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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

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

GUESTS: CFO Joe Dolan, Dr. Gary Richards (Schools Superintendent), Karen Birck (Board of Ed Chairman), Bruce Hampson (WHS Steering), Richard Dubow (BOE), Jim Saxe (BOE), Barbara Myers (BOE), Jim Lucey (WHS teacher), Ty Tregellas (Turner Const.), Alan Aldag (BVM), Glenn Gollenberg (S/L/A/M), Amy Samuelson (S/L/A/M), Carol Russell (Historic District), Kathleen Dineer, Milton Pohl, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Brian Shea (Bulletin), Brandon Evans (Villager)

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

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 – July 21, 2008

Employee Holiday Schedule

- 2009 Proposed Town Hall Employees Paid Holiday Schedule

Gifts

- Rolling Hills Country Club donation of \$250 to Fire Department Gift Club
- Georgetown Lions Club donation of \$200.00 to Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Wilton Adult Recreation soccer Donation in the amount of \$1,434.92 for backstop at Lilly Field
- Keep America Beautiful Donation of \$687 for bench in memory of Mr. Sal Porazzo

First Selectman Brennan thanked the organizations for their generous donations.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Wilton High School Capital Project Steering Committee presentation of Schematic Design

Board of Education Chairman Karen Birck introduced the team that has been working on the plans for the WHS renovations, which includes Glenn Gollenberg, head of the S/L/A/M collaborative K-12 Education Division; Amy Samuelson, Project Architect and Project Manager; and Alan Aldag, engineer from BVH Integrated Systems.

Ms. Birck then gave a presentation regarding the process that the WHS Steering Committee went through to get to this point. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes. She advised that the CPF approved the project on 7/30/08.

Mr. Gollenberg, Ms. Samuelson and Mr. Aldag then gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposed project.

First Selectman Brennan thanked the Steering Committee and all those involved for the enormous amount of effort that has gone into this project.

Mr. Brennan asked about the increase in energy use. Mr. Hampson stated that the current system does not circulate outside air. The building uses 41%-45% of the total energy costs on heat and only 10% on air conditioning. The total energy costs now are approximately \$700,000. The new project would involve a 6% to 7% increase.

This project is not eligible for any state reimbursement. Ms. Birck advised that there is no contingency plan if the HVAC improvements are not approved. If anything in this project fails in front of the voters, the Board has not had an opportunity to discuss Plan B.

CFO Joe Dolan advised that he needs to see the cash flow estimates so he can plan the borrowing schedule.

First Selectman Brennan moved to approve the WHS Building Project as presented and to move it on to the next step in the Capital Process. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Selectman Bruschi moved to hold a Special Town Meeting on 9/16/08 at 7:30 pm in the Clune Center, with voting to resume on Saturday, 9/20/08 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Clune Center. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

First Selectman Brennan moved that the existing WHS Steering Committee be dissolved with thanks and appreciation and that the Public Building Committee be established as presented (copy attached to these minutes). Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Ambler Farm Historical District – Review of Response from Ambler Trustees

First Selectman Brennan received a response from the Ambler Trustees advising that they have no objection to the ordinance creating Historic Property No. 7.

Selectman Brennan moved to hold a public hearing on September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Room B to consider an ordinance as proposed by the Historical District regarding Ambler Farm. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Non-union employees FY 09 Salary Recommendations

First Selectman Brennan distributed copies of proposed salary increases for non-union employees, explaining that the total 3.8% increase is consistent with union increases. These increases total less than what was budgeted for salary increases.

Mr. Clark moved to approve recommended non-union salary increases as submitted. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Consider appointment of Mr. Trevor Huffard to fill new position on Council of Public Facilities

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Mr. Tevor Huffard to fill the new position on the Council of Public Facilities for a term to expire on December 1, 2012. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Consider appointment of Mr. James Sorrentino to fill vacancy on the Council of Public Facilities

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Mr. James Sorrentino to fill the vacancy on the Council of Public Facilities for a term to expire on December 1, 2009. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Executive Session - Real Estate Transaction

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss a real estate transaction and to invite Mr. Joe Dolan to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Motion entered executive session at 9:05 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

- C. Public Comment – Ms. Kathleen Dineen stated that she is disappointed that the recycling bin was removed from the Town Hall without any sign being posted. There was no charge for bringing recycling here. She suggests that at Mather Street there be a place where people could place recycling without being charged the \$35 fee. Mr. Brennan thanked Ms. Dineen for her comments and advised that we were required to move the container up to the transfer station because it was not in compliance with the DEP regulations. There were

signs put up a week before. There was also an article in the newspaper. The container at the town hall was being misused by people dumping household wet garbage, commercial trash and even medical waste. We are looking into a way to organize the transfer station so that people can go only to the recycling center. The Town does have administrative costs has to charge some fee. There is a committee that is working to come up with an alternative plan.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Selectman Brennan read an update on the petition calling for a Special Town Meeting to allow the retail sale of alcoholic beverages in Wilton. Town Attorney Ken Bernhard has been researching the procedures and found that this cannot be done the same way as changes are made to ordinances.

There will be a "Town Hall Meeting" regarding the opposition to the FAA on 9/15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Brubeck Room at the Library. The mayors and first selectmen of 14 towns will be invited to attend. We would like to encourage citizens to attend and ask questions.

At the next meeting, Mr. Brennan will be giving an update on the "stretch goals" and there will be discussion about the feasibility of alternative work schedules with Sarah Taffel.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Creeth – will be giving Mr. Clark a report he has written about the transfer station in Chatham. He also thinks that the Board should consider making our process more efficient by sending out documents to members electronically to save paper.

Mr. Clark – on 8/25, he will be attending a meeting regarding flooding problems in the state.

Mr. Hoffstatter – stated that the "Troop Box" has a list of items needed and most wanted by troops. He will e-mail the list along with a list of those places to leave items. He will be talking to community organizations about paying for shipping.

Ms. Bruschi – no report

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

Attachment A: Ms. K. Birck Presentation

Attachment B: Building Committee Appointees