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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Dick Dubow, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter, Selectman Jim Saxe **ABSENT:** Second Selectman Hal Clark,

**GUESTS:** Malcolm Whyte, Bruce Hampson, Bob Root

**OTHERS:** Alissa Smith, (The Daily Wilton), Korey Wilson (Villager), Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Craig Donofrio (Patch)

First Selectmen Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

A. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Dubow, seconded by Mr. Saxe and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

B. Discussion and/or Action

First Selectmen Brennan made a motion that the order of the Agenda be amended to have item 2. Building Department – Proposed changes to the fee schedule, go before item 1. FY'13 Budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

**1. Building Department – Proposed changes to the fee schedule.**

Building Official, Bob Root said that they were proposing changes to the fee schedule for the Building Department as of July 1, 2012 and he reviewed the schedule with the Board. He was asked if the fee schedule was online and said that it was. He was also asked when the fees would change again and he said that they probably wouldn't see any changes for about 2 years. First Selectman Brennan made a motion to approve the fee schedule as submitted effective July 1, 2012. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hoffstatter and carried unanimously.

## **2. FY '13 Budget**

- **Bonded Capital Projects – Response to BOF Questions**

First Selectman Brennan said the Board of Finance had submitted some additional questions regarding some of the capital projects and the staff had been working hard to get them the answers. These will be sent to the Board of Finance tomorrow morning and the Board of Selectmen will be copied on them. The updated five year capital improvement plan will be emailed to the Board of Selectmen tomorrow. There will be a public information meeting on bonded capital projects April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Brubeck Room of the Wilton Library. This will present an opportunity for the citizens to ask any questions about the various projects. He added that it is important for the citizens to know that most of these projects have been in the planning stages for over a year.

- **Road Paving Plan**

The Road Paving Plan is important because it's essential to get the roads back into good shape. They will be doing 10 miles per year for the next 5 years. This will be funded through municipal bonds since interest rates are at historic low levels. This is consistent with the past Town policy and is supported by both the bond council and financial advisor, who strongly recommended that they bond. It is similar to almost all the policies of the towns in the area. He added that it seems timely and appropriate that the policy going forward, at least for the foreseeable future, is that the Town bonds road repairs. Mr. Dubow said that it was important for the public to know that they will be retaining, in the operating budget, funds for emergency or day-to-day repairs. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Saxe added that after five years they could look at this again and change the policy if necessary.

First Selectman Brennan made a motion to have a policy that for the next five years, and for the foreseeable future, the road restoration program will be funded by bonded capital appropriations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saxe and carried unanimously.

- **Annual Meeting Plans – May 1, 2012**

Chairman Brennan said that the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Clune Center on Tuesday May 1<sup>st</sup> and the presentation will be given by the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Education, and all the capital projects that are on the ballot will be discussed. He added that for those who are unable to come out Tuesday night there will be another opportunity to vote Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Clune Center from 8 AM to 6 PM.

- Council on Public Facilities

First Selectman Brennan said that the Council on Public Facilities had recommended that the Board of Selectmen consider other long-term upgrades to the Comstock building in addition to the roof and to get estimates to bring the entire building up to standard before committing to roof work. The Council also recommended to the Board of Selectmen that various roof areas of the Middlebrook School be combined as a single construction project to allow coordinated design of all the sections. The actual implementation would be phased in. Mr. Whyte elaborated on these projects and a brief discussion ensued. He added that he felt that bringing Comstock up to standard should be a capital project.

Chairman Brennan said that he wanted to remind the members of the Board of Selectmen to get back to him with any questions or comments regarding the SOR that was submitted by the Council on Public Facilities so that he could send them on to the Council.

### **3. Economic Development Commission**

Chairman Brennan said that he had sent a list of 18 names of possible candidates for the Commission to the Board of Selectmen. He added that he was going to divide up the names and send them to the members of the Board, so that they can reach out to the people on their list and see if they would be interested in serving. He added that it would be ideal to have a member of the Commission who has legal experience, particularly in the area of land use. The other Board members concurred.

Mr. Hoffstatter said that he would get information from the Land Use Leadership Alliance for the Commission.

Mr. Dubow said that he felt it is important for the Board of Selectmen to establish a policy for the Economic Development Commission and First Selectmen Brennan agreed and said that after the budget season is over he would like to have a Board of Selectmen meeting where the Economic Development Commission is the central topic.

### **4. Miscellaneous Other Business**

First Selectman Brennan said that they planned on interviewing Virginia Smith at the next meeting for appointment to the Commission on Social Services. He said that they were looking for someone to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals after the death of Barbara Frees.

The cost to the Town from Hurricane Irene was \$240,000 and the request had been submitted to FEMA for \$180,000 (75% of the cost).

There will be a ceremony outside of Town Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in support of the national Donate Life program. A flag will be raised and employees will be informed about the ceremony and how to register to donate organs.

C. Public Comment – there was no public comment

D. Reports

1. First Selectman – The March Trackside report showed that the facility is being used by the entire community.
2. Mr. Dubow – Nothing to Report
3. Mr. Hoffstatter – The Spring Fling is April 28<sup>th</sup> at Trackside.
4. Mr. Saxe – Is working on the noise ordinance and in looking into neighboring towns, finds that half of them have one and the other half doesn't. He will put together a report after the budget season.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mariana Corrado  
Clerk Pro Tem