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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday July 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Meeting Room B, Town Hall**

PRESENT: First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, David Clune, Michael Kaelin, Lori Bufano, Deborah McFadden

GUESTS: Anne Kelly-Lenz, Sarah Taffel, Casey Healy, Richard Creeth

OTHERS: Members of the Press and Members of the Public

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

B. Executive Session

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss Non Union Employee Compensation/Performance Reviews and invite Sarah Taffel and Casey Healy for this portion of Executive Session, and to discuss Active Litigation Update-Café Ruche v Town of Wilton and Town of Wilton Counter Suit. Motion moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 4-0.

Out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

C. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Ms. McFadden seconded by Mr. Clune to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – June 18, 2018

Gifts

- Kiwanis – Summer Concert Series - \$150.00
- The Fair Group, William Raveis – Summer Concert Series - \$500.00
- Lynne & Paul Vanderslice – Summer Concert Series - \$1,900.00
- The Stroup Family – Wilton Rocks for Food - \$2,500.00
- Horseshoe Pond Lilly Eradication

Irene Newman – \$25.00	Christopher Mah – \$200.00
Phyllis & Harlan Murray – \$100.00	Susan Byron – \$25.00
Eva Pao & Douglas Cullen – \$250.00	

Ms. Vanderslice thanked all for their generous contributions.

D. Public Comment

None

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Assessor Field Work/Commercial Contracts – Anne Kelly-Lenz

Ms. Kelly-Lenz reviewed the Assessor Field Work/Commercial Contracts and requested authorization for the First Selectman to execute. She noted the contracts had been reviewed by Town Counsel. After review, a motion was made by Mr. Clune, seconded by Ms. Bufano to authorize the First Selectman to execute the Assessor Field Work/Commercial Contracts. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Financial Update – Anne Kelly-Lenz

Ms. Kelly-Lenz gave a general summary Financial Update for the Town.

3. 4th of July Wrap Up

Ms. Vanderslice noted that the 4th of July festivities were a great success. She noted it was a team effort amongst all departments and gave thanks to all.

4. July/August Meeting Schedule

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the meeting dates for the remainder of July, August and September. After review with the board, it was decided to cancel the September 4, 2018 meeting.

5. Proposed BoF Survey Questions

Ms. McFadden gave a brief review on the proposed BoF survey questions. Ms. Vanderslice and members of the board provided input on the suggested questions and additional helpful questions. The BoS will develop new questions for mid August. Richard Creeth noted that BoF Survey Committee member David Rothstein will donate all his services.

F. Selectmen's Reports

1. First selectman

- Retirement Announcements

Ms. Vanderslice noted that Captain Jim Gies of the Fire Department and Officer Daniel Sell of the Police Department will be retiring along with Senior Services Director Liz Doty of the Social Services Department. She noted that Town may be gearing up for additional retirements from Police and Fire. She also noted that the retirement party for Liz Doty is taking place on July 19, 2018 from noon-2:00PM at Comstock.

- The 411 on Roads and Private Property Responsibility

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed responsibilities for activities that take place on private property and the town's property. She referenced the attached Op Ed that was published in the recent paper. Ms. McFadden asked the First Selectman to clarify the difference between a town road and a state road.

Ms. Vanderslice noted that the town will be finalizing the 2019 paving list, which will be available next week. She commended the Department of Public Works for all the hard work they have been doing, as it's been a very difficult year with many challenges.

- Board of Selectmen Candidate Status – two submissions received
Ms. Vanderslice noted that received two applications for the BoS vacancy, one RTC endorsed and the other DTC endorsed. She once again noted that the deadline for anyone petitioning unaffiliated resident or from another party is July 16, 2018. Look to schedule interviews with candidates for August 6, 2018.
- Ms. Vanderslice reviewed a report received regarding the Wilton Real Estate market
- Ms. Vanderslice noted that additional car break-ins occurred in the early morning hours and encouraged all to remain diligent, lock all doors and if going out of town let the Police Department know.

2. Selectmen

Ms. McFadden

Thanked all for public participation in POCD Meetings. Also thanked Bob Russell for his periodic historic tours of different points in Wilton. She also spoke to recent events that took place in Town during the past week. She suggested the board get a report from the Tree Committee.

Mr. Clune

Thanked Parks & Recreation for the 4th of July festivities.

Ms. Bufano

Ms. Bufano noted that the Town of Wilton Concert Series begins this weekend at Schencks Island.

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Clune to adjourn meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 4-0.

Next Meeting – July 23, 2018



Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
Taken from Video

The 411 on Wilton Roads

Residents often inquire about responsibility for the land adjacent to town roads. There is a common misunderstanding that the Town owns the first ten to fifteen feet of property on either side of town-owned roads. Actually the size of the town-owned land between the road and private property varies by property. In some cases there isn't any town-owned land adjacent to a town-owned road.

Historically, the Town has relied on property owners to maintain up to the road. The same is true for state-owned roads. If an owner does not maintain the town or state-owned land adjacent to the road, either the Town or the State trims the area when the growth becomes a traffic safety issue. Of course the owners of the eighty plus private roads in town are responsible for their own maintenance. If overgrowth on private property is creating a safety issue, the Town works with the owner to have them address the situation or allow the Town to address, should they refuse to do so themselves.

If you are uncertain about your general property borders, you can view them on the Town's online GIS maps found at <http://wilton.mapxpress.net>. Or you can visit the Town Clerk's office and review the maps in person.

Since the late spring, DPW crews have been busy prepping roads for paving, sweeping roads, filling potholes and addressing road safety issues. Crews have been working overtime on the weekends due to the winter storm damage and short staffing as a result of retirement and worker's comp injury. Management is actively working to fill the resulting vacancy.

Please report issues with town-owned roads, such as a pothole or overgrowth, through the Town's SeeClickFix reporting system. This provides the most efficient and transparent means to address the issue. The work order is routed directly to the appropriate town employee and residents can follow the work progress. Calling or emailing the DPW department creates an extra step and thus slows down the work process. Instructions on how to access SeeClickFix can be found on the Town's website at <http://www.wiltonct.org/info/scf.asp>.

Please contact the State for issues with state-owned roads as follows: For Rt 7 , Wolfpit Road, New Canaan Road and Ridgefield Road, call 203-972-0388, For Sharp Hill Rd, Hurlbutt south of Sharp Hill Rd, Chestnut Hill Rd Cedar Rd and Westport Rd, call 203-227-7692. The State does not allow the Town to perform work on state-owned roads.

Our paving contractor has been working since May to complete the last of the FY2018 town-road paving plan. The status of those roads can be found on the Town's homepage at www.wiltonct.org. The FY2019 paving plan will be added in mid July. Thank you.