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Ross H. Tartell  
*Selectman*

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Tuesday August 17, 2021**  
**Held Electronically**

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

**GUESTS:** Dave Chaloux, Michael Blatchley & Gary Mandel (members of the Fire Union, Donna Merrill & Adam Goldman of Aspetuck Land Trust, Anne Kelly-Lenz-CFO, Sarah Taffel -Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Administrative Services

**A. Call to Order**

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**B. Public Comment**

None.

**C. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Ms. Bufano seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Minutes
  - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Executive Session – July 20, 2021
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**D. Discussion and/or Action**

**1. Fire Union Grievance – Step 2 Presentation**

Members of the Fire Union Local 2233 Executive Board Dave Chaloux, Michael Blatchley, and Gary Mandel presented the Union's position at the Step 2 grievance proceeding concerning the denial of personal leave carryover. Fire Chief Blanchfield and Sarah Taffel, Director of Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Administrative Services presented rationale for support of the denial of the grievance by the Fire Chief at Step 1. After review and discussion, Ms. Vanderslice noted the board would be entering into an Executive Session to discuss.

**2. Aspetuck Land Trust – Request for Letters of Support**

Adam Goldman and Donna Merrill of Aspetuck Land Trust (ALT) reviewed their Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition (OSWA) Grant to help them preserve 9.8-

acre in Wilton currently owned by Chris Montanaro. The board generally supported the purchase and requested further information related to the appraisal which supported the purchase price.

3. COVID-19 Update

Ms. Vanderslice noted Wilton had a high rate of vaccination and a low number of new cases. As such, she noted there wasn't a current need for a mask mandate for vaccinated individuals when indoors. She encouraged voluntary mask wearing when indoors with unvaccinated individuals.

4. Possibility of a January Special Town Meeting

Ms. Vanderslice noted the inability to include the Police HQ project and questions regarding cannabis on the November 2021 ballot would likely result in a Special Town Meeting. January 2022 would be the earliest possible date.

E. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectman

Ms. Vanderslice noted that the September 7, 2021 meeting falls on Rosh Hashanah so that meeting date must be cancelled. Requested members submit alternative dates.

Ms. Vanderslice noted the completion of the WHS Stadium track and thanked the members of the committee, John Macken, Chris McDougal and Steve Pierce.

2. Selectmen

Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole also commented on the track and noted it is a town asset. He congratulated all who were involved in the project.

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell noted that he ran on the track and it was wonderful.

Ms. McFadden

Ms. McFadden noted she can't wait to get on the track to test it out.

Ms. Bufano

None.

F. Executive Session for the Discussion of Fire Grievance

The board entered into Executive Session to discuss the Fire Union Grievance at 8:38pm and invited Sarah Taffel and Jim Blanchfield.

Out of Executive Session at 9:08pm and back into Regular Session at 9:09pm.

G. Consideration of Decision on Fire Grievance

Motion moved by Mr. Tartell to deny the extra time on two grounds:

1. The Commission decision was not a violation of the contract.
2. The Grievance was not filed on a timely basis.

Motion seconded by Ms. Fadden. As there was no discussion motion carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester

Recording Secretary

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