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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Bill Brennan, Hal Clark, Ted Hoffstatter, Richard Dubow, James Saxe

**GUESTS:** Sandy Dennies, Cathy Pierce (Social Services), Steve Schole (Health), Pat Sesto (Environmental), 2 members of public, Jan Andras

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

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

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Dubow, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows: (Mr. Clark abstained as he was not present at the 4/16/12 meeting)

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – 4/16/12

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. FY 2013 Budget and Capital Projects

Mr. Brennan stated that although the budget was approved, it is disappointing that only 12% of the electorate voted. He feels that since there was less than a 1% increase in this budget, and the capital projects passed by relatively high margins, people must be satisfied. If they don't vote, it could mean "YES". The capital projects now have to be managed, so each Selectman will serve as liaison for one project (attached). Regarding the Ambler Farm project, Mr. Saxe

suggested that the BOS receive reports on the fundraising efforts of the Friends of Ambler Farm. Mr. Brennan will draft a letter of understanding outlining what the project is and how the funds will be directed.

2. Economic Development Commission

It was decided that there should be seven members of the EDC with two year terms, and minority representation. There is no funding available for the group, but if necessary, might be considered for the FY 2014 Budget.

3. Noise Ordinance Research

Mr. Saxe reported on the research he has done to date on ordinances in neighboring towns. Greenwich, New Canaan, Ridgefield and Norwalk have noise ordinances. Darien, Westport, Weston and Easton do no. He will be contacting these towns to learn their impetus for enacting the ordinance and their experiences since then.

4. Letter of Agreement – Norwalk Transit District

This LOA is for Norwalk Transit to provide door-to-door transportation to medical appointments for certified disabled residents for the period 7/1/12 to 6/30/13 at a cost to the Town of \$5,000. This agreement is renewed each fiscal year. Mr. Clark moved to authorize First Selectman Bill Brennan to sign the Letter of Agreement between Norwalk Transit District and Town of Wilton. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program – Health Dept.

Health Director Steve Schole advised that the amount of the grant has decreased this year and has become more specific on uses for the funds. Mr. Clark moved to authorize acceptance of the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program LHD Fiscal Assistance. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Authorization to sign contracts with Department of Public Health

The Department of Health is offering a contract amendment for funding of the Unintentional Injury Prevention Grant to extend the contract for two additional funding periods. Mr. Clark moved to authorize W. F. Brennan, First Selectman, to sign contracts and any 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.

7. Reconfirm Investment Committee Members

Mr. Brennan moved to reconfirm the members of the Investment Committee as follows: Jeffrey G. Rutishauser, Paul H. Burnham, Robert Kelso, Robert Schultz and Warren Serenbetz (BOF rep). Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

8. Appointment to Commission on Social Services

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Virginia Smith to the Commission on Social Services. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

9. Miscellaneous Other Business

Sunday Liquor Sales – There is no information yet on the effective date from the State Liquor Control Board. Wilton's ordinance allows package store sales eleven hours per day, six days per week. We are not compelled to change the ordinance to allow for Sunday sales. If there is a change, it would require a referendum and a public hearing for a change to the ordinance.

HB 5035 – This Bill would overturn a court decision that municipalities cannot assess a building until completion and issuance of CO. It has passed the House and moved to the State Senate. The passage of this Bill would represent approximately \$153,000 per year in revenue to the Town of Wilton.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Tree City – For the third year, Wilton has been recognized as a "Tree City USA". Of 169 municipalities in the state, there are only 16 who have received this designation.

2. Selectmen Reports

Mr. Dubow – No report

Mr. Clark – As a member of the Energy Commission, along with Walter Kress, he will be vetting what the gas line means in terms of costs and oil burner conversions.

Mr. Hoffstatter – Trackside's Spring Fling raised over \$10,000 with over 100 people attending.

Mr. Saxe – We must express appreciation to our emergency responders for their expert handling of three crises this past week, along with five other local fire

companies in one instance. Mr. Brennan noted that he did send a note to the New Canaan First Selectman expressing concern for the injured firefighters.

E. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss a real estate transaction and to invite Ms. Sesto and Ms. Dennies to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 9:05 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:35 p.m. No action was taken.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary