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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter **ABSENT:** Selectman Susan Bruschi

**GUESTS:** Sandy Dennies, Chief Michael Lombardo, Chief Paul Milositz, Dr. Gary Richards, Ken Post, Gil Bray, John Savarese, Lynne Vanderslice, Gail Lavielle, Tripp McGarvey, approximately 5 members of public, Jan Andras

**OTHERS:** Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Kara O'Connor (Villager), Christian Camarota (Patch), T. J. Buzzeo (The Daily Wilton)

First Selectmen Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Before any business was taken up, a special Citizen Heroism Award presentation was made on behalf of the Town by Police Chief Michael Lombardo and Fire Chief Paul Milositz to Mr. Tim LaBant and Mr. Carl Strate, Jr. These two Wiltonians placed their own lives at risk in an attempt to rescue a kayaker from the Norwalk River. They were applauded by those present, including their families who were in attendance.

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Creeth, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of November 15, 2010

### Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle and Personal Property Taxes as per Tax Collector Memo dated 11/19/10

### Gifts

- Gift in the amount of \$25 from Adeline Sander to the Fire Department Gift Fund

This gift is appreciated and Ms. Sander was thanked for her generosity.

### B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Presentation by Dr. Gary Richards, School Superintendent, on long term school strategy  
Dr. Richards presented slides and an overview of the Wilton Public Schools Strategic Plan for 2010-2013.
2. Go-Green Committee proposal for educational campaign – Reusable bags – This has been re-scheduled for the next meeting on December 20, 2010.
3. Board of Education and Town – Combined Self Insurance Proposal  
Ms. Dennies reported that both she and Sarah Taffel have been looking for ways to reduce costs for health insurance. They have been working with Ken Post to combine the Town employees with the BOE self funded insurance program. Mr. Post then described the arrangement and the advantages. This arrangement, which will go into effect on July 1, 2011, will maintain the current benefit plans with no coverage changes. Mr. Post, Dr. Richards and BOE Chairman Gil Bray were thanked for their cooperation and work to assist in this cost-saving effort.
4. Board of Finance – Three year mill rate forecast and rationale  
BOF member Lynne Vanderslice distributed copies of a mill rate model she had prepared to assist the BOF in forecasting the effects of possible increases. These numbers were based on the facts that a) growth in the grand list has slowed significantly, b) revenues will be decreasing or are at historically low levels, c) from the charter authority, we have already utilized \$500,000 for unexpected expenses related to the underground fuel tank at the bus barn, and d) the fund balance is down to 10% which means no funds can be used to help offset tax increases this coming year.

It was stressed that no decisions have been made at this time regarding mill rate increases. The Town and BOE will develop their budget requests in the normal way and submit them to the BOF.

5. Appointment to Inland Wetlands Commission

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Elizabeth Y. Craig as a member of the Inland-Wetlands Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Appointment to Inland Wetlands Commission

Mr. Clark moved to appoint Dennis Delaney as a member of the Inland-Wetlands Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

7. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Clark moved to appoint Joseph Fiteni, Jr. as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

8. Appointment to Tree Committee

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Barbara Quincy as a member of the Tree Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

9. Re-appointment to Investment Committee

Mr. Clark moved to re-appoint Robert Shultz as a member of the Investment Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

10. Miscellaneous Other Business

Wilton Commons – The recent one-night only STM unanimously approved the extension of the Option to Lease agreement. This indicates the strong community support and justifies the Board of Selectmen’s decision to spare the expense of holding an adjourned Saturday vote, which is not mandatory by Charter.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman’s Report :

Bus Barn Fuel Tank – The above ground tank was installed today and following the required inspections, will hopefully be in operation by the end of next week.

405 and 415 Danbury Road – All work has been completed and these two historical town-owned properties are ready for rental. Mr.

Brennan suggested that the BOS meet at 7 pm on Monday, 12/20 to tour the two houses before they are occupied by tenants.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: No report

Mr. Clark: No report

Mr. Hoffstatter: Troop Box donations are especially welcome during the holidays.

E. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss matters concerning public safety and security and to invite Chief Lombardo, Deputy Chief Crosby, Sandy Dennies, Fire Commissioner Chris Weldon and IT Director John Savarese to attend. Meeting entered executive session at 9:00 pm and returned to open session at 9:31 pm, at which time the meeting was adjourned with no action taken.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary