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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

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

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, Gail Lavielle, Mitch Ancona, Jan Andras

OTHERS: One member of media

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes of 7/1/13

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Request for Amendment to Wilton's Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance

Mr. Mitch Ancona, owner of Ancona's Wines and Liquors in Wilton, had submitted a list of signatures of customers who would like to see package stores open in Wilton on Sundays. This is not an official petition but does indicate some interest by residents. On 6/12/12, the BOS held a public information meeting to determine if there was any interest, but only two people attended and both were against Sunday sales. No action was taken at that time. After one year of Sunday sales in his Ridgefield store, Mr. Ancona's sales figures have shown that his Wilton store needs seven days now to do what was formerly six days of business. All of the Selectmen agreed that they do not want to put Wilton businesses at a disadvantage and will follow the procedures for amending the ordinance, beginning with a public hearing. Mr. Saxe believes

this question should be on the ballot for voters to decide. How the Board proceeds will be decided after a Public Hearing in September.

2. Status of Capital Projects and Plans

Comstock and Middlebrook roofs – Middlebrook work was started on 7/8/13 and Comstock will begin on 8/19/13. Middlebrook and High School toilet room renovations – there have been some abatement and plumbing issues at the high school that has required utilization of a substantial portion of the project's contingency funds. Miller Driscoll renovations – the project is on schedule. Interviews of four firms for the A&E will be held on 7/17/13. Comstock Renovations – a hazardous materials plan will be prepared. Mr. Saxe advised that the committee has approved the SOR, but is not sure about whether it needs to be reviewed by the CPF.

3. Potential Litter Ordinance

Mr. Hoffstatter has been speaking with residents and finds that all are concerned about littering, but even more so about “dumping” and the fact that the state fine is the same for both infractions. Mr. Dubow feels that an ordinance will be limited by our capacity to enforce and that posting signs would be an appropriate first step. All agreed that fines for dumping should be much higher. Selectmen will continue to get feedback from residents before making any decisions.

4. Certificate of Achievement - Finance

The Finance Department has once again received an award for recognition of achievement in financial reporting from the GFOA.

5. Appointment – Comstock Building Committee

Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Ann Hamar as an advisory member to the Comstock Building Committee. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Miscellaneous Other Business

Regionalization - Gail Lavielle, State Representative, gave an update on recent legislation for regionalization. Members of SWRPA (Southwestern Regional Planning Agency), including Mr. Brennan spoke against this in Hartford. This would convert the current regional planning agencies to COGs (Council of Government). This is meant to push some services from the state level down to a regional level, basically creating another level of government. There is some concern about the size of the regions to be determined. SWRPA has 8 member towns, but a COG would have a minimum of 14 towns. SWRPA receives \$13,000 in state funding. In FY 2014, each region would receive \$125,000 plus \$.50 per capita. Local First Selectmen can raise objections to the make-up of their COG, but eventually the Secretary of OPM has the final authority. The CEO's of SWRMPO are meeting to determine strategy and how best to comply.

Miller Driscoll Sewer Easement – Mr. Brennan advised that Mr. Thurkettle will be able to push the sewer pipe further from the school building. Avoiding wetlands, trees and being observant of the setback line, were factors that influenced the temporary easement's location.

NESC – A proposal for the search for a Director, Facilities and Energy Management has been received. Mr. Saxe suggested proposals from at least three search firms. Mr. Brennan requested Mr. Saxe to do some research on executive search firms and fees for services to present to the board at the August 19th meeting.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report: The town website contains information about the heat advisory and a release has been sent to the media.

2. Selectmen Reports:

Mr. Dubow – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – No report

Mr. Saxe – Will be sending a communication to the Police Commission about the need for a stop sign on the southbound side of Drum Hill Road where it intersects with Belden Hill Road.

E. Adjournment – Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary