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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 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, Pat Sesto, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager), Christian Camarota (Patch)

First Selectmen Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting of 3/7/11

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Refunds as per Tax Collector's Memo dated 3/15/11

Gifts

- Donation to the Town Hall of one desk and seven file cabinets by Deloitte
- Donations by Roland & Sue Chalons-Browne (\$750); by Anthony & Andrea Ragusa (\$160); by Cathleen & Edward Raposa (\$310) and by Jeanne M. Soto (\$75) to the Wilton Senior Center
- Contribution of \$1,000 to the CERT Gift Fund on behalf of Richard Ziegler through the Chevron Humankind Matching Gift Program in recognition of his community service.

Each contributor was thanked for their generosity.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Application for Potential State Grant – Lyme Disease

Pat Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs gave an overview of a research project titled “Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases Prevention Study” that is being conducted by the Department of Public Health, Yale University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Wilton Health Department has been offered \$25,638 to participate. During discussion, Mr. Hoffstatter noted that he is concerned about the use of any pesticides that could be used for this study. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the application for funds in the amount of \$25,638 for participation in the “Lyme and Other Tick-borne Diseases Prevention Study”. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Purchasing Report

A report has been prepared by the Purchasing Review Committee which was charged to review the Town’s and School’s purchasing processes with the goal of identifying opportunities for financial savings. The conclusion they have is that there are no significant savings beyond those already being pursued. Ms. Dennies advised that the Finance Department is pursuing the possibility of combining the payroll processing for the Town and Schools.

3. Appointment to Council on Public Facilities

Ms. Bruschi moved to appoint Malcolm Whyte to the Council on Public Facilities. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Clark moved to appoint John Weiss as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy of John Gardiner. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. FY 12 Budget Status

Mr. Hoffstatter followed up with the Trackside Teen Center in regard to questions from the BOF. They will be sending a condensed version of their goals and objectives. The building that was under-utilized during the daytime is now being used by other organizations that are not using any other facility.

Ms. Dennies distributed copies of the revised Board of Education Five Year Capital Plan, which indicated no capital project request for FY 2012. Mr. Brennan will follow up the BOE Chairman Gil Bray.

6. Miscellaneous Other Business

Grant Application – The Town has been awarded a PEGPETIA (Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account) Grant in the amount of \$36,354.24. These funds would be used to install cameras and wiring in the Annex meeting room that would allow televising of meetings held in that building as well as the main Town Hall. Mr. Brennan moved to approve the acceptance of the PEGPETIA Grant in the amount of \$36,453.24. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Clear-cutting of Trees – An article will soon be coming out in Wilton Magazine about clear-cutting trees from properties and how it can cause drainage and erosion problems on neighboring properties. We currently do not have a specific ordinance regarding this matter. However, P&Z has a number of requirements that address land development and drainage. Bob Nerney is doing research on this matter to determine other town's requirements.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report -

Yankee Gas - Mr. Brennan met with Dan Fitzsimmons and Chris Swann of Yankee Gas/Northeast Utilities on March 10 to express interest in gas supply to various commercial and Town buildings. A study had been done ten years ago to determine the potential market and cost of extending the gas line on Route 7. It was agreed that the study was no longer current and needed to be updated. Mr. Brennan will continue to pursue the possibility with Yankee Gas.

Emergency Preparedness – The recent tragedy in Japan should remind us that we all need to be prepared for potential emergencies. A booklet was prepared and mailed to Wilton citizens several years ago. Anyone who does not have a copy is urged to visit the Town website where it has been posted and can easily be downloaded.

Soldier Socks – www.soldiersocks.com – is a way to donate and help send socks to our armed services in different parts of the world. Please visit this website to help with this worthwhile cause.

2. Selectmen Reports

Ms. Bruschi: No Report

Mr. Hoffstatter: Patrice Gillespie and Bruce Hampson attended the “Neighbor to Neighbor” Kick-off. Regarding Mr. Hoffstatter’s questions about economic development, Mr. Brennan advised that Wilton is a member of the Fairfield County One Coast/One Future regional economic development consortium. He will invite a representative to come to a meeting to talk with the Selectmen.

Mr. Clark – Suggests that the five Selectmen take a leadership role and sign up for an energy audit of their homes. This could help publicize the benefits of an audit to our citizens.

Mr. Creeth – No report

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary