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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Second Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: Harriet S. Taylor, Tierney O'Hearn, Janet Foster, Jonathan Foltz, Jerre Dawson, Ann Bell, Marian Wulffleff, Kevin Quinlan, Bruce Hampson, Paul Milositz, A. P. Duffy, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Brian Shea (Bulletin), Brandon Evans (Villager)

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

A. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Bruschi, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – August 18, 2008

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated 8/20/08
- Motor Vehicle Taxes as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated 8/20/08
- Motor Vehicle Taxes as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated 9/3/08
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Sewer Refunds

- Sewer Refund as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated 8/20/08

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Consideration of Ordinance – Historic Property No. 7, Raymond-Ambler Farm

A public hearing was held prior to this meeting. Minutes of that hearing reflect questions that were raised, therefore no action is being taken at this time.

2. Wilton Library Trustees Quarterly Report

Board of Selectmen appointees as Library Trustees were present – Michael Kaelin, David Waters, Dan Mahoney, Glen Hemmerle and Ann Duffy. Also present were Kathy Leeds (Executive Director), Susan Taylor (Financial Director) and Library President Louise Herot.

Mr. Kaelin stated that sometimes the Selectmen appointees to the Library Board feel that they are in the middle of the Board of Selectmen and the Library Board. He would like to review their role as the fiscal year begins. He looked at the public/private partnership agreement of 2003 when the Town authorized funding for the expansion of the library. “We are to represent the town’s interest on the Board of Trustees”. In the past, we have been providing the Board of Selectmen with information. To best represent your interest, we would like to get more information from the Board of Selectman needed to resolve:

- a) The need for another Board of Selectmen appointment of a trustee.
- b) Under the public/private partnership agreement, the Board of Selectmen gets to appoint six of the 24 trustees. The agreement requires that three of the 2 members of the *executive* committee be Board of Selectmen appointed trustees.

On-going activities of the executive committee include:

- a) Authorize expenditures from building funds to replace the roof on the old portion of the library.
- b) Engage in on-going lease negotiations with ABC organization here in town.

Selectman Creeth asked for a balance sheet showing all funds (unaudited). First Selectman Brennan advised that he is aware of the need for another trustee appointment and we are working on it. The Board of Selectmen and Library Board are not in competition. We are in a joint venture. In mid-November, he would like to set up a meeting with the Board of Selectmen representatives to the Library Board. Mr. Kaelin will set up a date with the First Selectman’s office. It was also asked to have numbers quantifying the use of the library activities. Ms. Leeds will supply those numbers.

3. Ambler Farm Construction Contract

Ann Bell advised that town counsel has looked over the construction contract for Ambler Farm. The cost is \$30,500 for demolition which should take approximately 42 days.

Selectman Clark moved to authorize First Selectman William Brennan to sign the contract in the amount of \$30,500 for demolition work at Ambler Farm. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Wilton Energy Commission – Activity Update and Future Plans

Mr. Michael Lindberg, Chairman of the Energy Commission was present, along with members Richard Creeth of the Board of Selectmen, Jim Furnivall of the Board of Education and Bruce Hampson, facilities management and design. The Energy Commission has been invited to meet with the P&Z Commission to submit requirements for the Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Energy Commission would like to come back to the Board of Selectmen at another time to discuss LEED Silver Standards for building. Within the next 3-4 months, they hope to have a proposal for an energy plan for the town and within one year be able to publish the plan as a formal document.

5. Transfer Station – Update on Planning Activity and Future Direction

First Selectman Brennan explained why the recycling dumpster had to be removed from behind the Town Hall. We did not have the proper DEP permits to have recycling collected at the site, plus some were misusing the site and were dumping solid waste, medical waste, etc.

The Board of Selectmen, with the Selectman's Transfer Station Committee, plan to make many significant improvements to the town's transfer station. Our goal is to motivate recycling by citizens. The plan is to try to form two streams of traffic – one for recycling only and one for solid waste disposal. This will require reconfiguring the entire transfer station. DPW Director Tom Thurkettle is working on different concepts. This is a priority project but time is needed to develop the best plan.

6. Presentation on upcoming Columbus Day Flu Shot Clinic/Pandemic Flu Drill

Sarah Taffel advised that team representatives from many town departments – Fire, Home Care, Health, Social Services, Police, CERT and Board of Education have been meeting every other month to insure that there is good cooperation between departments when there is an emergency. We are planning a Columbus Day Flu Shot Clinic which will also allow us to assess our abilities to respond in an emergency, i.e. Pandemic Flu. Health Director Steve Schole stated that the flu shot clinic will be held at Miller-Driscoll School on Columbus Day from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with shots for those three years old and over. There is a public relations plan that will be going on over the next few weeks.

C. Public Comment

Mr. Paul Roche is an environmental consultant and has made a request through Tom Thurkettle to install monitoring wells on Orem's Lane. First Selectman Brennan stated that this request has been sent to Town Counsel.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Mr. Brennan advised that a 9/11 Memorial Day Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Wilton Fire Department.

On September 15, there will be a “Town Hall” Meeting to give the public information and an opportunity to ask questions about the progress of the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning. This meeting will be in the Brubeck Room at 7:30 p.m. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal is expected to attend, as well as First Selectmen from other towns.

IT Director John Savarese has advised that we now have the television capability for live broadcasts if necessary in case of an emergency.

2. Selectmen’s Reports

Mr. Creeth – attended the Trackside meeting and met the new director.

Mr. Clark – attended the Flood Hazard Summit. Congressman Christopher Shays is trying to get funds for the Army Corps. of Engineers to work with towns and determine where there are problem areas.

Mr. Hoffstatter – has the Troop Box project ready to go. He will leave empty boxes in various locations for the public to pick up, fill and return. The Board of Selectmen members all agreed to contribute.

Ms. Bruschi – the Comstock Building Committee had their first meeting to talk about how we want to educate the public each step of the process.

The Town of Westport has banned plastic shopping bags and she believes we should also look into that.

E. Executive Session

Selectman Clark moved to enter executive session to discuss performance evaluations – Direct Reports, Department Heads/Appointed Officials and Elected Officials. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Meeting entered executive session at 10:00 pm and returned to open session at 10:20, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary