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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009  
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

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

**GUESTS:** Michael Kaelin, Sarah Taffel, Joe Dolan, Mr. Gueron, Mr. Mason, Mr. Kaiser, Ms. Quigley, Ms. Foster

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

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 17, 2009 (with corrections)

Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds and personal Property Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's Memorandum of February 17, 2009

Gifts

- Gift of training equipment by Mr. Bob Hevner to the Parks & Recreation Department

Mr. Brennan advised that the training equipment donated by Mr. Hevner was a very generous gift that is greatly appreciated.

## B. Discussion and/or Action

### 1. Library Trustees – Half Year Report

Mr. Michael Kaelin, Mr. Dan Mahoney, and Mr. Harry Somerdyk Ann Duffy, Mr. Waters, Mr. Hammerle were present as Selectmen appointed Trustees, as well as Ms. Louise Herot, President of the Library Board and Treasurer Holly Sexon. The quarterly financial summary was provided to the Selectmen in advance of this meeting. Mr. Kaelin reported that the Library is basically on budget, with no significant variances at this time. He then went through the different line items and answered questions. He reported that the Board is doing its best with “fund raising” and plans to balance the current budget. Library Board is projecting that they will not be able to raise enough money due to the poor state of the economy. The BOS was also reminded that a replacement for Mr. Kaelin to the Library Board will be needed shortly.

### 2. Cannondale Historic District Proposal – Response to Wilton Historic District and Historic Properties Commission

Mr. Brennan read a statement he had prepared regarding this proposal (attached to minutes).

Mr. Clark moved to reject the proposal to create a Cannondale Neighborhood Historic District due to flawed documents. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

### 3. FY '10 Board of Selectmen Operating and Capital Budget

The Board of Selectmen is required to submit their budget to the Board of Finance on March 6. Mr. Brennan advised that the Board of Selectmen 2010 operating budget is being recommended at \$27,275,218 (a 0.5% increase over the previous year). The 2010 capital budget is recommended at \$1,083,370 (a 32.4% decrease over the previous year) for a combined total that reflects a 1.4% DECREASE over the previous budget. The Five Year Capital Plan is being recommended at an estimated \$54,690,369, after reducing capital requests by approximately \$10 million over this period.

Mr. Brennan moved to present the FY 10 Board of Selectmen budget and the Five Year Capital Plan to the Board of Finance. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Creeth thanked Mr. Brennan for getting ahead of the current financial situation early and beginning to look at possible savings in the budget well in advance.

### 4. Wilton Charter Commission – Sequence of Events and Timeline

Charter Commission Chairman Bob Russell (via E-mail) updated the timeline for completion of their work and for placing any recommended changes on the

ballot in November. Commission member Louise Herot advised that she does not see any problem with meeting the deadline.

5. Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Ms. Bruschi moved the following: Be it Resolved that William F. Brennan, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Wilton, a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

- C. Public Comment – Ms. Amy Quigley, 37 Cannon Road, asked if there is a time limit for re-submission of a Cannondale Neighborhood Historic District proposal and was informed that there is none.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Federal Stimulus Package – Mr. Brennan reported that on 2/23/09, along with other area First Selectmen, he attended a very informative meeting with Congressman Jim Himes. He distributed copies of a written summary. Unfortunately, no information has yet been received regarding funding for specific “shovel ready” projects.

FAA – Congressman Himes is aware and supportive of the on-going legal action being taken by the *Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning*.

Danbury-Norwalk Branch Line - Mr. Brennan testified in Hartford last week in support of a bill proposed by Senator Toni Boucher to improve the Danbury-Norwalk branch line. This bill tries to make sure that current plans stay “on track”. The bond commission approved \$2.5 million in January but there have been no further developments. Part of the bill also authorizes DOT to make improvements to infrastructure.

CT. Bill #434 discussed- Mr. Brennan wrote a letter of support to provide DOT with flexibility to enable the department to sell or donate Super 7 acquired land.

Snow Plowing – Mr. Brennan has received compliments from residents for the job that DPW has been doing to clear roads. The other Selectmen agreed that the roads in Wilton have been cleared sooner than in other towns.

2. Selectmen’s Reports

Ms. Bruschi – No report

Mr. Hofstatter – The Troop Box campaign still needs donations. Boxes are available in the town hall lobby. Regarding a proposal for a possible ban on plastic shopping bags, he spoke with Mr. Brian Perry of Open Gifts, Inc. who is interested in getting involved. He also spoke with the owner of Village Market who feels this would be a money saver for his business.

Mr. Clark – On 2/19/09, he attended an informational meeting presented by the state DEP titled “Build Green, Save Green”, along with three other Wilton Energy Commission members. He believes that the Wilton Energy Commission is in the forefront and doing more than other towns at this point.

Mr. Creeth – Regarding Wilton Commons, the board is exploring every avenue for funding options. This project would create 250 jobs during construction and 15 on-going jobs, saving money for the State of Connecticut every year. He feels that this should be considered as an excellent candidate for receiving funds from the State for this “shovel ready” project. Recently, a subset of the Wilton Commons Board met with Senator Boucher and Rep. Reeves in Hartford to discuss further options.

D. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary  
Minutes taken from video recording