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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2010  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

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

**GUESTS:** Sandra Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Chief Michael Lombardo, Cathy Pierce, Chris Weldon, Gail Lavielle, Judy Zucker, Don Klotz, Ann Klotz, Jack Majesky, Judy Zucker, Peg Koellmer

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

First Selectmen 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 (Mr. Creeth had not yet arrived) as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of 5/3/10

Donations

- Wilton Rotary Donation of \$636.37 to CERT

The donation from the Rotary Club is most appreciated.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Fire Department Update on storm damage and FEMA activity  
Chief Milositz could not be present and will be asked to attend a future meeting.

2. Police Department Update on recent activity

Chief Michael Lombardo and Police Commissioner Chris Weldon were present. Chief Lombardo reported that the biggest issue the department deals with is speeding, especially since the opening of the widened Route 7 six months ago today. Another related problem has been complaints about cars that do not stop for school buses that are stopped in the opposite lane. All cars must stop for buses, including those on both sides of four-lane roads. DOT has now agreed to put up a "School Bus Stop Ahead Sign".

After the 5/1/10 bomb attempt in Times Square, the department has been receiving calls from residents wanting to know what is being done to protect Wilton residents. We have a detective assigned to the CT Intelligence Center, which works with Homeland Security. The detective worked with the FBI on the case in Times Square and keeps the Chief informed.

The recent Postal Service thefts have been found to be much larger than the incidents in Wilton, possibly even international. The Chief has briefed the First Selectman but cannot give out information about this on-going investigation.

The Parisot case is still on-going and still a priority with the Police Department.

(Mr. Creeth arrived at this time - 7:47 p.m.)

Chief Lombardo thanked the Police union members for ratifying concessions for the FY'11 budget. The Board of Selectmen added their appreciation.

3. Social Services Commission - Report on activity

Commission Chairman Susan Chalons-Browne and Social Services Director Cathy Pierce were present. Ms. Chalons-Browne reported on the activities of social services, the senior center, computer center, and food pantry. There are 22 volunteers who collect food to stock the pantry and in April, there were 40 Wilton families who were able to benefit from its availability. There are 150 volunteers who help out at the senior center. The Social Services Dept. accomplishes many wonderful things for the town, with 2 full-time and 5 part-time employees, plus the many wonderful volunteers.

Mr. Brennan will ask Tom Thurkettle and Steve Pierce to look at possible ways to improve the Food Pantry to make it more attractive and better organized. Ms. Bruschi commended the

Social Services Dept. and Commission for shifting their focus to meet the change in needs of the community due to the current economic situation.

4. Amendment to Green Certificate Master Sales Agreement with Sterling Planet

Mr. Michael Lindberg, member and former Chairman of the Wilton Energy Commission, gave an update on the “20% by 2010 Energy Campaign”.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve the Amendment to Green Certificate Master Sales Agreement with Sterling Planet, Inc. Motions seconded and unanimously carried.

5. FY’12 Budget – advance planning

Mr. Brennan feels that the FY ’12 budget will be even more difficult than FY’11. Town employees forgo wage increases in FY’11 but we will be faced with an approximate 3% increase the following year, as well as dealing with medical insurance, OPEB, Pension and FICA increases. The \$1.3 million capital equipment budget is projected to be \$1.8 million in FY’12, as well as a proposed \$10 million in bonding for Town and School projects.

All Selectmen agree that it would be advantageous to begin the FY’12 budget talks even earlier than this year. Mr. Brennan will continue contact with the BOF chairman, BOE chairman and schools superintendent on this matter.

6. Economic Development Commission

At the next meeting, Mr. Brennan would like to begin discussions about forming an Economic Development Commission to help build tax revenue.

7. Miscellaneous Other Business

VMG – Tomorrow morning, the Veterans Memorial Green Committee will be holding a press conference to announce the fundraising campaign for a public/private project to install in the village, a flagpole and memorial to all veterans who gave their lives from the French Indian War to present. The schools will also be involved in the fundraising for the entire cost of \$65,000. Don Klotz, Ann Klotz and Jack Majesky of the VMG Committee were present tonight.

Investment Committee – The Employees Retirement Investment Committee has requesting an increase to six members. Mr. Creeth

moved to add a sixth member to the Employees Retirement Investment Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Dog Ordinance – Town Attorney Pat Sullivan will be drafting the wording for the proposed amendment to the ordinance for the next BOS agenda.

Senior Residents Survey – After discussion, it was agreed that a professional survey would be more objective and unbiased. Mr. Berenblum of NESC will be invited to the next meeting to answer questions.

C. Public Comment – None noted.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman Report

Insurance Analysis – Mr. Brennan met today with CFO Sandy Dennies and HR Director Sarah Taffel to discuss an outline for going forward.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: No report

Mr. Clark: No report

Mr. Hoffstatter: distributed copies of results from a Fairfield University study on the use of plastic bags. This will be on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.

Ms. Bruschi: No report

E. Executive Session

Mr. Clark moved to enter executive session to discuss union negotiations and to invite HR Director Sarah Taffel and CFO Sandy Dennies to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 9:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:32 p.m.

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the recently negotiated agreements with the Wilton Firefighters Local 2233, Teamsters Local Union 145, AFSCME Local 1303-160 and Police Union Local 1429. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Jan Andras  
Recording Secretary