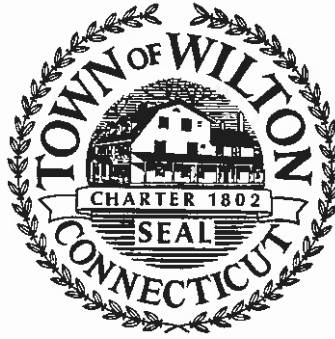


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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman Bill Brennan, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Richard Creeth

ABSENT: Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, George Ciacchio, Larry Kreutsh, Kathy Leeds, Malcolm Whyte, Glenn Hemmerle, Daniel Mahony, Ileana Barnes-Slavin, Nancy McManus, Bruce Hampson, approximately 10 members of the public, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Tom Evans (Villager), Craig Donofrio (Patch), Ken Zimmerman (Daily Wilton)

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:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of 07/18/11

Gifts

- Donation of a dishwasher to the Wilton Senior Center by Ms. Ruth Horn

Ms. Horn was thanked for her generosity in donating this much-needed gift to the Senior Center.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Wilton Commons Update

Mr. George Ciaccio, Wilton Commons Chairman and Mr. Larry Kreutsh gave an update on progress noting that they were very happy to get the news that the State Bond Counsel has approved the \$3.2 million. Mr. Kreutsh advised that there are also three other areas of funding – CT Housing Finance Authority (CHFA), a non-profit investor and the \$2 million fund raising effort. It is expected to take two months to complete the paperwork for the bond funds and they hope to begin construction in October. The basic building plans have been submitted to the Town Building Department for permits and construction is estimated to take 12-15 months. Mr. Brennan requested definitive dates be reported for the last remaining items at the August progress review meeting with the Town and our legal counsel.

2. Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Glen Hemmerle distributed copies of the Library's Quarterly Operating Summary, ending 6/30/11 (copy attached). Ms. Leeds advised that they have seen a significant cost increase this year in heating oil and are looking forward to savings with natural gas.

3. CT Clean Energy Community Program

Mr. Bruce Hampson, Energy Commission Chairman, gave an update on the CT Clean Energy Community Program. In 2008, the Energy Commission had recommended that Wilton commit to achieving 20% clean energy use in municipal facilities by the year 2010. This was accomplished. Now the recommendation is to commit to 30% by the year 2015.

Mr. Clark moved to approve an increase in the Town of Wilton's clean energy commitment to 30% of electricity usage at municipal facilities by the year 2015. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Salary Recommendations – Non-union Employees

This will be taken up at the end of the meeting in executive session in order to discuss individual employee performances.

5. Miscellaneous Other Business

Economic Development – Mr. Brennan prepared a letter of support for the TOD Grant application by the Towns of Ridgefield and Redding for a project to generate additional alternative housing in the Branchville-Georgetown area. (copy attached). Since a large portion of Georgetown is actually in Wilton, this would be a great benefit to the Town. First Selectman Rudy Marconi and First Selectman Natalie Ketcham appreciate the support.

TOD Application – Wilton has submitted our own TOD Grant application for the Wilton Train Station Pedestrian Walkway. Bob Nerney prepared an excellent application. We should receive the final decision this fall.

Scenic Road – Several months ago, an application for scenic road status was submitted for Wampum Hill Road. As per the ordinance, the required boards and commission (and the Town of Weston) were asked for comments. We just received the final submission - too late for this agenda. At the 9/6/11 meeting, the Selectmen will be asked to set a public hearing date of 9/19/11.

Yankee Gas – Yankee Gas will not start work until they have worked out a private easement issue. In the meantime, DPW is proceeding with work and while the trenches are open, they are laying conduit for the future installation of fiber optic cable.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report :

Eagle Scouts - Mr. Brennan was informed that Troop #125 currently has 94 and Troop #20 has 73. He will be meeting with local scout leaders to discuss plans for some type of recognition event.

BOS Meeting Absences – Mr. Brennan reminded the Selectmen of the procedure for absence notification (copy attached). Meetings cannot be called to order without a quorum present.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: As a member of the Energy Commission, he is very pleased with the new Energy and Environmental Protection Bill.

Mr. Clark: Agreed and noted that this Bill was broadly supported on both sides of the Legislature.

E. Fire Union Grievance Regarding FY '12 Step Progression

Sarah Taffel, HR Director had to leave unexpectedly for a family emergency. The August 15, 2011 BOS meeting has been cancelled, so this item will be addressed at the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 6, 2011.

F. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss salary recommendations for non-union employees (to include individual employee evaluations). Motion seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting entered executive session at 8:36 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the FY '12 Non-union Salary Recommendations. Motion seconded and unanimously carried (Brennan, Creeth, Clark).

G. Adjournment: Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

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July 28, 2011

TO: Rudy Marconi, First Selectman, Town of Ridgefield
Natalie Ketcham, First Selectman, Town of Redding

FROM: Bill Brennan, First Selectman, Town of Wilton

Dear Rudy and Natalie,

Thank you for the comprehensive briefing on the Branchville-Georgetown TOD Village proposal and status of plans to promote transit oriented economic development in the Georgetown area of the Route 7 corridor.

I have reviewed the grant proposal with our Director of Town Planning and Land Use Management and we are excited about the potential long term benefits to the region that will result from this project, when eventually completed.

As you both know, a considerable portion of Georgetown is located in Wilton. A section of this community, with many turn of the century homes, has been recognized and rightfully established as an "historic district". In addition, this district also includes the Gilbert and Bennett school building that has been transformed into a local community and cultural center.

Over the past several years, Wilton has been very supportive of the redevelopment efforts at the Gilbert and Bennett Wire Mill site, which also offers the potential of transit oriented development and badly needed housing for our region.

One of the pressing needs recently identified in the 2011 Wilton Senior Study was the lack of available alternative housing for aging seniors who wish to "size down" from larger homes to more manageable, less costly townhouses or apartments that are located in close proximity to available mass transit services.

The Branchville-Georgetown TOD Village addresses this identified need for this region and Wilton is most pleased to support the further study and refinement of the development plans outlined in the proposal.

It should be noted that \$30,000,000 in federal funds, as part of the national economic stimulus program, is presently being invested in an enhanced and centrally controlled signalization project on the Norwalk-Danbury branch line. When completed, the upgraded signalization system will allow increased train service on this line that will increase ridership. Better train service will be an important benefit to the region, as well as to potential residents in the proposed housing.

In summary, the Town of Wilton is very interested in this proposal, as its objectives are consistent with development needs identified in Wilton's Plan of Conservation and Development.

Please continue to keep us posted on the progress of your activity and advise how we can be of future assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W.F. Brennan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Board of Selectmen Absence Notification Procedure

- All Board of Selectmen regular scheduled meetings are published in the annual list of regular meetings.
- BOS meetings are scheduled for 7:30 pm. It is important to be in attendance at 7:30 pm, as all meetings require a quorum to start.
- Board members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings unless an illness or special emergency occurs. Please advise Jan when you are unable to attend due to illness, etc.
- Board members should advise Jan two weeks in advance, preferably via e-mail, of any expected absence from a regular scheduled BOS meeting due to a business, travel or other unavoidable schedule conflict. This request also applies to the BOS scheduled budget meeting calendar of events that is distributed in January.