the downtown and adjacent residential areas, would comply with all of the eligibility criteria to file an application for a \$500,000 grant. Mr. Clark pointed out that this project is also in the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Mr. Clark moved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilton fully endorse the Town's application for funding under the TOD Program, meeting all of the required submissions required to allow for funding consideration, and that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to apply for a facilitation grant and to enter an MOE with the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency as required by the Act. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Application for Small Town Economic Assistance Program Grant Funds for Comstock Community Center

The proposal is to apply for grant funds to cover roofing at the Comstock Community Center (\$219,000), milling and repaving of the parking area (\$36,000), curbing and sidewalks (\$6,500) and automatic doors (\$10,000). Mr. Hoffstatter moved that the Board of

Selectmen authorizes First Selectman William F. Brennan to submit the application and to make all necessary certifications required and to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut to implement the grant funded project. (see attached).

6. Appointment to Wilton Deer Committee

Mr. Clark moved to appoint Mr. Steve White and Mr. Michael Russnok to the Wilton Deer Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

7. Delta Dental Renewal

HR Director Sarah Taffel advised that Delta Dental has been our Provider for ten years. Annually, they issue new rates and when approved by the Town, they become an amendment to the original contract. Ms. Bruschi moved to accept the proposed Delta Dental Rates (attached) and to authorize First Selectman Bill Brennan to sign the amendment. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

8. Miscellaneous Other Business

August BOS Meeting – Mr. Clark moved to cancel the August 15, 2011 BOS Meeting. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Employee Medical Self-Insurance Fund Account – Mr. Ken Post and Mr. Ed Norgaard were present to answer any questions about the proposed Cooperative Agreement between the Board of Education and the Town for the operation of a Self-Funded Account and Claims Payment Program. Mr. Post advised that as of 7/1/11, the BOE reserve fund will become a combined reserve when the Town will join in the self-funded arrangement. Appropriate funds were budgeted for FY 12. Mr. Norgaard will prepare monthly reports showing expected claims for the current year and for next year. He will also prepare quarterly reports to track claims and all other benefits. The Cooperative Agreement will be on the next BOS agenda for formal approval. Board members will read through the Agreement and submit any further questions before taking action.

Independent Contractor Agreement with William Gallagher Assoc. – Ms. Dennies explained that there will be two independent contractor agreements to approve in regards to the Self-Insurance Fund Account – one with Ed Norgaard for reporting and one with Trip McGarvey of Gallagher Associations. Copies were distributed to the Selectmen to look over before action is taken.

C. Public Comment: None present

D. Reports

1. Second Selectman's Report - No report.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Clark: Will be attending an Eagle Scout ceremony this weekend, representing the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hoffstatter: Read the Monthly Trackside Report.. Also, the Go Green group is working on kiosks for re-usable bags.

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

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

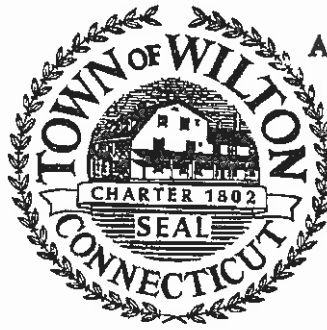
Att. A: Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program Resolution

Att. B: STEAP Resolution

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B/S 06/06/11
Agenda Item B-4

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RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT FOR THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED UNDER PUBLIC ACT 07-7

WHEREAS, the State Bond Commission approved the allocation of five million dollars for the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton has identified a project which complies with all of the eligibility criteria by integrating the train station and the downtown, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton wishes to participate in the program in support of the Wilton Station Walkway Project which allows train commuters to quickly and easily access the downtown and adjacent residential areas,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT, the Board of Selectman of the Town of Wilton fully endorse the Town's application for funding under the TOD Program meeting all of the required submissions required to allow for funding consideration, and

THAT, the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to apply for a facilitation grant and to enter an MOU with the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency as required by the Act.

I hereby certify that this resolution was approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on June 6, 2011 and that it remains in full force and effect.

Bettye Ragognetti, Town Clerk

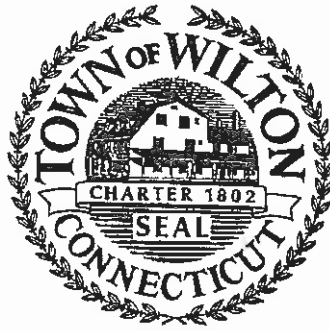
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Agenda Item B-5

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF WILTON'S APPLICATION FOR SMALL TOWN
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING

TO SUPPORT COMSTOCK ROOF MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS AND
PAVING/SIDEWALK MODIFICATIONS TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND ALLOW FOR
GREATER UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is making funds available to localities that are ineligible to receive Urban Action bonds in support of economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton, due to the prolonged recession, has been funding maintenance and repairs to its heavily utilized Comstock Community Center; and

WHEREAS, this single facility serves a broad range of residents – toddlers in a daycare center, student athletic programs, various community organizations for meetings, senior citizens' activity in the recently town-expanded senior center, and citizens in need of assistance via Wilton's Food Pantry; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Wilton has already garnered significant support from the community to improve the interior of the Comstock Community Center to better serve citizens, children and seniors in Wilton; and

WHEREAS, this facility, a former school, is in need of roof maintenance/repairs and the deteriorated parking lot and sidewalks of the facility require repairs/paving, and to allow seniors and handicapped residents to access the facility, automatic doors are a vital necessity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen supports the Town of Wilton in making application for STEAP funding in the amount of \$271,500 to complete the work that has already been done and continues to be done inside the facility; and

THAT the Board of Selectmen supports facility improvements that will enable the facility to serve Wilton's residents, especially Wilton's senior residents through improvements to the parking area, sidewalks and automatic doors to the facility; and

THAT, the funds will be used in concert with Town and gifted donations to enhance the services offered to all residents; and

THAT, the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes First Selectman William F. Brennan to submit the application and to make all necessary certifications required and to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut to implement the grant funded project.

I do hereby certify that this resolution was adopted at a Board of Selectmen meeting held June 6, 2011 and remains in force and effect.

Betty Ragognetti, Town Clerk

Date

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