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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Held Electronically**

Ordinance to Allow for Membership in the Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Lori Bufano, Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell

A. Call to Order

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

B. Reading of Public Notice

Ms. Vanderslice read a portion of the attached Legal Notice and gave additional summary of the Notice.

C. Public Comment

Ms. Bufano read a letter sent in from Gary Kramer and the response from the First Selectmen.

Mr. Tartell posed a question regarding the process for selecting an elector to represent the town and the alternate. Ms. Vanderslice responded to Mr. Tartell's inquiry.

D. Adjourn

As there was no further public comment, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn the hearing. Motion made by Ms. McFadden to adjourn the hearing at 7:06pm. Motion seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Sec. C-24(A) of the Town Charter, The Wilton Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 pm to hear public comment on a proposed ordinance designating the Housatonic Regional Resources Recovery Authority as the Regional Resources Recovery Authority for the Town of Wilton and terms of the Town of Wilton's membership in Housatonic Regional Resources Recovery Authority.

The Zoom Public Hearing can be accessed on this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85798286427>
Public comment can also be emailed prior to and during the hearing to lori.bufano@wiltonct.org.

Below is the proposed language of the resolution to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen containing the proposed ordinance.

WHEREAS, the prevailing solid waste disposal practices in the Town of Wilton and in certain nearby communities could potentially result in unnecessary environmental damage, waste valuable land and other resources, and constitute a continuing hazard to the health and welfare of the citizens thereof, and present technology permits the conversion of residential and commercial solid waste into commercially valuable resources including steam and electricity, in an environmentally sound manner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury and the Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman and Weston are presently cooperating in a regional solution to residential and commercial solid waste management and disposal; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 103b, Sections 7-273aa to 7-273oo of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by the provisions of Public Act No. 85-478, provide for the creation and authorization of Regional Resources Recovery Authorities by the enactment by municipalities of concurrent ordinances; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Wilton to cooperate with the City of Danbury and the Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman and Weston with respect to the existing Regional

Resources Recovery Authority, which provides a regional solution to the problems of residential and commercial solid waste, management and disposal; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best Interest of the Town of Wilton that said Regional Resources Recovery Authority have the powers contained in Section 7-273bb of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 85-478.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF WILTON:

1. The provisions of Chapter 103b, Sections 7-273aa to 1-273oo, as amended by the provisions of Public Act 85-478, are hereby adopted.

2. A public body politic and corporate of the State, known as the "Housatonic Regional Resources Recovery Authority" (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority"), constituting a political subdivision of the State of Connecticut established and created for the performance of an essential public and governmental function was heretofore created for the purposes, charged with the duties and granted the powers provided in Chapter 103b, Sections 7-273aa to 7-273oo of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 85-478, and Chapters 446d and 446e of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, which Authority is hereby designated as the Regional Resources Recovery Authority for the Town of Wilton. The Authority shall be the Regional Resources Recovery Authority for the Town of Wilton and for such other member municipalities as shall by ordinance adopt the provisions of Chapter 103b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and designate the Authority as their Regional Resources Recovery Authority, and such other municipalities as shall by ordinance and upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may determine, hereafter become member municipalities of the Authority.

3. The Authority was established and created for the purpose of providing solid waste management and disposal services within the region of the Authority, which shall be the region within the jurisdiction of all of the member municipalities of the Authority, and which purpose includes providing for the disposal of residential and commercial solid waste, the financing, construction and operation of one or more solid waste disposal facilities for such purpose, and the delivery of solid waste thereto, including facilities for incineration of solid waste and production of steam, electricity and other by-products for sale to public utilities and others.

4. The membership of the Authority shall consist of one member from each member municipality of the Authority. Each such member, including each of the first members of the Authority, shall be appointed in the manner set forth in the ordinance adopted by each member municipality. Members shall serve for terms of three years, except that the first members of the Authority shall serve terms commencing July 1, 1986 and terminating as follows:

Bethel, June 30, 1987; Bridgewater, June 30, 1988; Brookfield, June 30, 1989; Danbury, June 30, 1987, New Fairfield, June 30, 1988; New Milford, June 30, 1989; Newtown, June 30, 1987; Redding, June 30, 1988 and Ridgefield, June 30, 1989;

Provided however, that members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and have qualified. In no event shall the terms of more than one half of the members expire simultaneously. If because of the addition or reduction of the number of member municipalities, the terms of more than one half of the members would expire simultaneously, then the terms of a

sufficient number of members shall be automatically extended for a period of one year. Said extensions shall be based upon the alphabetical order of the member municipalities.

Each member municipality may appoint one alternate member of the Authority who shall act in the event of the disability or absence for any other reason of the member of the municipality. Said alternate member shall only have a voice and vote at Authority meetings if the member from said municipality is absent from the meeting.

5. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilton shall appoint the Wilton member and alternate to the Authority. The Board of Selectmen shall fill any vacancy which occurs and may remove said member or alternate for cause. No person shall be eligible for appointment as a Wilton member or alternate to the Authority unless at the time of his appointment he is an elector of the Town. Any such person who ceases to be an elector of the Town shall thereupon cease to hold said office.

6. The Authority shall operate with one hundred voting units which shall be assigned to member municipalities in proportion to each municipality's share of the total population of all members of the Authority as determined by the latest decennial federal census of population. There shall be no fractional votes and each municipality shall have a minimum of one vote. The distribution of voting units among members shall be recomputed following each decennial federal census and upon the withdrawal or termination of any member municipality or the admission of a new member municipality. All actions by the Authority shall require the affirmative vote of at least fifty-one percent of the total voting units present and voting at a duly called meeting of the Authority at which a quorum is present. Members of the Authority holding a majority of the voting units shall constitute a quorum, provided that no quorum shall be deemed to exist unless at least fifty percent of the members of the Authority shall be present.

7. Members of the Authority shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses.

8. Member municipalities may withdraw from the Authority only after agreeing, in writing, to comply with the terms and conditions contained in any contracts between such municipality and the Authority, or the holders of any bonds of the Authority. No such withdrawal shall relieve such municipality of any liability, responsibility or obligation incurred by it as a member of the Authority or as a user of any of the Authority's projects.

Lynne A. Vanderslice, First Selectman