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*First Selectwoman*

Joshua S. Cole  
*Second Selectman*

Kimberley Healy  
*Selectwoman*

Basam Nabulsi  
*Selectman*

Ross H. Tartell  
*Selectman*

TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, CT 06897

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Monday February 6, 2023**  
**Held Electronically**

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

**GUESTS:** Frank Smeriglio – DPW Director/Town Engineer, Police Chief Tom Conlan, Fire Chief Jim Blanchfield, Deputy Fire Chief John Plofkin, Town Administrator Matt Knickerbocker, CFO Dawn Norton

**A. Call to Order**

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to amend the agenda to 1: Add a personnel matter to the Executive Session, 2: Insert after item E-2 Approval to Enter into a Contract with Witmer for Purchase of Replacement Duty Weapons. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.

**B. Public Comment**

None

**C. Executive Session to Discuss Contract for School and Public Health Nursing Services and a Personnel Matter**

Motion to enter into Executive to Discuss Contract for School and Public Health Nursing Services and a Personnel Matter at 7:03pm and invite Town Administrator Matt Knickerbocker. Motion moved by Mr. Cole seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0

Out of Executive Session and back in Regular session at 7:38pm.

**D. Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes
  - Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 24, 2023
- Refunds
  - As per Tax Collectors Memo dated – February 3, 2023

- Gifts
  - Lynne & Paul Vanderslice – Tree to be Planted in Honor of John Lynch at new Police Station - \$1,000.00

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Proposed Contract – Truck Mounted Asphalt Body  
Mr. Knickerbocker and Mr. Smeriglio requested approval of a contract to purchase a budgeted truck for \$106,112.40. After further discussion, motion moved by Ms. Healy to approve the proposed contract for the Truck Mounted Asphalt Body. Motion seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

2. Proposed Contract – Lover's Lane Bridge Reconstruction  
Mr. Smeriglio requested approval for the First Selectwoman to execute a contract with Dayton Construction, which was reviewed by the state, for the Reconstruction of Lover's Lane Bridge. After further review and discussion motion to allow the town to execute a contract with Dayton Construction subject to final approval from DOT in the amount of \$3,232,797.50 with 10% contingency for unforeseen items subject to State Inspector and Mr. Smeriglio's review. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to add an additional item to the agenda to Discuss New NRVt Grant. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

3. Discuss New NRVt Grant  
Mr. Smeriglio reviewed with the board a request by the NRVt to partner with the Town on an application for a DEEP Recreational grant.
4. Approval to Enter into Contract with Witmer for Purchase of Replacement Duty Weapons  
Police Chief Tom Conlan reviewed the request for Approval of the town to Enter into a Contract with Witmer for the Purchase of Replacement Duty Weapons. He noted that current sidearms are over 8 years old and due for replacement. Cost is for \$45,000. After discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Tartell to enter into Contract with Witmer for Purchase of Replacement Duty Weapons for the Police Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.
5. Proposed Opioid Settlement Agreements  
Mr. Knickerbocker requested authorization for First Selectwoman to execute agreements to participate in the National Opioid Settlement. After further review and discussion motion moved by Ms. Healy seconded by Mr. Cole to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute the necessary documents to participate in the National Opioid Settlement.
6. 2024 Proposed Budget Overview  
Ms. Vanderslice presented and discussed the following PowerPoint presentation available on this link. [FY24 Budget - Final Dept Budgets for BOS 2-6-23.xlsx \(wiltonct.org\)](#)  
The proposed budget of \$34,673,596 represents a 2.15% increase versus the current year and an 8-year average annual increase of .86%.
7. 2024 Proposed Fire Department Budget – Fire Chief Blanchfield  
Fire Chief Blanchfield and Deputy Fire Chief Plofkin reviewed the 2024 Proposed Fire Department Budget with the board.

8. ARPA Funding for School Security Cameras

Mr. Vanderslice provided a follow up to the prior meeting's discussion of BOE requested security cameras for the schools. She requested the Board agree to use ARPA funds to fund any portion of the cost that could not be funded by another grant. After further discussion and review motion to fund approximately \$233,000 in ARPA funds for school security cameras as has been requested by the School Superintendent moved by Ms. Healy and seconded by Mr. Tartell. After additional discussion, motion carried 5-0.

9. COLA for Pension Retirees

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed possible options for a COLA increase with the Board. See attached. After review and discussion, motion moved by Mr. Cole to increase the COLA pursuant to the Option 3 percentages shown on the attached spreadsheet effective as of March 1, 2023. Ms. Vanderslice amended the motion to read age is defined based on age as of birthday in 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

F. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectwoman

- Ms. Vanderslice noted BOF public hearing on BOS budget has been moved from March 28, 2023 to March 21, 2023.
- Ms. Vanderslice thanked Tom O'Dea for a State Legislature Citation recognizing Chief John Lynch on his retirement

2. Selectmen/Selectwomen

Ms. Healy  
None.

Mr. Tartell  
Mr. Tartell noted the posting of the updated Civility Proclamation on the town website. Noted that Mr. Nabulsi, Ms. Healy and he attended the "Ask Me Anything" event held by the Pride Group. He noted Black History month and a Library series titled a "Rocky Road-The Struggle for Rights in America"

Mr. Cole  
None

Mr. Nabulsi  
Mr. Nabulsi noted Ms. Healy and he attended the launch of the Food Scraps program at the Transfer Station.

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

Having no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Ms. Healy at 9:08pm, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester  
Recording Secretary  
Taken from Video

**Possible COLAs****July 1, 2022 Retirees****FY2023 Benefit Payments****\$ 6,262,490**

	<b>Option 1- all at 1.5%</b>	<b>Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Option-2 Varied</b>	<b>Annual Benefits</b>	<b>Option-3 Varied</b>	<b>Annual Benefits</b>
Ages 80+	1.50%	\$ 15,216	2.30%	\$ 23,331	2.25%	\$ 22,824
Ages 75 to 79	1.50%	\$ 14,819	1.50%	\$ 14,819	1.75%	\$ 17,289
Ages 65 to 74	1.50%	\$ 35,683	1.50%	\$ 35,683	1.50%	\$ 35,683
Under 65	1.50%	\$ 28,220	1.00%	18,813	1.00%	\$ 18,813
		<b>\$ 93,937</b>		<b>\$ 92,646</b>		<b>\$ 94,609</b>