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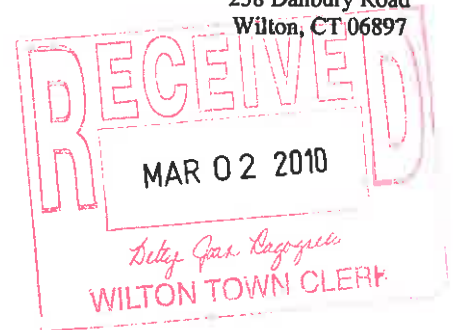
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BUDGET MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**



**PRESENT:** First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Harold Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

**GUESTS:** CFO Sandy Dennies, Controller Richard McArdle

**OTHERS:** Department Heads and employees noted below.

First Selectman Brennan called the first budget workshop meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. At this point the budget requests total \$28,258,033 or a 2.96% increase over the previous year.

**Operating Budget**

In the Human Resources department, it was agreed that this is not the year to hire a new part-time assistant, which is not to say that there is not a need.

In the Police Department request, which shows an increase of 2.3% over the previous year, s not planned there are no plans to hire a 44<sup>th</sup> officer during FY '11, reducing the total by \$102,000. This reduction revises the department's increase +0.9%.0, resulting in a 0.9% increase.

Parks and Recreation and Parks and Grounds requests are essentially flat at a 0.4% increase.

Social Services requests are a 1.2% reduction over last year.

As requested, Nursing and Home Care has come back with a reduction of \$18,000 from their proposed budget. This year over year increase is revised to +2.5%.

## Operating Capital

The total request in the CIP for the coming year is \$2,362,805, which includes \$747,000 for projects that would be taken out of capital and bonded. If too many projects are deferred or pushed out to later years, it will be hard to catch up again.

In DPW, it is being recommended it has been agreed to remove \$140,000 for the Sweeper in 2011 and remove \$100,000 from Pavement Management.

In Open Space Acquisition, there is a desirable piece of property coming up, however, some grant funds may be possible and this can be pushed off a year.


The plan for the Ambler Farm project was for \$250,000 for each of the next two years. A lot of progress has been made in stabilizing the building. It was decided that this next phase of the project could be pushed out another year.

The Police Department is requesting \$5,670 for replacement of shotguns. Mr. Brennan will find out if there is an immediate need for this and report back.

The Fire Department has requested a compressor replacement for \$49,000. For the past few months, they have been going to Westport to fill tanks. Mr. Brennan will look into whether we need to purchase a compressor or would be able to share with Norwalk or another town. The Fire Department is also requesting a replacement staff vehicle for \$44,000. It was questioned whether there were other less expensive options, such as purchasing a used vehicle.

The \$497,000 request for software for the integrated information system is bondable. Ms. Dennies explained the need for this program that could improve the availability of information for every department, including public safety. A work force as small as ours is further burdened with redundant data input. Ms. Dennies was asked to prepare a summary of advantages and benefits to justify the cost.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
Jan Andras, Recording Secretary  
(Minutes taken from video recording)