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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies

OTHERS: Two members of media

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of 6/17/13

Gifts

- \$200 from Toll Brothers to Horseshoe Pond Project Lily Pad
- \$2,500 from Realty Seven to Wilton CERT
- \$228.49 anonymous donation to Wilton Senior Center

Mr. Brennan expressed appreciation for these generous gifts.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Status of Capital Projects and Plans

Regarding the Middlebrook School and Comstock roofs project, Mr. Brennan advised that the vendor contracts have been signed and the mechanical contracts are now ready to be signed. The Middlebrook roof work will begin first now that school is out. The Selectmen recently approved the transferring of unused capital funding to cover possible underfunding of the roof projects. The Board of Finance is requesting more information before they take action. Mr. Brennan will attend the 7/15 BOF meeting.

The Middlebrook and High School Toilet Renovations Project has been adjusted to keep within the budgeted funds. Two elements of the project are now considered alternates that will be done only if there are enough funds to cover them. Demolition has already started.

Miller Driscoll School Renovations Project RFPs for architectural and engineering were answered by 11 firms. This will be narrowed down to four firms, with interviews beginning on 7/17. Mr. Clark advised that the Security Task Force has submitted 10 security recommendations to be considered for this project.

A Hazardous Materials Information Plan will be prepared for the Comstock Community Center Renovations Project. A comprehensive boiler and distribution system will be installed. The current boiler will have to survive one more winter.

2. Town of Wilton / Yankee Gas Expansion Plans

Mr. Brennan reported that he and other town officials met with Yankee Gas representatives last week to discuss the approved House Bill #6360 concerning a comprehensive energy strategy for CT. PURA has 120 days to review the plans submitted by the three gas companies. During that time, Yankee Gas will be preparing the installation agreement with the Town of Wilton. There is no timeline yet.

3. Discussion – potential Litter Ordinance

Mr. Brennan distributed a package of information, including the CT State Statute on littering; the ordinances of surrounding municipalities, including Ridgefield, Westport and Trumbull; and information on littering fines in every state. Connecticut currently has one of the lowest penalties. The Board of Selectmen will review the materials and get feedback from citizens. Mr. Saxe also suggested inviting the Police Chief to answer questions and give his opinion and Mr. Dubow suggested inviting the Conservation Commission as well.

4. Appointment to Comstock Building Committee

Ms. Ann Hamar was not available for an interview earlier this interview. She will be invited to the next meeting.

5. Miscellaneous Other Business

Easement for Sanitary Sewer Line – The easement documents for the private sewer line to the Sisters of Notre Dame arrived just today from town counsel, and are time sensitive. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the WPCA have approved the project. The Board of Selectmen is now responsible for providing a temporary construction easement at the Miller Driscoll School. The construction should be completed within 4 weeks time. Once the WPCA accepts the sewer line, the easement will end. At the request of Mr. Saxe, Mr. Brennan will confirm with Mr. Thurkettle that the easement is far enough from

the corner of the school building that it will not interfere with any plans for the renovations at Miller Driscoll. Mr. Saxe moved to authorize First Selectman Bill Brennan to sign the Temporary Easement for Construction of a Sanitary Sewer Line over the Miller Driscoll School property, to serve the Sisters of Notre Dame at 345 Belden Hill Road. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report:

Emergency Management – Mr. Brennan advised that the National Weather Service is predicting the possibility of several severe storms during the next hurricane season. On 6/20, we participated in a state-wide emergency exercise and plan to hold an emergency management planning meeting for Wilton on 7/18. This will involve all department heads, CERT, WVAC and the schools. We are also in the process of improving and re-designing the layout of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located in the police station. In early September, a press conference will be held to advise residents that the Town is preparing and they should make preparations at home.

FEMA – We have received 80% reimbursement for damages that were done to town-owned facilities.

Wolf Pit Road Pathway – There are issues with flagstones along the path. The state would most likely not approve random placement of flagstones due to issues of liability. They would need to be professionally set and maintained. Mr. Thurkettle, DPW, feels the most reasonable solution would be to encourage the residents to keep the right-of-way mowed.

2. Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Dubow – No report

Mr. Clark – The Energy Commission has prepared a marketing plan to get C-PACE information out to businesses in Town. Also, Selectmen should make an effort to visit Ambler Farm to see the progress that is being made, since it is not feasible to schedule a regular BOS meeting at the farm.

Mr. Hoffstatter – No report

Mr. Saxe – No report

E. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary