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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Steve Pierce, Sarah Taffel, Chief Paul Milositz, Cathy Pierce, Tom Thirkettle, Jennifer Fascitelli, John Savarese, Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Peg Koellmer, Judy Zucker, approximately 5 members of public, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Kara O'Connor (Villager), Christian Camarota (Patch), T. J. Buzzeo (The Daily Wilton)

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 with an addition to the 11/1/10 minutes offered by Mr. Creeth regarding Re-usable shopping bags to note that Town Counsel will be consulted regarding the legality of charging for plastic/paper bags at check-out.

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of November 1, 2010

Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle and Personal Property Taxes as per Tax Collector Memo dated 11/9/10

Gifts

- Donation of a cello valued at \$4,000 from Joseph and Sally Beckerman to the high school orchestra program.
- Gift in the amount of \$50 from Pat and Alan Gould to the Senior Center

These gifts are appreciated and the donors are thanked for their generosity.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Comstock Community Center – Presentation on Expanded Senior Center Facilities

Ms. Peg Koellmer, who has been working on the improvements to the Senior Center, along with others, presented samples and pictures of the planned materials, colors and furniture that has been ordered for the newly expanded Senior Center. The current 700 sq. foot one room senior center will become a five room center with quadruple the space, including a café, game room with pool table, arts and crafts room and lounge with a big screen television. In addition, a dance studio room will be a shared use room for senior programs. Ms. Koellmer was thanked for the excellent work that has been done by volunteers and town employees to greatly improve this area for the seniors.

2. Predisaster Mitigation Plan

Fire Chief Paul Milositz was present, along with Ms. Nicole Davis of SWRPA, to request that the BOS authorize the First Selectman to sign, along with 8 other CEOs, the joint resolution adopting the Predisaster Mitigation Plan Update once it is approved by FEMA. FEMA requires a Mitigation Plan in order for municipalities to be eligible for certain public assistant funds. This is the required five year update to the 2005 Plan. A complete copy of the Draft Plan update is available at www.swrpa.org.

Mr. Clark moved the following – RESOLVED: that the request to authorize the First Selectman to adopt the "2010 Predisaster Mitigation Strategy Document, Connecticut's South Western Region" on behalf of the Town of Wilton, as prepared by the South Western Regional Planning Agency and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), by means of a joint resolution with the eight municipalities of South Western Connecticut is hereby APPROVED. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. FY 12 Budget – Improved development process

Ms. Dennies distributed samples of the budget format that will be used for the upcoming budget sessions. This software program was developed by IT Director John Savarese after comments that were received from the last budget. This abbreviated format will require only one binder.

ADD TO AGENDA: There were several items to be added to tonight's agenda. Mr. Brennan moved to add an executive session to discuss union contract negotiations, and under Miscellaneous Business the Bald Hill Bridge supplemental appropriation; a sewer lateral approval; and an ARRA Energy Grant. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Area Nine Cable Council Grant

John Savarese and Cable Council representative Carole Young-Kleinfeld were present to request approval to apply for a Cablevision Government Access Fund Grant in the amount of \$4,000 to improve broadcasting of meetings on channel 79.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the application for the subject grant in the amount of \$4,000. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Resolution to enable acceptance of \$200,000 STEAP Grant

Mr. Clark moved that the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Wilton in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved and that William Francis Brennan, First Selectman, is directed to execute and file such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wilton. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Reappointment of Animal Control Officers

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Animal Control Officer and Assistant Animal Control Officers as outlined on Attachment A. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

7. Re-appointments and Appointments to Boards/Commissions

Mr. Creeth moved to approve re-appointments as outlined on Attachment A. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve new appointments as outlined on Attachment A. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

8. Approval of 2011 proposed Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule as outlined on Attachment B. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

9. Miscellaneous Other Business

Bald Hill Bridge Appropriation – The BOS members were briefed on the need to replace the Bald Hill Bridge in April. A Federal grant has been approved for 80% of the project, with a 20% match by the Town. DPW Director Tom Therkettle predicts that the actual costs will come in much lower than the \$817,000 estimate prepared by the State, however, we must appropriate town funds based on 20% of the State's estimate, which amounts to \$163,540.

Mr. Creeth moved to recognize the cost for the replacement of the Bald Hill Bridge at \$817,700 and to appropriate \$163,540 from Charter Authority funds as the Town's share of the cost. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Sewer Lateral Request - The WPCA has approved a request for an easement to install a sewer lateral across town property to connect property at Lovers Lane to the sewer main on Merwin Meadows property.

Mr. Clark moved to approve a sewer lateral from 25 Lovers Lane to the sewer main shown on the map presented by the DPW Director. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Dog Ordinance – A child was recently bitten by a dog during a soccer game at Ambler Farm field. Comments have been heard that there were other dogs at the field that were off-leash. The P&R Commission will be talking with the sports directors to find out the extent of the problem of unleashed dogs at fields and report back to the BOS with an assessment of the problem and the Commission's recommendations.

ARRA Grant – The Town has been awarded an ARRA Municipal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant in the amount of \$76,295. An RFP was issued for energy management consulting services and the project was awarded to Strategic Building Solutions, LLC. Mr. Clark moved to authorize the First Selectman to execute the contract between the Town and SBS to perform

work set forth in the Request for Proposals. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment:

Mr. Milton Pohl, Hurlbutt Street – feels that the BOS should have scheduled an adjourned vote on Saturday following the November 30, 2010 Special Town Meeting to discuss extending the option agreement with Wilton Commons. He was advised that the Saturday vote is not mandatory by Charter unless petitioned.

Ms. Barbara Holdridge, 14 Forge Road – feels that Mr. Pohl should circulate a petition if he feels so strongly. Not having a Saturday voting session saves money. She also asked that information regarding related school expenditures that are actually in the town side of the budget be publicized more during the upcoming budget sessions, e. g. nurses salaries and the capital expenditures to replace the leaking fuel tank at the school bus barn.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report :

Bus Barn Fuel Tank – The concrete slab was put down and some site work is being done. The tank should be installed sometime next week.

VMG – This project has been completed. The as-built will now be sent to the land use departments to close out the permit.

415 Danbury Road – This town-owned property is now ready for rental.

405 Danbury Road (Marvin Tavern) – There are only a few more small items to be taken care of and then this property will also be ready for rental.

Transfer Station – the scale has been installed.

Traffic Violations – There is an on-going problem with cars not stopping for school buses on all four lanes of Route 7. Police do not give out warnings for this, it is an immediate \$460 fine. Drivers are also required to pull off to the side of the road for emergency vehicles and there is still a problem with cell phone use.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: He will not be in town for the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Clark: No report

Mr. Clark: The Go Green Committee has been working on a program to promote re-usable shopping bags. Mark Ketley, Director of Tractside, recently attended a Results Based Accountability Presentation. He is doing an excellent job.

Ms. Bruschi: No report

E. Executive Session

Ms. Bruschi moved to enter executive session to discuss union negotiations and to invite Sarah Taffel to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 9:20 pm and returned to open session at 9:38 pm, at which time the meeting was adjourned with no action taken.



Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
as per recommendation of DTC
11/15/10

Commission on Social Services – 2 year terms

Elizabeth Mason
Margaret Koellmer

Council on Ethics – 3 year term

Peter Kaskell

Council on Public Facilities – 4 year term

Owen McEvoy

Parks & Recreation Commission

Jamie Van Acker – until 8/6/11 (10 year limit)

Police Commission

Mark Ketley – until 2/17/11 (10 year limit)

Energy Commission – 2 year terms

Patrice Gillespie
Paula Byrde

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
as per recommendation of DTC

Council on Public Facilities – 4 year term

Bruce Hampson

Fire Commission – 2 year term

Troy Ellen Dixon

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
as per requirement of Department of Agriculture**

2010 – 2011

Mr. Robert Napoleon, Animal Control Officer
Mary Ann Kleinschmitt, Assistant Animal Control Officer
Herbert F. Roome, Assistant Animal Control Officer
Clifford Caruso, Assistant Animal Control Officer