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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman Bill Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Richard Creeth

ABSENT: Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Dr. Gary Richards, Arlene Gottesman, Ed Norgaard, Phil Damato, Pete Lucia, David Lisowski Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager), Craig Donofrio (Patch)

First Selectman 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: (Mr. Brennan and Mr. Creeth abstained as they were not present at the last meeting.)

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of 6/06/11

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Board of Education Pension Plan Modification

Dr. Richards advised that a result of negotiations with the schools secretaries, clerks and aides union, will be that every new hire after 6/30/11 will participate in a new defined contribution pension plan and not eligible for the Town Pension Plan. Vesting will also be lowered from 10 years to 5 years. The town's actuary has determined that there will be no extra costs with shortening the vesting period.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve the Board of Education Pension Plan modifications as proposed. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Presentation on Quality Data Tax System

Phil Damato, Tax Collector, and Peter Lucia of the Finance Department gave a demonstration of an improved on-line method for residents to pay taxes with service provided by Quality Data Tax Systems. Quality Data services are used by 129 out of 169 towns in the state and will be more cost-effective than our previous vendor. The on-line tax payment ability will become effective July 1 on the town website.

3. Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund Agreement

Selectmen had all received copies of the agreement and had an opportunity to ask questions at the 6/6/11 meeting. Ms. Bruschi moved to authorize First Selectman Bill Brennan to sign the Cooperative Agreement between the BOE and Town for the operation of a Self-Funded Account and Claims Payment Program. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Independent Contractor Agreement with William Gallagher Assoc.

Selectmen had all received copies of the agreement and had an opportunity to ask questions at the 6/6/11 meeting. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with William Gallagher Associates for services pertaining to the Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund Agreement. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Independent Contractor Agreement with Corporate Benefit Mgmt. Group

Selectmen had received copies of the agreement and had an opportunity to ask questions at the 6/6/11 meeting. Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Corporate Benefit Management Group for the services of Ed Norgaard pertaining to the Employee Medical Self Insurance Fund Agreement. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program

David Lisowski, Tax Assessor, gave an update on the applications to the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program. During the FY 12 budget deliberations, the Board of Selectmen recommended that if applications submitted for tax credits and deferrals were beyond the \$875,000 budgeted, they would ask the Board of Finance to make another \$100,000 available from the Charter Authority to provide

additional support to the Program. Mr. Lisowski reported that the additional funds are required. Mr. Brennan will forward a letter to the Board of Finance requesting the funding.

7. Audit Agreement – O'Connor Davis Munns & Dobbins LLP

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the Audit Agreement with O'Connor Davis Munns & Dobbins LLP. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

8. Provider Re-enrollment Application for Emergency Medical Services – Town Transportation Provider

Ms. Bruschi moved to authorize First Selectman Brennan to sign the Re-enrollment Application for Emergency Medical Services – Town Transportation Provider. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

9. Appointments to Council on Public Facilities

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Mr. Eric Cameron and Mr. Peter Millar to the Council on Public Facilities. Motion seconded and unanimously.

10. Reappointment to Area Nine Cable Council

Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Ms. Carole Young-Kleinfeld as a representative to the Area Nine Cable Council. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Ms. Lisa Bogan does not wish to be re-appointed at this time.

11. Reappointments to Council on Energy

Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint Mr. Bruce Hampson, Mr. Michael Lindberg, Ms. Dona Pratt and Mr. Hal Clark to the Wilton Council on Energy. Motion seconded and unanimously carried (Mr. Clark abstained). There is one vacancy on the Council at this time.

12. Miscellaneous Other Business

Yankee Gas – Ken Bernhard, Tom Thurkettle and Bill Brennan will be meeting with Mr. Rodney Powell, President and CEO at Yankee Gas' CT headquarters.

SWRPA – Some of the 15 regional planning agencies in the state have converted to a Council of Governments or a Council of Elected Officials. In July or August, a presentation will be made to the Selectmen on the benefits of becoming a Council of Governments vs a regional planning agency. A task force, including Mr. Brennan, is currently working on a set of by-laws for a COG.

Town Departments – HR Director Sarah Taffel had requested a new part time position that was not approved in the FY 12 budget. To help balance her considerable workload, effective July 1, the Finance Department will assume the responsibilities for fuel purchasing, copier leasing and handling of all town owned rental properties. This will allow Sarah more time to focus on upcoming labor negotiations and other human resource responsibilities.

C. Public Comment: None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Road Maintenance Account – After a rough winter, town roads have seriously deteriorated. The DPW is assessing the condition of the roads, preparing a prioritized list and getting bids from contractors for milling and paving. We will repair as much road length as possible with the funds available but we cannot fully address all of the roads with the \$650,000 in the budget. The cost of asphalt has risen substantially over the past year and in order to bring Wilton's roads back to reasonably normal conditions, a special capital appropriation will be required.

Council on Public Facilities – With tonight's appointments, we have a full Council who will be meeting to review and amend their charge.

Economic Development - Sandy Dennies recently attended a presentation on economic development at the CCM Annual Meeting. A written copy of the presentation will be forwarded to the Selectmen.

Mountain Lions – A conference call was held today with area First Selectmen/Mayors and safety personnel. There have been sightings in Fairfield, Weston, Newtown and Greenwich. The DEP and several other wildlife agencies are doing an assessment to find out if the animals are wild or have been in a captive environment. Once determined, a protocol will be prepared and sent to towns.

2. Selectmen Reports

Ms. Bruschi: No report

Mr. Clark: Within the next year or two, Wilton will be honoring its 100th Eagle Scout. Suggest having a town celebration at that time.

Mr. Creeth: The proposed Energy Bill was passed by the House. Hopefully, this will create tax-based financing for energy projects by homeowners.

- E. Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Jan Andras, Recording Secretary