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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
June 2, 2008**

MINUTES

Present: William Brennan, Susan Bruschi, Harold Clark, Richard Creeth, Ted Hoffstatter

Others: Joseph Dolan, Tom Thurkettle, Pat Sesto

Guests: Susan Kellogg, Henry Ross, Milton Pohl, Alexander Bartek, Frank MacEachern,
(Villager), Brian Shea (Bulletin)

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

A. Consent Agenda

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoffstatter, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – Regular 5/05/08, Special 5/15/08, Special 5/27/08

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Taxes as outlined in Tax Collector's Memorandum dated May 13, 2008

Gifts

- Dive Team Gift Fund in the amount of \$100 from Henry A. Rost. Mr. Rost was present at the meeting and was thanked by the First Selectman for his generous gift.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Resolution – Paramedic Contract

Mr. Clark moved the following: BE IT RESOLVED that First Selectman William F. Brennan be and hereby is authorized to enter into and execute an agreement for

Paramedic Services between Norwalk Hospital, the Town of Wilton and the Town of Weston. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

2. 2007 Deer Committee Summary and Recommendations

Ms. Pat Sesto, Director of Environmental Affairs was present, along with Naomi Dempsey of the Deer Management Committee. Board of Selectmen members were in receipt of the 2007 Summary and Recommendations. Ms. Sesto gave a review of the report, stating that this fifth year of hunting was the most productive and encompassed the most acreage. Hunters brought in 129 deer, which in five years, would total an estimated 516 deer. She then discussed the 2008 Plans of the committee. All Board of Selectmen members agreed with and accepted the report.

3. Wilton Transfer Station – Recommendations from Committee regarding Audit

DPW Director Tom Thurkettle was present and had served on the committee along with Selectman Hal Clark, Joe Dolan and Captain Lombardi. The audit had been requested by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Clark went over the recommendations of the committee and there was a lengthy discussion. There was some concern expressed by other Selectmen about the complexity of the recommended system of bringing trash and bulky waste to the transfer station and that perhaps it could be simplified. It would also require an extensive communication process to the public. Mr. Brennan thanked the committee for all of the effort they have put into this audit and recommendations. This subject was tabled for now and will be looked into further. Mr. Clark advised that Phase II of the recommendations would deal with recycling alternatives.

Mr. Milton Pohl, a member of the public, asked why the transfer station is subsidized and why the rates aren't set so the total cost is covered. Mr. Clark answered that Wilton already has some of the highest fees of any of the surrounding towns. Mr. Brennan stated that the expenses of operating the transfer station exceed the revenue.

4. Pension Cost of Living Adjustment

CFO Joseph Dolan had prepared a report showing the history of cost of living increases since July 1, 2000. The Board of Selectman has historically reviewed a C.O.L.A. for retirees annually, although the Retirement Plan and union contracts only require a quadrennial review. Mr. Dolan stated that an increase of 2.5% does not affect either the unfunded pension liability or future employer contributions because the actuary has already built that into those numbers. Selectman Brennan moved to authorize a 2.5% Cost of Living Adjustment in the amount of 2.5% for existing pension personnel. Motion seconded and carried: 4 YES (Brennan, Bruschi, Creeth, Hoffstatter) – 1 NO (Clark)

5. Grant Report

A report was prepared showing grants applied for during the past year. This is for informational purposes only.

C. Public Comment

Mr. Milton Pohl feels that the Board of Selectmen is disregarding the financial needs of the less affluent and seniors on fixed incomes. The Library costs are increasing rapidly since the expansion and the town is now planning an expansion of the Community Center. The building is being concentrated on and not the operating costs after the expansion. He was assured by Board members that the operating costs are being looked into for the community center.

D. Reports

First Selectman's Report

DOT Informational Meeting – Branch Line Study

There will be a public information meeting on June 18 at 6:00 pm in the Annex. The DOT will be reviewing the branch line study that was started 2.5 years ago.

Resident Letter regarding Blight Ordinance

Mr. Brennan distributed copies to the Board members of a letter sent to Mr. Bartek in response to his letter to the Board members about the Blight Ordinance.

Selectmen Meetings

Mr. Brennan also distributed copies of the Board of Selectmen meeting schedule through August and copies of the Absence Notification procedures.

Wilton Substation

Mr. Brennan advised that the Wilton Substation is partially operational with 3 of 8 circuits operating.

Selectmen's Reports

No reports

E. Adjournment

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jan Andras
Recording Secretary