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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY JANUARY 19, 2016
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: **BOARD OF SELECTMEN** – First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Richard Dubow, Michael Kaelin, David Clune

GUESTS: Neil Gluckin-former President of Friends of Ambler Farm, Robin Clune-Executive Director of Ambler Farm, Allison Semple – Co-President of Ambler Farm and Elizabeth Etzbach-Co-President of Ambler Farm, Cathy Pierce – Director of Social Services and members of the Social Services Commission, Pat Sesto – NRVF, Lori Bufano, Anne Kelly-Lenz, Sarah Taffel

OTHERS: 3 Members of the Press and Members of the Public

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:42PM

Ms. Vanderslice recommended a motion be made to amend the Agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss the Sensible Wilton Litigation. Motion to add an Executive Session was moved by Mr. Clune, seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

Motion made by Mr. Clune to move Item 1 (Appointment of Selectman) to be included with Item 10 (Appointments/Reappointments). Motion seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 4, 2016

Gifts

- Georgetown Lions Club – Parks & Recreation Dept - \$401.00

BOS Minutes – 01/19/2016

Fire Department Gift Fund

- Mr. & Mrs. Giorgio S. Boero - \$50.00
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. Gavel - \$100.00

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| - Mr. & Mrs. John H. Adee, Jr. – 100.00 | - Roger Clark – \$75.00 |
| - Mr. & Mrs. Maurice L. Fingeret - \$1000.00 | - Kay L. May - \$100.00 |
| - Fairfield County Day School - \$25.00 | - J. D. Majesky - \$100.00 |
| - Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Slagle - \$100.00 | - John H. Heinbockel - \$50.00 |
| - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Norman - \$50.00 | - Joseph R. Brenner - \$100.00 |

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Ambler Farm – Budget Presentation

Neil Glucklin Former president of Friends of Ambler Farm presented the FY 2017 budget for the organization. Mr. Clune recused himself from discussion due to his relationship to Executive Director Robin Clune. Mr. Dubow and Mr. Kaelin thanked all for the work being done by the Friends of Ambler Farm and its many volunteers.

2. Social Services – Budget Presentation

Cathy Pierce, Director Social Services presented the FY 2017 Social and Senior Services Budget Requests.

3. NRVT MOU & Vendor Contracts

Pat Sesto-Chairman of the NRVT Steering Committee reviewed the MOU and vendor contracts. Wilton Town Counsel and Norwalk Town Counsel has reviewed the contract. Ms. Sesto reviewed what NRVT is and stated that it is a five-town cooperative that is building a 38-mile loop trail connecting Norwalk to Danbury. She reviewed the MOU between Wilton and Norwalk regarding a section of the trail that runs from the commuter lot at Wolfpit Rd down to Grist Mill in Norwalk and pertains to a \$1.1 Million grant offered by DEEP that will help fund 80% of the project. Wilton signed on to host the grant with Wilton and Norwalk responsible for raising 20% in kind services, or \$275,000. Ms. Sesto also reviewed the vendor contracts that would allow work to start on the next section of the trail, a 230ft. long boardwalk at the north end near Twin Oak Lane. Mr. Kaelin made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute the NRVT MOU and vendor contracts as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

4. Proposed Change for Wetland Disturbance Fee

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the proposed change for Wetland Disturbance Fee (memo attached). Ms. Vanderslice noted that the fee change was supported by the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Town Planner. Motion made by Mr. Kaelin to approve the proposed change for the Inland Wetlands Disturbance Fee. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

5. Legal Services Town of Wilton

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the retainer agreement with Town Counsel through end of FY 2016. Motion made by Mr. Kaelin to authorize the First Selectman to execute the retainer agreement with Town Counsel. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

6. Sales Order (Kyocera Copier) – Town of Wilton Fire Department

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the sales order for the Kyocera Copier for the Wilton Fire Department. Motion made by Mr. Kaelin to authorize the First Selectman to execute the sales order. Motioned seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

7. Consideration of Approval of the Amendment and Restatement of the Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Town of Wilton

Ms. Vanderslice asked Sarah Taffel, Director of Human Resources to review the Amendment. Mr. Dubow made a motion to approve the resolution as attached. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

8. Consideration of Authorizing First Selectman to Execute EAP Renewal Agreement with ESI

Ms. Vanderslice asked Sarah Taffel to review the EAP Renewal Agreement with ESI. Motion made by Mr. Clune to authorize the First Selectman to execute the agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

9. Appointments/Reappointments

Ms. Vanderslice moved appointments as attached. Motion made by Mr. Dubow to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

Three candidates were up for consideration for the position of Selectman, Brian Lilly, Deborah McFadden and Lori Bufano. Mr. Clune noted his appreciation for the people that put forth their names for nomination. After discussion, Mr. Kaelin nominated Lori Bufano for Selectman and the nomination was seconded by Ms. Vanderslice. Mr. Dubow nominated Deborah McFadden for the Selectman position and the nomination was seconded by Mr. Clune. Motion carried to appoint Lori Bufano as Selectman 3-1.

10. Miscellaneous Other Business

Ms. Vanderslice asked Anne Kelly-Lenz to give a status report (attached).

C. Public Comment

Ross Tartell of Washington Post Drive thanked the Board of Selectmen for appointing members to the Fire Station II Building Committee.

Mr. Tartell also spoke to providing opportunity for the community to serve the Town and not feel disenfranchised and ensuring that the community have access on ways to make a contribution (whether it be running for an office or participating on a board or commission).

Steve Hudspeth of Glen Hill Road commented on the appointments on the Fire Station II Building Committee and on the Sensible Wilton Litigation.

D. Reports

First Selectman's Report

Ms. Vanderslice gave an update with regard to the AED's donated to the Town.

The Town Website has been updated and improved. Ms. Vanderslice thanked John Savarese (IT Director) for his efforts and accomplishing the improvements.

The IS Advisory Group has been put together to assist the First Selectman and has had their first meeting. The group consists of Richard Creeth, Christopher DiMattia, Brian Essman and Paul Lour.

Enhancements have been made to the Miller Driscoll Website over the last several days. An email address has been provided to keep in contact with the committee MDBPinfo@wiltonct.org and is being manned by a member of the Miller Driscoll Building Committee.

Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Dubow

None

Mr. Kaelin

None

Mr. Clune

None

E. Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Clune to enter into Executive Session at 9:55PM to discuss the Sensible Wilton Litigation. Motion seconded by Mr. Dubow and unanimously carried.

Out of Executive Session at 11:10PM. No Action Taken

F. Adjournment – Having no further business, motion made by Ms. Vanderslice to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kaelin and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:11PM.

Jacqueline Rochester, Recording Secretary
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