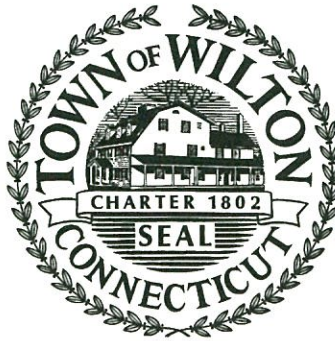


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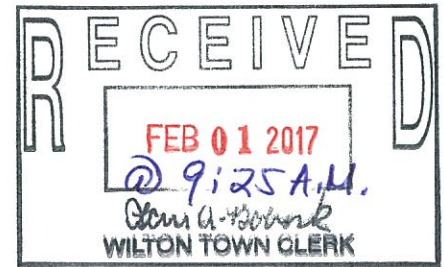
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY JANUARY 23, 2017
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL ANNEX**

PRESENT: First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, David Clune, Lori Bufano, Richard Dubow

ABSENT: Michael Kaelin (Excused)

GUESTS: Anne Kelly-Lenz

OTHERS: Members of the Press and Members of the Public



A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:32PM.

Ms. Vanderslice made a motion to add the America the Beautiful Grant Application to the Agenda as Item #1 under section E. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

B. Executive Session

Ms. Vanderslice called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:35PM to interview Brice Chaney – Conservation Commission and invite Brice Chaney. Motion moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

Out of Executive Session at 7:48PM.

Ms. Vanderslice called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:50PM to interview Lisa Stuart– Conservation Commission and to invite Lisa Stuart. Motion moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

Out of Executive Session at 8:03PM.

Ms. Vanderslice called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05PM to interview Jeff Lapnow– Conservation Commission and to invite Jeff Lapnow. Motion moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

Out of Executive Session at 8:25PM.

Back in Regular session at 8:27PM.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Dubow, seconded by Mr. Clune and carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 9, 2017

Gifts

- Sandra Mintz – Fire Department Gift Fund - \$200.00
- 911 Consulting LLC – CERT - \$800.00
- Synchrony Financial – Wilton Youth Services - \$67.65
- Horseshoe Pond

Irene Newman - \$25.00	Saul & Anne Pollack - \$50.00
Barbara & Gerald Holdridge - \$100.00	Leslie Rogers - \$75.00

D. Public Comment

Marissa Lowthert - 7 Year Resident spoke regarding the FOIA case she appealed regarding notice in fact in the Miller Driscoll Building Committee vote via email and in reference to Item 5 on the BOS agenda.

E. Discussion and/or Actions

1. America the Beautiful Grant Application

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the application. She noted that the grant is a matching grant; town would pay 50% and the state the remaining balance. Grant is being offered by CT DEEP and the maximum amount applied for is \$12,000. She noted that the town is obtaining the match through donations. The grant would be used to remove dead ash trees at Schenck's Island and replant the area with native trees to create a healthier environment. Motion made by Mr. Clune to have the First Selectman approve the application for the America the Beautiful Grant. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

2. Chief Crosby Retirement

Ms. Vanderslice commented on the decision that Chief Robert Crosby has chosen to retire from the Wilton Police Department. She noted that Chief Crosby has been a valuable member of the Police for 33 years, both well respected and appreciated with the community. She noted that the Police Department is well staffed with a lot of talented leadership. Ms. Vanderslice noted that based on town ordinance the Police Commission has the authority to appoint the new Police Chief and the Board of Selectmen have the responsibility to execute an employment agreement. Ms. Vanderslice will keep the Board up to date on the progress of finding a replacement.

3. NRVT Grant Applications

Ms. Vanderslice updated the Board of Selectmen on the NRVT Grant applications. One was Tap Grant (alternative transportation grant) that went through WestCOG and the other was the Trails Grant from DEEP. She noted that Trails Grant has been wait listed as they do not have the funds they were expecting.

4. Eversource Rebate

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the additional \$219,000 in rebates for efficiencies that will be issued for the Miller Driscoll Building Committee. Ms. Vanderslice noted that there may be minor items on the Miller Driscoll Building Project that may not be bondable and would like to set aside possibly around \$25,000 of the rebate in case anything comes up in the next six months or so. Mr. Dubow noted that the Miller Driscoll Building Committee met and that the Committee agreed that \$25,000 as an agreeable

amount to set aside. Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to recommend that the Board of Finance apply the rebate of \$219,000, less the \$25,000 to reduce the borrowing for the Miller Driscoll Building Project. Motion moved by Mr. Dubow, seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

5. March Meeting Dates

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the March meeting dates. March 6, 2017 is the best date for all for the BOS/BOF meeting. March 20, 2017 is the BOE public hearing which is the same day as the BOS meeting. Motion to move the Board of Selectmen March 20, 2017 meeting to March 27, 2017 immediately following the Public Hearing made by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

6. Amendment of June 2, 2014 BOS Meeting Minutes

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the reason for requesting an amendment to the June 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes. She noted the FOIA Commission ordered the Board of Selectmen to amend the minutes to disclose in more detail the topics discussed in executive session, the attendees and the vote to enter executive session. The order was received in 2015 yet the changes had yet to be made. Ms. Vanderslice noted that she has not spoken to all the members present at the June 2, 2014 meeting and it is not possible to amend those minutes until all parties have been reached. She noted that she will add to the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for February 6, 2017.

Ms. Vanderslice noted training was recently provided on FOIA requirement at the Board of Finance Meeting held on January 17, 2017 and there will be 2 additional training sessions to be held in the future.

Ms. Vanderslice asked the Board for a motion to shuffle the agenda and move Item 7 (FY18 Budget) to the last item on the agenda. Motion moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

7. Board and Commission Appointments/Reappointments

Ms. Vanderslice noted that several interviews have taken place for the open positions – specifically for Inland Wetlands and Historic District and just finished up interviews for Conservation Commission.

- Wilton Energy Commission

Ms. Vanderslice noted the Commission was looking for a candidate with PR background and moved to recommend Philip Murphy who interviewed for a different position but thought would be a good fit for the Energy Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

- Water Pollution Control Authority

Ms. Vanderslice moved a motion to recommend Ms. Armstrong for the opening on the Water Pollution Control Authority. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

- Historic District & Historic Property Commission

Ms. Vanderslice noted the Commission was looking for a candidate with an architectural design/construction background. She recommended Gil Weatherly for the regular member opening on the WHDHP Commission. Motion seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

Ms. Vanderslice recommended Lori Fusco for the position of an alternate member on the WHDHP Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

- Inland Wetlands Commission
Ms. Vanderslice recommends Kathie Mandel for the vacancy on the Inland Wetlands Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.
- Conservation Commission
Ms. Vanderslice suggested, having just completed interviews for Conservation Commission, that the Board take up the appointment at the next meeting on February 6, 2017.
- Schencks Island/Merwin Meadows Study Committee
 - o Andrea Preston – Planning & Zoning appointment
Motion made by Ms. Vanderslice to appoint Andrea Preston as the Planning & Zoning Representative to the Schencks Island/Merwin Meadows Study Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

F. Reports

First Selectman's Report

Ms. Vanderslice noted that she attended the WestCOG Annual Legislative Breakfast this morning. She noted members of the State Senate and House were present at the Breakfast. One of the things that the members made clear is that municipal cuts are a priority in this budget. They said they are hoping there will be an effort made to notify sooner rather than later but will not know by March 31, 2017. One thing mentioned by Ms. Vanderslice was representation in the COG (COGS were formed so that all have one vote). She noted that there is an effort that is being put forth to make representation proportional so that municipalities with population of 50,000 or less would have 1 vote and cities with population of 50,000 or more based on a formula would have more. She indicated she would research it more and bring for discussion at a future BOS meeting.

Ms. Vanderslice also mentioned that she visited with Mountainside-impressive people and impressive facility. They are one of the sponsors along with Youth Council for a second presentation by Dr. Luther.

There is discussion about a new historic district. Encourage residents to visit Historic District link on town website to learn how to establish an historic district. Encouraged more discussion among residents of the area.

Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Dubow

None.

Ms. Bufano

Ms. Bufano noted that she and Mr. Clune participated in the Conservation Commission Site Walk at Vista Rd. Thanks the Conservation Commission, Wilton Land Trust and the Garden Club for sponsoring it. She stated that it was a lot of fun and very informative. Encouraged the community to attend these events when they are offered.

Mr. Clune

Mr. Clune agreed with Ms. Bufano's comments and noted that the site walk reminds you how much open space the town has and is something that should be taken advantage of whether part of a group or on your own.

G. Public Comment

None

H. FY18 Budget

- Town Hall Administrative Departments FY18 Budget Requests

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the FY18 Budget Requests for the Town Hall Administrative Departments. She noted that budget requests total \$33,137,806 referenced in attached pages.

- Sarah Taffel presented the FY18 Budget Request for Human Resources, Labor Relations & Administrative Services.

- Anne Kelly-Lenz presented the FY18 Budget Requests for The Finance Department.

- John Savarese presented the FY18 Budget Requests for the IS Department.

Ms. Vanderslice reminded the Board of the Joint meeting with the BOF and the BOE on January 31, 2017, the budget session on February 4, 2017 and regular meeting on February 6, 2017.

- I. Adjournment – Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Dubow to adjourn meeting at 9:35PM. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.



Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
Taken from Video

BUDGET GOALS

Goals unique to FY 2018:

- Funding for phase 1 of the update of the **Plan of Conservation and Development** to allow for the planning of appropriate and reasonable economic development
- Funding to perform **deferred maintenance on town buildings, facilities and roads**
- Funding to complete the **statutory property revaluation**
- Funding to meet the **needs of an increasingly aging population**

Ongoing Goals:

- **Reduce and slow cost growth** through efficiencies and labor negotiations
- **Collaboration with the BOE** to reduce the overall Town budget
- Funding to **maintain the safety** of the Town and its residents
- Funding to **provide the services residents have come to expect.**

BUDGET REQUESTS SUMMARY

Budget requests total \$33,137,806 or a 2.9% increase over the current year budget as follows:

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Operating Budget	\$31,946,200	\$931,009
Operating Capital	\$ 1,191,606	\$ 4,917

Top five drivers of the increase are:

\$ 432,000 increase in wages and “step”. With a less experienced work force base wages have been lowered, meaning annual increases will be greater to account for “step” movement which recognizes increased on the job experience

\$212,000 increase in group insurance costs based on an estimated 6.5% increase

\$ 104,000 increase in Pension and OPED contributions based on a 3% estimated increase and the adoption of a OPEB Trust policy to fund 120% of the actuary’s recommendation when the funding ratio is below 85%

\$ 90,000 increase in building repairs

\$ 60,000 increase in the expected tax bill from the Georgetown Fire District