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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 16, 2021
Held Electronically

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

GUESTS: Doug Lomonte (Berchem Moses), Charlie Taney (NRVT), CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:05pm.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Consent Agenda

Motion moved by Ms. Bufano seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows, with suggested changes to the February 1, 2021 Exec Session minutes page 2 #4 change "om" to on and February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes add "\$" to first 80,500:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Executive Session – February 1, 2021
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – February 1, 2021

Gifts

- Jane and Michael Stavola – Headden Fund (Town Forest) - \$250.00

D. Discussion and/or Action

1. NRVT Cooperation Agreement – Doug Lomonte

Ms. Vanderslice introduced Doug Lomonte of Berchem Moses to review the NRVT Cooperation Agreement. He noted that the agreement is a 3-party agreement between the Town of Wilton, City of Norwalk and Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail. The agreement describes the rights and obligations of the Town, the City and Friends of NRVT with regard to the section of the trail funded by a shared grant between the two municipalities. He noted the agreement was drafted in cooperation with counsel for Norwalk and passes legal review. After discussion and review, motion for the First Selectwoman to execute the document moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

2. BoE Equipment Lease – Anne Kelly-Lenz
Item Tabled.
3. Town Clerk Targeted Grant FY2022
Anne Kelly-Lenz reviewed the Town Clerk Targeted Grant submission for FY2022. She noted the grant of \$5,500 would be used to digitize old highway maps. After discussion and review, Motion moved by Mr. Cole to approve moving forward with the Town Clerk Targeted Grant for FY2022. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.
4. COVID Update
Ms. Vanderslice noted the number of daily cases has begun to come down following the recent outbreaks. CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz is developing an estimated cost to provide vaccines through end of year. No additional word on the timing of the expected executive order related to annual municipal budgets.
5. 2021 Legislative Session and Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the attached presentation with the board which covered the subjects below.
 - Municipal and Education Grants
 - Regionalization
 - Housing and Zoning
 - Taxes
6. Possible Appointments – Conservation Commission, Board of Assessment Appeals, Zoning Board of Appeals-Alternate and Constable
 - Motion made by Mr. Cole to nominate Kim Healy as a member to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 5-0.
 - Motion made by Ms. McFadden to nominate Robert Wallace as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.
 - Motion made by Mr. Tartell to nominate Keith Denning as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.
 - Motion made by Ms. Bufano to nominate Lisa Pojano as Constable. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

E. Selectmen's Report

1. First Selectman
None.

2. Selectmen

Ms. Bufano
None.

Ms. McFadden

Ms. McFadden asked that the First Selectwoman forward a tentative schedule for budget meetings. She also asked if variant reporting was included in the CT DPH

reporting by town. The First Selectwoman responded that the variant isn't broken out separately and that very little variant screening is performed.

Mr. Tartell
None

Mr. Cole
None

F. Public Comment
None

G. Adjournment
There being no further business, motion moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Tartell to adjourn meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted
Jacqueline Rochester
Taken from video

2021 Governor Lamont and Legislative Session Proposals

- Municipal and Education Grants
- Regionalization
- Taxes
- Housing and Zoning

Governor Lamont's Proposed Budget

Governor's Proposed Budget-Municipal and Education Grants

- Flat funding of Municipal Grants
- New Two-Year BOE Grant Funded by the Dec 2020 CARES ACT Funds-Not State of CT
- Deferral of Required Increase in Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant

Governor Lamont's Proposals

Governor's Proposals

- **Broadband**

- Streamline broadband deployment processes
- Restore statutory build-out requirements for cable companies, produce detailed broadband mapping and adequate statewide broadband standards
- Office of Telecom and Broadband within DEEP that will track broadband deployment policies and standards
- Incorporate broadband commitments into economic development initiatives
- Expand consumer protections by granting reasonable oversight of broadband facilities to PURA

- **Local Government**

- Require Remote Access to Public Meetings
- Facilitate Outdoor Dining
- Reform of Regional Service Grants & Regional Performance Incentive Grants to promote voluntary regionalization

Legislative Proposals

Bills Proposed

Regionalization

- PSAP (Public Saving Dispatching)
- Assessor Functions
- Schools
 - Education Committee vote to consider school regionalization

Governor Lamont and Legislative Proposals

- **Taxes-Governor's Proposal**

- Local-Option Conveyance Tax
- Local Excise Tax on Cannabis Projects

- **Taxes-Bills Proposed**

- New Taxes to Fund Affordable Housing

Legislative Proposals

Housing and Zoning Proposed Bills

Proposals Utilizing Taxes/Grants to Prioritize Affordable Housing

- [SB 171](#) creates a “mansion tax” on homes with an assessed value over \$300,000, or market value over \$430,000.
- [SB 172](#) would establish a statewide tax on commercial and residential property to encourage affordable housing as defined by 8-30g. The tax has a “sliding scale” which reflects how far a town is from the required 10%.
- [SB 808](#) would property tax surcharge in some municipalities to fund affordable housing.
- [SB 712](#) would proportion school building grants to the level of affordable housing in a municipality.
- [HB 6240](#) provides 100% PILOT for State Housing Authority properties.

Legislative Proposals

Housing and Zoning Proposed Bills

Local Control

Pullbacks on local control

- [SB 804](#) is the Desegregate CT platform.
- [SB 551](#) and [SB 554](#) would require towns to permit a greater density of housing within a 1/2 mile of a public transit station than otherwise permitted by the town.
- [HB 5682](#) could require allowing duplexes in all single family zones.
- [HB 6287](#) would allocate affordable housing needs on a regional basis, set municipal goals, and create and enforce “fair share” plans.
- [HB 5983](#) would cap property tax growth to no more than 2% annually.

Support of local control

- [SB 553](#) would establish local zoning regulations as a municipal right.

Legislative Proposals

Housing and Zoning Proposed Bills -8-30

8-30j enforcement

- [SB 39](#) would promote fair housing, add teeth to municipal fair housing plans, and study affordable housing and zoning regulations.
- [HB 6107](#) would add a mechanism to address noncompliance with affordable housing (8-30j) plans.

8-30g reform

- [SB 488](#) would reduce the additional points toward 8-30g moratoriums awarded under PA 17-170.
- [HB 5680](#) would grant housing-unit equivalent points for municipalities that adopt affordable housing plans.
- [HB 5683](#) would include naturally-occurring affordable housing in 8-30g calculations.
- Funding and development
- [HB 5911](#) would require all state-funded housing to be at least 25% low income.
- [SB 590](#) would initiate a process to build affordable housing TODs on state-owned rail parking.
- [SB 49](#) would create a new workforce housing program in opportunity zones.
- [HB 6239](#) would study how government housing funding awards affect racial and economic segregation.
- Other
- [HB 5685](#) would impose rent control statewide.
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