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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

**GUESTS:** Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Lee Wilson, Malcolm Whyte, Bruce Hampson, Jan Andras

**OTHERS:** Matt Coyne (Villager), Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Craig Donofrio (Patch), Alissa Smith (The Daily Wilton)

Mr. Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. advising that Ms. Bruschi had a conflict this evening and could not be present.

**A. Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Mr. Clark, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2011
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2011

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Overpayments as per Tax Collector's Memo dated November 15, 2011

Gifts

- Donation of \$300 to the Senior Center by Peoples United Bank

This gift from Peoples United Bank is very much appreciated.

## B. Discussion and/or Action

### 1. Presentation – Energy Investments = Energy Savings

Mr. Lee Wilson of Wilson Properties LLC gave a presentation on energy investments that have been made to buildings he owns in Wilton and what these energy savings initiatives have done for him in terms of cost savings. Copies of data were distributed showing an average ROI of 20%.

### 2. Board of Education – Capital Project Construction and Renovation Project – Miller Driscoll School – Statement of Requirements

The Statement of Requirements (SOR) for the Miller Driscoll pre-school/maintenance projects has been submitted by the BOE, as required by the Capital Projects Process. This has been sent to the Council on Public Facilities for review. Mr. Malcolm Whyte, CPF Chairman, has looked over the document and feels that after they have their full review and send their recommendations to the BOS, perhaps the CPF could meet with the Energy Commission and the BOE to prepare a more complete document. Mr. Brennan advised that the newly elected BOS will be discussing this when the CPF review is received.

### 3. 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Mr. Brennan moved to approve the 2012 Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

### 4. Appointments/Reappointments

Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Mr. Gary Mecozzi to the Wilton Fire Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Ms. Loretta Foley to the Wilton Deer Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Matthew Kehoe is interested in serving on the Historical District and Historical Properties Commission. A brief interview will be arranged before the 12/5/11 BOS meeting.

### 5. Miscellaneous Other Business

Special Town Meeting – Mr. Brennan reminded that the STM to extend the Wilton Commons Option to Lease will be held on 12/1, at 7:30 in Middlebrook School.

Reappointment of Town Officials – Mr. Brennan moved to reappoint Town officials for a two year term, as outlined on attachment. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report :

Storm Debris – The DPW is still working diligently to pick up branches and limbs that came down during the storm. There are only 16 employees, with one CL&P crew, working to finish all town roads. Residents are asked to be patient. As earlier estimated, it will take 4-6 weeks, but we expect to finish all roads.

Major Disaster – The recent snowstorm has been declared a major disaster, allowing towns to apply for 75% of the associated costs to be refunded by FEMA.

CL&P – Mr. Brennan, along with First Selectman from Ridgefield, Redding and Newtown, have sent a letter to the Chairman of the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (copy attached). The CEO's plan to hold a press conference and speak next week at the scheduled PURA meeting, requesting CL&P to take immediate actions to be better prepared to respond to power outages during winter storms. Mr. Brennan will be speaking against any rate increase until CL&P has demonstrated reliable performance and has made structural changes to their operations.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: Thanked his colleagues, stating that he has enjoyed serving as a Selectman for the past 8 years. He also thanked the townspeople who voted for him for four terms. He has learned a lot and urges others to volunteer their time to serve on boards and commissions. It is a rewarding experience.

Mr. Clark: Will be having a home energy audit this Friday. Urged others to do the same.

Mr. Hoffstatter: Will be having a home energy audit on 12/8.

- E. Executive Session: Performance and Compensation-First Selectman  
Mr. Clark moved to enter executive session to discuss Performance and Compensation for the First Selectman and invited HR Director Susan Taffel to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. First Selectman Bill Brennan left the meeting at this time. Meeting entered executive session at 8:48 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Clark moved to increase the First Selectman salary by

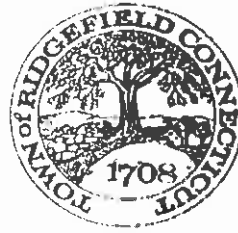
2.3% effective 12/1/11 for the first year of the four year term. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

F. Adjournment: Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

attachments: Letter to PURA  
Reappointment of Town Officials



November 16, 2011

Chairman Kevin M. DeGobbo  
Public Utility Regulatory Authority  
Dept of Energy and Environmental Protection  
State of Connecticut  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06151

Dear Chairman DeGobbo and members of the Commission:

We, the undersigned, are the Chief Elected Officials for four Fairfield County towns served by Connecticut Light and Power, which were badly affected by the extended power outages in the aftermath of Storm Alfred on October 29, 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene on August 27, 2011. It is our collective opinion that CL&P failed its customers and the State of Connecticut by its inadequate response to restoration, which left hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses without power for over a week in each instance. This is totally unacceptable, and since PURA acts as the sole regulatory authority overseeing CL&P, we respectfully request that you take immediate action to ensure that CL&P's response to the next weather related outage is vastly improved.

We are now staring directly into the face of winter, when ice and snow storm related power outages are far more common than the two freak storms that have recently wreaked such havoc on our state. We must be able to assure our citizens that the monopoly that provides power to them is indeed accountable for their service, and up to the task, **prior to the next storm**. While systemic changes may be warranted, and supported by the eventual release of the ongoing storm response studies, we do not have the luxury of waiting for on-the-ground improvements to prevent another weeklong power outage in subfreezing weather. Consequently, we ask that you immediately:

- Review the current CL&P crew staffing levels for adequacy in a large-scale power outage. CL&P has been allowed to reduce its workforce by 21% since 1998 and 16% since 2004, while the number of customers has increased. Clearly there is a disconnect here that needs to be addressed.
- Review the company's method for calling in mutual aid when necessary. Such mutual aid agreements should be examined and formalized to ensure rapid response when executed. No more "out of state crews may be on the way" days after the lights go out. Also, CL&P needs to improve the chain of command and management of these additional crews when they reach Connecticut. Our experience has proven that too often they arrive and waste very valuable time waiting for direction and/or partner crews to join them. For a multi-million dollar monopoly providing a basic life service to residents of our state, this is totally unacceptable.

- Require CL&P to provide the personnel necessary to restore power in a timely fashion without impact on the ratepayers. Connecticut already has the highest electric rates in the continental United States, and any improvements to bring CL&P to industry standards should be born by the shareholders, who enjoyed a 28.3% return in 2010, **not** by the public.

On behalf of our citizens, we express indignation at the way power restoration was handled in the two recent storms, and terror at the thought that this experience might be repeated soon during a winter storm when people would most certainly be put at risk by subfreezing temperatures. We do not have the capability to shelter our entire population, so CL&P must be forced to be better prepared to provide, maintain, and restore power. That is their business, and their responsibility. Please see to it that they do it...NOW.

Thank you.

  
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Newtown First Selectman Pat Llodra

  
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Redding First Selectman Natalie Ketcham

  
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Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi

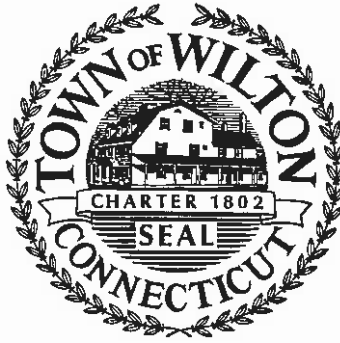
  
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             Attorney General George Jepsen

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

I move to appoint the following Town officials for a period of 12/1/11 to 11/30/13:

Town Clerk: Betty Joan Ragognetti

Treasurer: Sandra Dennies

Tax Assessor: David L. Lisowski

Tax Collector: Phillip J. Damato

Town Counsel: Kenneth J. Bernhard, Esq.

Tree Warden: Paul Young

Emergency Services Director: Paul Milositz