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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B  
APPROVED**

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

**GUESTS:** Ann Bell, Joseph Dolan, Sarah Taffel, Jan Andras

**OTHERS:** Brian Shea (Bulletin)

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Special Meeting – September 8, 2008 (with changes as discussed)

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Resolution Approving a Lease Purchase Agreement with Wachovia Financial Services for Board of Education computers

CFO Joseph Dolan explained that this is the same kind of transaction that has been used for years in the lease purchase of school computers. The payments have been included in the current budget, at a rate of 3.62%

Selectman Brennan moved the following resolution: It is hereby resolved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wilton that:

- a) The Board of Education's purchase of computer equipment costing \$573,972 is approved;
- b) Lease Purchase Agreement #PUB7952 between Wachovia Financial Services, Inc. and the Town of Wilton, in the amount of \$573,972 to finance the purchase of the aforesaid computer equipment is approved; and
- c) The Town's Chief Financial Officer is authorized to sign and execute all documents necessary to complete the aforesaid Lease Purchase Agreement.

Motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

2. Grant Application – “Driving Under the Influence Enforcement”

Mr. Brennan advised that this is a grant in the amount of \$48,819.84 funded through the Federal Highway Safety Program to support enforcement of DUI laws. The Wilton Police Department has been participating in this program for several years.

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the grant application in the amount of \$48,819.84 for “Driving Under the Influence Enforcement” contingent upon approval of the Board of Finance at their meeting on 9/23/08. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Ambler Farm Update

Ms. Ann Bell, President of the Friends of Ambler Farm Board of Directors was present and submitted a written report outlining the “Friends” Mission Statement, goals, and the many programs that are currently being implemented at the property. She also went over their fundraising efforts which have been very successful this past year.

Board members thanked Ms. Bell for giving such a thorough presentation and for the excellent work she has been doing, along with the other volunteers at Ambler Farm.

4. Consideration of three Re-appointments to the Wilton Energy Commission

Mr. Creeth, who is also a member of Energy Commission, stated that the three members being recommended for re-appointment are three key members who are doing an excellent job. Mr. Creeth moved to re-appoint Mr. Bruce Hampson, Mr. Mitchell Reichgut and Mr. Rust Muirhead as members of the Wilton Energy Commission for terms to expire on November 30, 2008 or until a successor is appointed. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Mr. Brennan advised that an advisory was received from DOT that certain sections of town would have water shut down tonight and tomorrow night. Customers have been notified by Aquarion. Regarding Route 7, the project is ahead of schedule right now.

The goal is to have 85% paved full width by the end of the year. The Route 33 bridgework should be done by the end of the year. The bridge is on schedule and they plan to work during the winter. The landscaping will be done in Spring 2009 and Fall 2009. Wetlands replacement construction will be done in the spring of 2010, one of the last items.

We have been notified that all towns must now post all commission, committee, and authority agendas and minutes, within a certain period of time, on the town website. This is mandated and will require additional administrative work.

## 2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Creeth – reported that Tractside did some fundraising by having a food stand at the Kiwanis Dog Olympics.

Mr. Clark – reported that the FAA “Town Meeting” held last week was excellent. A lot of information was given and the speakers did an excellent job.

Mr. Hoffstatter – the Troop Box project is moving along. Board of Selectmen members had their boxes ready to be mailed. Donations are coming in and are being handled by Mr. Dolan. Mr. Hoffstatter also reported that former Wilton resident Mr. Tage Pearson, 101 years old, recently passed away. He was a former state senator and representative and was a close friend of Mr. Hoffstatter's family.

Ms. Bruschi – reported that she e-mailed the Program Coordinator at Tractside, who offered to send out e-mails through the children regarding the Troop Boxes. On September 30, from 10:00 am to 6 pm, they will be putting together boxes to be shipped

## E. Executive Session

Selectman Clark moved to enter executive session to discuss a real estate issue and to invite Mr. Dolan to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Meeting entered executive session at 8:45 pm and returned to open session at 9:10 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary