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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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: Ann Bell, Michael Cuddy, Joe Dolan

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

First Selectman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked to add two items to the agenda. Mr. Clark moved to add Review of procedures for conducting a proposed vote on retail liquor permits, and two bequests to Parks and Recreation. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 2, 2009 (with amendment)

Tax Refunds

- Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds and personal Property Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's Memorandum dated March 3, 2009

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Raymond – Ambler House Building Project – Update and Next Phase

Ms. Ann Bell, President of Friends of Ambler Farm, was present to give an update on the building project. An outline of the status, phasing, funding and

timeline was distributed (copy attached to minutes). The Council on Public Facilities has reviewed the plans and recommends that the Board of Selectmen approve commencement of the work as outlined.

- Building Committee be reappointed by the Board of Selectmen
- Approval and execution of the contract for Faesy Smith Architects in the amount of \$60,000 which covers all phases of the project.
- Hiring of Tecumseh Woodworks Inc. to complete the demolition
- Building Committee to bid out construction

Mr. Clark moved to authorize First Selectman William F. Brennan to sign the “Continuation of Demolition and Architectural Contract”. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

The Building Committee and Ms. Bell were commended for their work and for preparing a detailed and informative report, including funding and a break out of expenses by each phase of the project.

2. Health District - Discussion

Mr. Brennan reported that on March 24, he will be meeting with Mark A. R. Cooper, Director of the Westport-Weston Health District. Mr. Cooper will be giving a presentation on the advantages of becoming part of a health district. No decisions have been made. Mr. Brennan would like to make sure there are tangible benefits to becoming part of a district. The driving motivation for exploring this is that the state is trying to motivate communities to regionalize services and the current state funding is threatened for communities who are not part of a district. Second Selectman Susan Bruschi will be attending that meeting and will be the liaison with this Board.

3. Transfer Station – Redesign and Update on Plans

Mr. Brennan and Mr. Clark have attended a number of meetings, along with DPW Director Tom Thurkettle, Conservation Commission Chairman Kristen Begor and member David Hapke, to work on a redesign plan for the transfer station that will help motivate recycling. The Town pays to get rid of municipal solid waste but receives payment for delivery of recyclables. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Thurkettle will be meeting with City Carting this week to discuss an agreement for the delivery of recyclables to City’s transfer station in Norwalk. The goal is to have the Wilton transfer station re-designed to allow free access by residents who are dropping off recyclables, by 7/1/09. The second phase of the redesign would be to get approval of the capital funds for a new scale. Mr. Clark added that there are also plans to be able to receive cfl’s and electronics at the transfer station.

4. FY '10 Board of Selectmen Operating and Capital Budget – Next Steps

Mr. Brennan advised that the public hearing on the Board of Education budget will be held on Monday, March 30 and the hearing on the Board of Selectmen

budget will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at Middlebrook School. Both will be recorded for broadcast on Channel 79.

5. Review of Procedures for Conducting Proposed Vote on Retail Alcohol Sales

Mr. Brennan distributed written copies prepared by town attorney Ken Bernhard, outlining the sequence of events to be followed in order to eventually have a permit level for retail liquor sales. Mr. Brennan has been informed that there is one interested party that will be circulating a petition, which must be received by 9/3/09 at the latest. The Town Clerk then has five days to verify the names and send the petition on to the Board of Selectmen.

6. Consideration of the appointment of a candidate to the Parks & Recreation Commission

Ms. Bruschi reported that the RTC is recommending Mr. Joseph Burke to fill the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Arrangements will be made for the Board of Selectmen members to interview Mr. Burke before the meeting on 4/6/09.

7. Consideration of appointment to the Wilton Energy Commission

Ms. Bruschi moved to appoint Ms. Dona Pratt to the Wilton Energy Commission for a two year term. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. It was noted that Ms. Pratt (formerly Waskom) has been attending the Energy Commission meetings and will be serving as a liaison to the P&Z Commission. She has also served on the Board of Education.

8. Bequests to Parks & Recreation Commission

The Wilton Baseball & Softball Association has offered to replace the batting cage at Wilton High School, at an estimated cost of \$4,500. The Wilton Girls Tennis Boosters has offered to provide a backboard at Wilton High School at an estimated cost of \$3,750.

Mr. Clark moved to accept, with gratitude, the bequests from the Wilton High School Girls Tennis Boosters and from the Wilton Baseball & Softball Association. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Annual Cleanup Day – The Town-wide Annual Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Street Sweeping – We are in the process of sweeping Town roads. For this process, the Town is divided into four quadrants and each year the schedule is rotated so that a different quadrant is completed first.

Rt. 7 Construction – A public information meeting is scheduled for the final construction phase of the widening of Rt. 7 on April 1, 2009 at 7:30 in the Cider Mill School cafeteria. The DOT will be bringing the landscaping plans and the meeting will be filmed for broadcast on channel 79.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Creeth – No report

Mr. Clark – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – The ban on plastic bags becomes effective in Westport this week. We will be waiting to find out their results.

Ms. Bruschi – No report

D. Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary