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TOWN HALL
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday December 21, 2021
Held Electronically

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Joshua Cole, Kimberley Healy, Basam Nabulsi, Ross Tartell

GUESTS: CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.

B. Public Comment

Sara Curtis of Cannon Rd posed the question of plans on providing updates with regard to increase in positivity rates with COVID. Ms. Vanderslice responded to her inquiry.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Cole seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Minutes
 - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – December 6, 2021
 - Board of Selectmen Special Meeting – December 8, 2021

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to move Refunds from consent agenda and move to item D7 under Discussion and/or Action. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

D. Discussion and/or Action

1. Authorization to Participate in Connecticut Opioid Settlement

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the request for Authorization to Participate in the Connecticut Opioid Settlement and noted town counsel reviewed the documents pertaining to the settlement. After review, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to allow the First Selectwoman to execute the settlement agreements on behalf of the Town. Upon further discussion and review motion moved by Ms. Healy seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

2. Authorization to Apply for the CT Communities Challenge Grant

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the Authorization to Apply for the CT Communities Challenge Grant. After discussion and review motion moved by Mr. Cole to approve the Town of Wilton to request funding from DECD CT Communities Challenge Grant Program for the Schenck's Island & Merwin Meadows project, the plan for which was approved by the

Board of Selectmen at the February 3, 2020 meeting, and to partner with private entities and others on the development team on the project. Motion seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

3. Update on Status of Projects

Ms. Vanderslice noted the architects for the police headquarters project requested an extension, which she granted. Possible special January town meeting no longer required. Referendum on Headquarters and Cannabis will be considered at May Annual town meeting.

4. Details and Timeline for Changes to Chris Burney's Responsibilities

Due to increasing facility needs, Ms. Vanderslice shared her and Chris Burney's recommendation that Mr. Burney step down as Director of Public Works effective February 1, 2022 and return to his previous duties as Director of Facilities and Energy for the Town and Schools. She requested BoS approval for her to make a recommendation regarding the Director of Public Works at next BoS meeting in January. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Nabulsi noted this item was discussed in Executive Session and he is supportive in moving forward pursuant to the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Ms. Vanderslice noted a previous decision to provide additional resources to the department, specifically someone with a civil engineering background.

5. Appointments – Town Officials

Ms. Vanderslice shared the attached list of officials to be appointed, noting the three non-town employees, Tree Warden, Deputy Tree Warden and Town Counsel. After review, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to approve the appointments of Town Officials as attached. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

6. Appointments – Tom Gunther – ZBA Alternate

Ms. Vanderslice noted Tom Gunther's application to fill the ZBA alternate vacancy. After review, motion to appoint Tom Gunther as the ZBA Alternate moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy. Mr. Cole noted that he previously served with Mr. Gunther on the ZBA board and that he was an outstanding contributing member of the board. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Refunds – As Per Tax Collectors Memo dated December 14, 2021

Ms. Vanderslice deferred to Ms. Kelly-Lenz who noted that the refunds were not related to the Webster Banks issues. After discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi subject to First Selectwoman reviewing list and confirming the appropriateness of those refunds. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

E. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectman

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the subjects below with the board:

- Ross Tartell has agreed to be the BoS liaison to the Economic Development Commission. Ms. Vanderslice clarified Mr. Tartell's role as liaison to the EDC.
- Winners of the Shop Local Eat Local program:
 - Linda Flanagan
 - Betsey Rafferty
 - Theresa Waldron
 - Linda Pressmar

Ms. Vanderslice thanked the four winners and all residents that participated for their support of local businesses.

- Ms. Vanderslice noted as of the prior Monday 88% of all Wilton residents had initiated the vaccine and 78% had been fully vaccinated. She provided further comments on COVID.

2. Selectmen

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell continued the conversation on COVID.

Ms. Healy

Ms. Healy posed a question about BoS in-person meetings. Consensus of other members was to remain remote while cases are accelerating.

Mr. Cole

None

Ms. Nabulsi

None

F. Public Comment

None.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:33pm. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester

Recording Secretary

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