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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

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

GUESTS: Joseph Dolan, Sarah Taffel, Milton Pohl

OTHERS: Brian Shea (Bulletin), A. J. O'Connell (Villager)

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

A. Consent Agenda

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

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meetings – April 6, 2009 Regular Meeting and April 8, 2009 Special Meeting

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Westport-Weston Health District – Presentation

Mr. Mark A. R. Cooper, Director of the Westport-Weston Health District was introduced to the Selectmen. As of July 1, 2009, towns will be losing subsidy from the state, which will still be available to Health Districts. This could be an opportunity for better services at a lower cost. Mr. Brennan advised that he has had preliminary meetings with Mr. Cooper, along with Mr. Dolan and Ms. Taffel. There are still several issues that would need to be resolved such as

union participation, as well as the pension issues for our employees who would become employees of a Health District.

Mr. Cooper then gave a presentation of the possible advantages of Wilton joining the Westport Weston Health District, including preliminary cost numbers he prepared.

Mr. Brennan advised suggested forming a committee to look into the financial impact of this proposal and to meet with Mr. Cooper and his staff. The Board of Selectmen would then discuss and form a recommendation.

Mr. Cooper invited the Selectmen to visit the Health District facilities in Westport. He was thanked for the offer and for the presentation.

2. Town Facilities – Security Improvements

Mr. Brennan advised that he has become concerned with security of the town buildings. There are a lot of keys to the Town Hall and easy access to equipment such as computer monitors. During a recession, crime escalates. The Police Department assessed the matter and came back with a recommendation for cameras which were cost prohibitive. Another suggestion was to change the locks, which has now been done on Comstock, Town Hall and the Annex and will be done on the Gilbert and Bennett school building. The new keys cannot be copied. A list is being kept of everyone who has a key and the number on that key. Keys are kept at the Police Department and can be accessed there 24/7 by leaving a driver's license to insure the key return.

3. Ambler Farm – Public Private Partnership – Plans and Procedures

Mr. Brennan distributed copies of the current Public Private Partnership procedures, stating that Ambler Farm is different than other partnerships. The organization is already in place and the facilities have been operating for several years but there is a need to finalize the town's relationship. Ms. Ann Bell, President of Friends of Amber Farm, prepared a preliminary Public Private Partnership draft a year ago. The Friends are currently updating the document and beginning to prepare the financials. A lot of work has already been done. A public hearing will be required at some point before this is finalized.

4. Consideration of Application for Federal Funding under the America Recovery and Reinvestment Grant of 2009

Selectman Hoffstatter moved to approve the application for \$305,000 in the Federal funding of a police officer for a period of three full years, without any cost sharing, including all benefits. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

It was noted that it is unlikely that Wilton will be approved for this funding which is based on crime rate and town financial standing.

5. Call of Annual Town Meeting

First Selectman Brennan moved to hold the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middlebrook School auditorium. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

6. Consideration of appointment to Wilton Energy Commission

First Selectman Brennan moved to appoint Ms. Gail Lavielle as a member of the Wilton Energy Commission for a term to expire on 11/30/10. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Brennan noted that he intends to include special recognition to Mr. Michael Lindberg and the members of the Wilton Energy Commission in the 2008 Annual Report. A lot of work has been done by this Commission which includes two Selectmen, Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark.

C. Public Comment – None present at this time

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Transfer Station – The committee has been meeting regularly. The recycling center is currently being arranged and new signage is being planned. They are working on a draft for a professional mailing to all town residents advising them of the free access for recycling.

OP ED – An editorial on the proposed FY 10 Budget has been prepared for this week's newspapers.

Charter Review Commission – A hearing will be held on 6/3/09 for public input on the recommendations of the commission. The Board of Selectmen will then be working on this during June and July.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Creeth – No report

Ms. Bruschi – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – thanked Trackside for preparing four troop boxes and for working on the Kick for Nick program, collecting soccer balls.

E. Adjournment

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

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary