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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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:** Robert Kelso (Chairman, BOF), Malcolm Whyte, Judy Zucker, Joseph Dolan, Sarah Taffel, Jan Andras

**OTHERS:** Brian Shea (Bulletin), Lauren Mylo (Villager)

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 22, 2008

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's memorandum dated September 22, 2008

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Town Financial Planning – Outlook and Board of Finance Projections for FY '10

First Selectman Brennan advised that the BOF prepared estimated projections for FY 2010 based on various scenarios. Our residents are experiencing financial stress at this time, and compounding this is the state problem. This fiscal year, we were fortunate to

have \$600,000 surplus from the previous year to go into the general fund. This coming budget year will be a challenge.

In June, all town departments were instructed to institute 2% stretch goals for their current year budgets. Our goal is to operate as cost effectively as possible, while providing needed services to the town. In the budget, we have fixed costs and contractual obligations. We will have to look at variables and postpone some plans, including possibly capital plans. We will need to look at revenue projections. At this point, tax collections are coming in on schedule.

Selectman Creeth thanked Mr. Kelso and the BOF members for working on these projections. It is very helpful in setting a budget in such a difficult time. Mr. Kelso advised that Lynn Vanderslice prepared the projections and did a great job.

Mr. Dolan was asked to prepare numbers for fixed and contractual obligations.

2. Consideration of re-appointment of Animal Control Officer and Assistant Animal Control Officers and appointment of new Assistant Animal Control Officer

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve re-appointment of Animal Control Officer Robert Napoleon and Assistant Animal Control Officers Mary Ann Kleinschmitt and Herbert F. Roome for a one-year term to end 10/01/09, and to appoint Assistant Animal Control Officer Dawn Lowery for a term of 10/25/08 through 9/30/09, contingent upon her successful completion of post-offer, pre-employment physical exam and drug test. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Proposed 2009 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Mr. Clark moved to approve the 2009 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Board of Selectmen and Library Trustee Meetings – Discussion of 2009 Schedule

Mr. Brennan distributed copies of the 2009 Schedule for meetings between the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustee Meetings.

5. Danbury-Norwalk Branch Line Improvements

Mr. Brennan reported that there is some progress being made. Another round-trip has been added to the Danbury-Norwalk branch line. He distributed copies of the new schedule.

ADDITION TO AGENDA: Mr. Clark moved to add an item to the agenda regarding the transfer station. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Transfer Station - Recycling

Mr. Clark reported that the next task for the transfer station committee is to re-arrange the recycling operation. They will be adding a member from the Conservation Commission to assist them. Within the next few weeks, they intend to come up with a plan to allow residents to drop off recycling without going through the gates to the solid waste disposal area, which requires a \$35 fee. Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to have this implemented by January 1.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Annual Report - Mr. Brennan reported that Sarah Taffel has been working with the Town Clerk's office to have the Annual Report put on the website. This will save approximately \$14,000 by eliminating postage and mass printing. If a resident does not have a computer, they can request a print-out from the First Selectman's office.

Route 7 – The project is ahead of schedule and is focusing on 85% of paving done between Olmstead and Wolfpit by the end of the year.

Council on Ethics – A resume has been received from a very well qualified individual. Once a recommendation is received from the RTC, an appointment will be on the Selectmen's agenda.

VRAD – The DPUC has made a decision that siting of VRAD boxes in the public right of way and on privately owned land requires prior notice and consent of adjoining property owners and the town.

Liquor Ordinance – Town Attorney Ken Bernard is still following up with the state.

Holiday decorations – have been planned for the lampposts. The Holiday Walk will include the lighting of the tree and the lighting of the lamppost decorations. Young's Nursery donated large red bows (approximately \$1,700) and the Chamber of Commerce is donating the holiday lights.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Ms. Bruschi – no report

Mr. Hoffstatter – The Troop Box project is going well. He has mailed 10 boxes and just picked up three more today, along with donations to pay for postage. He would also like to have a letter from the town sent to families of Connecticut service people who have died. Mr. Brennan will send a letter to the most recent soldier from Shelton.

Mr. Clark – He and Mr. Creeth visited I-Park and were very impressed. They found that it was a brownfield recovered property of Pitney Bowes. Mr. Creeth added that with this property, there was a big emphasis on rehab. The waste was ground up and disposed of on-site.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary