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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 8, 2024**

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Toni Boucher, Joshua Cole, Kimberley Healy, Basam Nabulsi, Ross Tartell

GUESTS: CFO-Dawn Norton

A. Call to Order

Ms. Boucher called the Meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ms. Boucher asked for a motion to add 2 items to the agenda under Appointments/Reappointments to add appointment to Inland Wetlands and appointment to Police Benevolent Association. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

B. Executive Session

- Interview EDC Candidate

Ms. Boucher asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:03pm to interview candidate for EDC and invite candidate Tom Shimko. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

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

C. Public Comment

Sara Curtis of Cannon Rd commented and gave the BOS an update on behalf of the residents of Cannon Rd regarding their traffic concerns. Ms. Boucher noted Ms. Curtis' concerns and noted she would follow-up.

D. Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes
 - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2023
- Refunds
 - As per Tax Collectors Memo dated December 23, 2023
- Gift
 - Wilton Firefighters Local 2233 – Ogden House Holiday Lund - \$400.00
 - Ellen J. Raleigh – CERT - \$200.00
 - Dian M Stark – Fire Dept Gift Fund - \$25.00

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Reaffirmation of Wilton Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation
Ms. Boucher reviewed the towns Civility, Respect and Understanding Proclamation. Ms. Boucher was not a board member when the proclamation was signed back in January of 2022 by all board members. Ms. Boucher read the attached proclamation and all board members reaffirmed their commitment and once again signed off on the proclamation. Mr. Tartell suggested that all town boards/commissions if they choose, be encouraged to adopt the proclamation.
2. Date Change of Proposed Change to Code of Ordinances Ch.8, Article I, "Sale of Alcoholic Liquor" to May Annual Town Meeting
Ms. Boucher noted the Special Town Meeting that was scheduled for January 9, 2024 has been cancelled. She noted the concern that a Special Town meeting may not have the number of voters in attendance required. The board thought it best to move to the May Annual Town Meeting when the number of voters needed would be assured. Motion made by Ms. Healy to change the date from January 9, 2024 to the May Annual Town Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.
3. Grey House Demolition
Ms. Boucher reviewed the Grey House Demolition with the board, noting the Grey House is located on the Town Hall Property near the Police Station and needs to be removed for the Police Building Project to move forward. She noted that 3 bids were received and recommendation for contract be awarded to the lowest bidder. After further review and discussion, motion made by Mr. Nabulsi to authorize the First Selectman to execute an agreement with Complete Dismantling Services for the removal of the Grey House in the amount of \$15,755 plus the \$400 per load, subject to review by legal counsel. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
4. Proposed Budget Schedule
Ms. Boucher reviewed the proposed budget schedule for 2024 with CFO Dawn Norton providing input. After discussion and detailed review with the board, motion made by Ms. Healy to approve the proposed budget schedule. Motion seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.
5. Appointments/Reappointments
 - Representative to HRRA – Matt Knickerbocker for term July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027
Motion made by Mr. Tartell to reappoint Matt Knickerbocker as the towns Representative to the HRRA. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.
 - Voting Alternate to HRRA – Toni Boucher
Motion made by Mr. Tartell to appoint Toni Boucher as the Voting Alternate to the HRRA. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.
 - Possible Appointments – Trackside Board
Ms. Boucher noted two appointments to the Trackside Board. Kevin Smith and Forrest Close. After review of the suggested appointments, motion made by Mr. Cole to appoint Kevin Smith and Forrest Close as the BOS liaisons to the trackside board pursuant to Section 3.4 of the trackside bylaws. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
 - Possible Appointment – EDC
Motion made by Mr. Nabulsi to appoint Tom Shimko as a member to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
 - Fire Commission – John Hall (Reappointment)
Motion made by Ms. Healy to reappoint John Hall to the Fire Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

- Inland Wetlands Commission
Motion made by Mr. Tartell to appoint Kathy Dhanda as a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission for a 3-year term. Motion seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.
- Police Benevolent Association
Motion moved by Mr. Cole to appoint Toni Boucher to the Police Benevolent Association. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.

F. Selectmen's Report

1. First Selectman

- Ms. Boucher wished all a Happy New Year and updated the board on the newsletter that is put out on the town website and the towns social media efforts, noting she will be highlighting the different departments within the town and furthering efforts to communicate with the town.

2. Selectmen/Selectwoman

Ms. Healy

Ms. Healy thanked the Department of Public Works for their efforts in plowing the streets from the storm over the weekend. She also noted that the Interfaith Group in New Canaan is hosting an event for MLK day and Adrienne Reedy (one of the Town's Police Commissioner) will be performing.

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell noted a project that was managed by Tammy Thornton of Wilton Go Green that took inventory of the different ways to communicate with the town.

Mr. Cole

None.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

G. Public Comment

Sara Curtis of Cannon Rd reminded Mr. Tartell on the name of the project mentioned, the project under Wilton Go Green was Sustainable CT.

H. Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0 to enter into Executive Session at 8:23pm to discuss the following items listed below:

- Wilton Library Association Private Partnership Agreement
- Personnel Discussion
- Discussion on Property
- Discussion of strategy and negotiations pertaining to pending litigation, Court Docket #FBT-CV19-6091790-S, Town of Wilton v. Bloodgood, Jr, John D., et al

Out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 9:33 pm.

I. Adjournment

Having no further business, motion to adjourn at 9:34 pm. Motion moved, seconded and carried 5-0.

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CIVILITY, RESPECT and UNDERSTANDING

We the Selectmen of Wilton, Connecticut, do hereby affirm our Town's commitment to strive for civility, respect and understanding and to value the diversity of those who live and work and visit Wilton, without regard to gender, religion, sexual orientation, race, national origin, ethnicity, disability, political views, or social or economic status.

We encourage all of our citizens to participate fully in our town government as envisioned in our Town Charter. Our commitment to inclusion of all citizens informs our values and enriches our community.

We further resolve that the principles of civility, respect and understanding will guide the actions we take as Selectmen.

Signed this 8th day of January 2024

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