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# BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman

Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter ABSENT: Susan Bruschi

GUESTS: Sarah Taffel, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Christian Camarota, T. J. Buzzeo

First Selectmen Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

## A. Consent Agenda

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

#### Minutes

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of January 3, 2011

#### Gifts

- Gift of cabinets for the new Senior Center game room from Eleanor Mihalidis, costing \$4,779.15
- Gift of \$50 from William and Elizabeth Reiss to the Fire Department Gift Fund

These gifts are very much appreciated and these donors are thanked for their generosity.

#### B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Norwalk River Valley Trail – Mr. Clark moved the following: Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Wilton, CT to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, William F. Brennan, the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Wilton, CT. William F. Brennan currently holds the office of First Selectman and has held that office since December 1, 2005. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

This resolution is required by the DEP to execute contracts to receive the \$180,000 Grant approved for the Norwalk River Valley Trail.

# 2. <u>Investment of Undesignated Fund Balance</u>

The Investment Committee and the Board of Finance have voted to recommend the investment of up to 50% of the undesignated fund balance in government agency mortgage backed securities. Upon reading the minutes of the BOF meeting, Mr. Creeth noted that two of the members voted in the negative and he would like to know their concerns. He would also like to see more information, i.e. a prospectus. The other Selectmen agreed that more information is needed and since the CFO is unable to be here tonight due to illness, this matter should be tabled until the next meeting.

#### 3. Resolution for Investment of Funds

Mr. Creeth moved the following: Be it resolved that Sandra L. Dennis, Treasurer and CFO, and in the event that the Treasurer is unavailable to serve, then Richard McArdle and William F. Brennan so serve in said capacity, are hereby authorized to enter orders to purchase, sell or sell short securities of every kind and description for and on behalf of the Town of Wilton, Connecticut and to sell, assign and endorse or transfer certificates representing stocks, or other securities registered in the name or for the account of this Municipalities. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

This resolution authorizes additional signatories if the Treasurer should be incapacitated.

# 4. FY 12 Budget Discussion

Mr. Brennan advised that he has received the 5 Year Capital Plan which he will send out to the other Selectmen tomorrow. The next budget meetings will be 1/26 and 1/27.

# 5. Pension Submission to IRS

Sarah Taffel had advised of this requirement at a previous BOS meeting. The document has been completed and will be sent via email to all of the Selectmen for review. This is an update, not a new document that is required to be sent to the IRS by 1/31. The document incorporates all changes to the pension plan since the last submission. Selectmen should review the document and will be asked to take action on its approval at the 1/26 budget meeting.

6. Set Date for Annual Town Meeting and Adjourned Town Meeting Mr. Brennan moved to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, 5/3/11 at the Clune Center and to hold the Adjourned Town Meeting on Saturday, 5/7/11, also at the Clune Center. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

## 7. Miscellaneous Business

<u>Senior Survey</u> – The surveys were mailed out last week to 3,100 residents and to senior residents who have moved within the past three years.

<u>Train Stations</u> – The maintenance of both train station parking lots and their grounds is now entirely the province of the State of CT. The Town will no longer be plowing or mowing. The state has contracted with an outside firm, DeMarco Management of Hartford, who will be overseeing all maintenance issues.

<u>FEMA</u> – A conference call is being held this week to hear about possible disaster assistance for the municipal costs of the recent heavy snowfall.

C. Public Comment: None noted

#### D. Reports

#### 1. First Selectman's Report

<u>P.O. Services</u> – Over the past three months, the First Selectman has received comments from several people about the long lines and lack of clerks to attend to the lines at the post office. A letter

has been drafted to the head of post office operations asking for assistance in addressing this matter.

# 2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: He appreciates constituents who take the time to send detailed e-mails with helpful suggestions especially during budget deliberations.

Mr. Clark: The Wilton Police Fund is now a 501(c)3 and all tax deductible contributions are welcome and appreciated.

Mr. Hoffstatter: The Go Green Committee is doing an excellent job of reaching out to local business for the reusable bag education program.

E. <u>Adjournment</u> – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary