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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Sarah Taffel, Richard McArdle, Attorney Ken Bernhard, Attorney Dan Nagel, George Ciaccio, Larry Kleutch, Buck Griswold, ten members of public, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Matt Coyne (Villager), Joan Lownds (Bulletin)

Prior to calling the meeting to order, First Selectman Brennan presented to Ms. Dennies, CFO, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting that has been awarded to the Town of Wilton by the Government Finance Officers Association, for our comprehensive annual financial report. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting. He also presented the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement to Richard McArdle, Controller, who received this year's award from the GFOA for meeting the "high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure'." They were applauded and congratulated by all present.

Mr. Brennan then read a statement he prepared regarding last week's massive snow storm and power outage (attached to minutes).

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Clark, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2011
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2011

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Wilton Commons, Inc.

Mr. George Ciaccio, President of Wilton Commons, Inc. read an opening statement (attached). Mr. Larry Kluetsch, of the Mutual Housing Association, then distributed a handout (attached) and Mr. Griswold reported that they have \$1,994,000 in actual pledges from private donations; there is \$1,250,000 in actual cash received; administration costs since 2004 equal \$211,000. Actual pledges paid equal \$1,829,000 leaving \$165,000 that he is confident will be collected. Attorney Dan Nagel, of Cohen and Wolf, distributed copies of revisions to the Lease that have been agreed to by all parties involved. The original lease, written in 2004, required some revision due to the changes in the lending environment during the last few years.

In addition, due to the need for several closings to take place for financing, the 12/8/11 Option to Lease date cannot be met and it will be necessary to hold a Special Town Meeting to approve an extension. Mr. Brennan moved that the Board of Selectmen notice a Special Town Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Middle Brook School auditorium on December 1, 2011, and if not held due to inclement weather, to be held on December 6, 2011 at the same place and time, for the purpose of resolving:

- 1) To extend by 6 months an Option to Lease a portion of property on Station Road to Wilton Commons, Inc. and
- 2) To amend said Lease to conform to the lending requirements of Federal and State and private financing institutions for the construction of an affordable senior housing facility. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ciaccio pointed out that while the requested extension is for six months, they are still expecting to break ground in January 2012.

2. Lease Agreement with Wilton Garden Club for Greenhouse

Mr. Creeth moved to approve the Comstock Community Center Greenhouse Lease Agreement between the Town of Wilton and the Wilton Garden Club. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Resolution to approve application for Cablevision Government Access Fund Grants

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve two applications for Cablevision Government Access Fund Grants (2011) in the amounts of \$5,272.95 and \$1,000.00. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Resolution for 2012 CT DPH Block Grant

Mr. Clark moved that William F. Brennan, First Selectman, and in his absence, Sandra L. Dennies, CFO, have been empowered to sign contracts and any of its amendments hereto, on behalf of the Town of Wilton, between the Town of Wilton and the Department of Public Health or its successor agency. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. This grant is in the amount of \$2,269.00 and is annually used to fund a Medication Safety Program for older adults, administered by Visiting Nurse & Homecare of Fairfield County.

5. 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

This schedule will be discussed and approved at the next meeting, with input from incoming board members, James Saxe and Richard Dubow. A tentative date of 11/17/11 will be scheduled for a special meeting of the BOS to discuss economic development. Also, a tentative date of 12/15/11 will be scheduled for a special meeting to discuss senior relief.

6. Miscellaneous Other business

Ms. Bruschi and Mr. Creeth, who chose not to seek re-election, were thanked for their contributions to the Board of Selectmen. It was agreed by all that this Board has worked well together, with many accomplishments due to a spirit of non-partisanship and collaboration.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report: Nothing further to report

2. Selectmen Reports

Ms. Bruschi: No report

Mr. Hoffstatter: No report

Mr. Clark: Thanked the Library employees who gave a lot to the community during the recent power outages.

Mr. Creeth: Congratulated Sandy Dennies and Rich McArdle once again. This was quite an accomplishment.

E. Adjournment: Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary

attachments