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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Harold Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: CFO Sandra Dennies, Gail Lavielle (BOF), Judy Zucker, Jerry Holdridge, Joe Equale, Robert Nerney, Pat Sesto, four members of public

OTHERS: Joan Lounds (Bulletin), Christian Camarota (Patch.com), Kara O'Connor (Villager)

First Selectman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Creeth, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting, January 4, 2010 (Ms. Bruschi abstained from approval as she was not present on 1/4/10)

Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as per Tax Collector Memorandum dated January 4, 2010

Gifts

- Contribution of \$50.00 from Darrel E. and Judy A. Herbst to the Fire Department Gift Fund

The Board thanks Mr. and Mrs. Herbst for this contribution.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Consideration of amendments to the Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Ordinance

A public hearing was held prior to this meeting with a suggestion made to amend § 26A-7 regarding repayment of tax deferral benefits to read that the benefits shall be subject to simple interest *not more than* 5%.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt the amended Wilton Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance, including the amendment to § 26A-7 as discussed during the public hearing. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Update on misc. zoning issues

P&Z Director Bob Nerney gave an update on the Blight Ordinance. In the past, there were a number of private properties that had been historically neglected and complaints were being made by neighboring property owners. This ordinance is working well with the existing health and zoning regulations, and in some cases, the building code. The zoning enforcement officer, building official and health director have been effective as a team in working with property owners. To date, there has been no need to enforce the ordinance but the existence has been effective.

3. Misc. other business

IT Director John Savarese is requesting approval to apply for a state grant to be used to extend our broadcasting abilities to the meeting room in the Annex. Mr. Savarese was commended for the many improvements that have been made in televising the Board of Selectmen meetings. Mr. Savarese gave credit to our new videographer, Bob McCarthy, and Carole Young-Kleinfeld and Lisa Bogan of the Cable Council.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve the application for a state grant in the amount of \$43,983.00. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Greenways Trail – The DEP has approved the \$180,000 Trail Grant to establish a trail from the Maritime to southern Danbury. Final approvals are expected in March.

Speak Up Wilton – January 23, 2010, 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Trackside.

Route 7 – Police are patrolling Route 7 and issuing summons, not warnings for speeding.

Dispatch – In order to reduce costs, we are looking at structural changes for the Dispatch Center. Redding PD has installed the equipment necessary for regional dispatch. A task force will be formed to look into the complicated process of regional dispatch and if there could be savings.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth – No report

Mr. Clark – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – He reminded that Mr. Jonathan Kunitz will be present at the 2/1 Selectmen meeting to discuss the successes of the Plastic Bag Ban in Westport.

Ms. Bruschi – The tri-board held its first meeting. They will be inviting a group from Redding who did a study on purchasing and savings to speak on February 8 at 7:30 pm in Room B.

D. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss real estate legal negotiations and to invite Pat Sesto and Sandy Dennies to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 8:15 pm and returned to open session at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken.

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary