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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Tuesday November 24, 2020
Held Electronically

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell

ABSENT: Lori Bufano (Excused)

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Discussion and/or Action

1. Authorization for Additional Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief as per Article 1-Section 26A-10.2

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the attached memo to the BoS regarding her request for authorization to utilize unused budget for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief program to provide additional tax credits per Article 1-Section 26A-10.2. Ms. Vanderslice noted that both CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz and Assessor Sarah Scacco recommend the additional tax relief be provided on a prorated basis. The members concurred. After review and discussion request for a motion to authorize additional tax credits utilizing remaining funds of \$272,000, allocated on a prorated basis and authorize the Assessor to issue those additional tax credits. Motion moved by Mr. Cole seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 4-0.

2. Possible Authorization to allow the First Selectwoman to Enter into a Contract with a Vendor to Provide COVID-19 Testing for Wilton Residents and Employees

Ms. Vanderslice noted the increase in COVID spread in CT and Wilton has resulted in difficulties in obtaining testing. She recommends the Town sponsor testing within Wilton to facilitate resident and employee testing during this high demand period. Ms. Vanderslice shared staff has been in talks with

available vendors. Highlights included: Residents responsible for payment for their test. Clients of Social Services receive financial assistance. Testing conducted indoors at Comstock. PCR test only. After discussion and review Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to authorize the First Selectwoman to enter into a contract with a vendor to be determined to provide COVID testing for residents and employees, subject to Town Counsel review. Motion moved by Mr. Cole seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 4-0.

D. Public Comment
None

E. Adjournment
There being no further business, motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. McFadden to adjourn meeting at 7:12 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Rochester
Taken from video!

To: Board of Selectmen Members

From: Lynne Vanderslice

Date: November 23, 2020

RE: November 24th BOS Meeting

The following is information on agenda items prior to the meeting.

Authorization for Additional Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief as per Article 1, Section 26A-10.2

The ordinance, see below, allows the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, to provide additional tax relief up until December 1st provided there are unused budgeted funds.

\$272,000 or approximately 20% of the budgeted funds have not been used. This was primarily due to continued minimal requests to defer taxes. Utilizing the unused budget would result in over \$1,500 in an additional tax credit to those currently receiving the full \$4,900 tax credit and over \$75 for those receiving the minimum credit of \$250.

Assessor Sarah Scacco and CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz recommend the additional tax credits be awarded on a pro-rata basis.

From Section 26A-10.2:

Such tax relief granted to eligible persons of any fiscal year may also be adjusted, by the Board of Selectmen, or its designee, for any unused budgeted funds for the tax credit or tax deferral program up until December 1 of the fiscal year.

Possible Authorization to Allow the First Selectwoman to Enter into a Contract with a Vendor to Provide COVID-19 Testing of Wilton Residents and Employees

CT testing centers have struggled to keep up with the recent increased demand for testing. During the second week in September there were 87,000 statewide tests reported. During the second week of November, there were 221,000 statewide tests reported. In order to assist residents and employees during this high demand period, we are in discussions with a licensed testing center to hold weekly or bi-weekly single-day testing in Wilton during the month of December.

As availability of vendors changes quickly, I am seeking authorization to hold resident testing and authorization to enter into a contract with a vendor to be determined and subject to Town Counsel review.