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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

**GUESTS:** Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Jan Andras

**OTHERS:** Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager), T. J. Buzzeo (Daily Wilton website), Kathryn Prince (Patch)

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

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Ms. Bruschi, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of February 7 and Special Meeting of February 10, 2011

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate Refunds as per Tax Collector's Memo dated 2/14/11
- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as per Tax Collector's Memo dated 2/15/11

Gifts

- Donation of a cello valued at \$7,500 to Wilton High School Orchestra by Diane Dolak

This generous donation is very much appreciated.

## B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Resolution - Investment of Undesignated Funds - On 2/15/11, the Board of Selectmen members met with the Investment Committee, along with a representative of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC who answered questions about the proposal for investment of the undesignated fund balance. The consensus was that the proposal is very conservative and that it could help to increase investment income from the current .25% to a possible 2.5% maximum.

Mr. Brennan moved the following: RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to invest undesignated fund balance funds of up to \$2,000,000 in mortgage backed securities and up to \$1,000,000 in agency funds with Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Re-appointment – Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Mr. Casey Healy as a member of the Fire Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
3. Appointment – Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Mr. David Waters as a member of the Police Commission. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.
4. Miscellaneous other business

BOE Capital Budget – Following the recent meeting to discuss the proposed capital, First Selectman met with BOE Chairman Gil Bray to express the Selectmen's concerns. Mr. Bray advised that the BOE will go back to develop a better long-range plan. Mr. Brennan also contacted Mr. Malcolm Whyte and asked him to serve as advisor to the Selectmen on the proposed Miller-Driscoll project.

Yankee Gas – The First Selectman will be meeting with Dan Fitzsimmons of Yankee Gas and Chris Swann of CL&P on March 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Post Office – Mr. Brennan wrote a letter to the District Manager of Post Office Operations several months ago after hearing complaints about long lines, broken postage machines, etc. at the Post Office. After receiving no reply, he wrote another letter to the Postmaster at the Wilton Post Office.

Cannondale Station – Effective today, the Cannondale Train Station building will be open for commuters from 5:45 am – 9:45 am, similar to the Wilton Station. The State DOT is now making arrangements for a coffee/snack vendor at Cannondale and will then issue an RFP for a vendor at the Wilton Station.

Transfer Station – We are no longer charging residents for recycling of electronic items, including televisions, computer monitors or printers. Local businesses will still be required to pay to recycle these items.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Snow Removal Costs – Governor Malloy has received a Federal Disaster Declaration for the 1/3/11 record snowfall, allowing the towns to submit applications for FEMA reimbursement.

Potholes – A lot of roads have been damaged this winter. DPW is working on pothole repair.

Comstock – On 3/21/11, there will be a press conference at 10:30 am with a tour of the work done at Comstock. On 3/22 at 5:30 pm, there will be a dedication of the Senior Center.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Creeth: No Report

Mr. Clark: No report

Mr. Hoffstatter: Gave an update on the Trackside Teen Center (attached to these minutes).

Ms. Bruschi – No report

E. Budget Workshop

Mr. Brennan stated that the recent increase in gas prices is beyond the projection that was used during the recent budget preparation. Ms. Taffel prepared new numbers for fuel and heating oil that estimates an additional \$95,000 should be included in the proposed FY '12 Budget.

Mr. Clark suggested a possible budget savings if the Dial-a-Ride service was cut to only one bus. Mr. Brennan advised that reducing the service would also forfeit the \$25,000 state grant. There are currently 148 residents using the service on a regular basis, not including Ogden House. Dial-a-Ride is a well used service in this town, not only for seniors but for those who are handicapped either permanently or temporarily. It was decided to submit the FY 2012 Budget to the Board of Finance, with the inclusion of the \$95,000 addition for fuel increases.

- F. Executive Session - Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter relating to the Pension Plan and to invite Ms. Taffel and Ms. Dennies to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting entered executive session at 8:36 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Town of Wilton Employees Pension Plan, as detailed in the attached document.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

att. Trackside Report  
Amendment #1 to Town of Wilton Employees Pension Plan