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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009
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, Steve Pierce, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lounds (Bulletin), 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. Clark, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting, September 21, 2009
- Tri-Board Meeting, September 23, 2009

Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as per Tax Collector's memorandum dated September 22, 2009
- Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as per Tax Collector's memorandum dated September 30, 2009

Gifts

- Donation of \$775 by the Greens at Cannondale for the Senior Center newsletter

ADD TO AGENDA: Mr. Brennan moved to add a donation for upgrade of the High School Stadium speakers to the agenda. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Donation for High School Stadium Speakers

Parks & Recreation Director Steve Pierce advised that several of the sports booster groups have come together to donate \$5,000 for upgrading of the speakers at the stadium to enhance the audio. A firm that has done this work at several other schools in the state has submitted a quote for \$4,910.26. It is hoped to start immediately so that the improvements can be completed in time for a home game in two weeks. Mr. Pierce was asked to contact other schools to inquire about their satisfaction with the work of this firm before proceeding. This is a very generous gift and it is much appreciated.

Mr. Brennan moved to accept the donation of \$5,000 for improvements to the Wilton High School Stadium speaker system. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Approval of promotion increase to salaries for Chief Lombardo and Captain Crosby

The Police Commission is recommending to increase the salary of newly promoted Chief Lombardo by \$5,000, retroactive to 8/16/09, and to increase the salary of Captain Crosby, who is now second in command, by \$3,000, retroactive to 8/16/09. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve salary increases for Chief Lombardo and Captain Crosby as recommended by the Police Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Appointment of a Board of Selectmen representative to a Tri-Board Working Committee

At the Tri-Board (BOS, BOF, BOE) meeting held on 9/23/09, it was decided to form a working committee consisting of one member of each of the three boards.

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Second Selectmen Susan Bruschi as the Selectmen representative to the Tri-Board working committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

The Selectmen feel that it would be preferable to have two representatives from each group. Ms. Bruschi will bring that suggestion to the first meeting of the working committee.

4. Acceptance of a DOT State Matching Grant for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation
Mr. Brennan moved to accept the State Matching Grant for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation in the amount of \$25,256. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. This grant helps to fund the Dial-a-Ride program.
5. Town-owned Property - 415 Danbury Road Report
Mr. Brennan, Mr. Thurkettle and Mr. Nerney met with architect Rob Sanders, Chairman of the Council on Public Facilities, at the site of this historic house. Mr. Sanders recommends structural repairs to stabilize the building which will then allow further work to be phased over a 3-5 year period. It is hoped that some grant money might be available for historic buildings. In the meantime, the building can be mothballed and heat will not be required during the winter.
6. 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
Mr. Brennan moved to approve the 2010 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
7. Reappointment of Judith White as Wilton's representative to the SW Regional Tourism District
Ms. Bruschi moved to reappoint Ms. Judith White as Wilton's representative to the SW Regional Tourism District for a three year term to expire on October 1, 2012. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

“Super 7” – Along with State Senator Toni Boucher, Mr. Brennan will be holding a press conference tomorrow morning at 9:00 am in response to the attempts by Senator Duff to resuscitate the Super 7 project. Points to be made include the fact that there is no federal or state money and that the DOT is not interested in the project, believing it would not be approved due to environmental issues.

Second Grade Classes – Sixteen second grade classes from Miller Driscoll schools toured the town hall over the past two weeks and were given a brief government lesson in the First Selectman's office. Ms. Bruschi was thanked for filling in one of the dates that Mr. Brennan was not available.

Town Center – Mr. Brennan is working with the Chamber of Commerce to purchase and install holiday banners on the lampposts for the upcoming

season. The COC will raise the necessary funds and the town crews will install the banners along with the other holiday decorations.

H1N1 – The H1N1 Flu is being monitored and we are encouraging the regular seasonal flu shots.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Ms. Bruschi – She was recently appointed by Senator John McKinney to serve on the Governor's Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Board. As a pharmacist, she feels she can contribute to this important new board that will begin meeting monthly in Hartford. Congratulations were offered by all.

Mr. Hoffstatter – He attended the recent event in Fairfield where V.P. Biden, Senator Dodd and Congressman Himes were speaking about the ARRA funds. At that event, he spoke with the NESC Regional Director about budgets. Regionalization requirements from the state could be burdensome since they don't know the situations in each individual town. NESC looks at integrating services from the perspective of the towns. He is glad that the Tri-Board working group is planning to meet with NESC.

Mr. Clark – He would like to request an executive session at the next meeting to discuss personnel items.

Mr. Creeth – Along with State Rep Peggy Reeves and State Senator Toni Boucher, he recently met with Senator Lieberman at his office to discuss stimulus funds for Wilton Commons. It was noted that federal or state funds invested in Wilton Commons could create cost savings by housing citizens who would otherwise be placed in more expensive facilities. There are a lot of projects that could have a similar positive rate-of-return. Senator Boucher will be drafting a letter to Senators Dodd and Lieberman, and Congressman Himes outlining the possibility of a capital fund to invest in projects with a demonstrated short rate-of-return.

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary