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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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:** Robert Russell, Toni Lee, Joseph Dolan, Robert Root

**OTHERS:** Brian Shea (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager)

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

A. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Bruschi, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: (Mr. Clark abstained from approval of the minutes as he was not present at the meeting on 4/20/09.)

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meetings – April 20, 2009 Regular Meeting

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's Memorandum of April 21, 2009

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Charter Commission - Review of Timetable

Mr. Bob Russell, Chairman of the Charter Review Commission distributed copies of the Charter Commission timetable (attached to these minutes) and gave an update on the work they have completed to date. Mr. Brennan asked

if the Charter Commission could have their final recommendations completed in time for the Board of Selectmen to vote at their August 17, 2009 meeting in order to have recommendations on the November ballot. The Board of Selectmen is very appreciative of the amount of work that is being done by those serving on this commission.

2. Proposal for changes to Building Department Fee Schedule

Building Official Bob Root was present and is proposing changes to the Building Department's Fee Schedule as outlined in his 4/27/09 memorandum to the First Selectmen (attached to these minutes). He has compared the fees being charged in surrounding towns and found that Wilton fees are on the low end of the scale.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the 4/27/09 proposal for changes to the Building Department fee schedule, effective July 1, 2009. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Consideration of Application for State Transportation Grant Matching Funds

Ms. Bruschi moved to authorize First Selectman Brennan to sign the application for a matching grant for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation in the amount of \$25,256, subject to approval by the Board of Finance. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

This grant is considered to be the annual Dial-A-Ride budget.

4. Dedication and Conveyance of Easements between Town of Wilton and Old Post Office Square LLC

First Selectman Brennan moved to consider agenda items #4 and #5 together. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

These easements were referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission, as per CGS 8-24, and approved at its 4/27/09 regular meeting.

Mr. Brennan moved to approve the dedication and conveyance of an easement from the Town of Wilton to Old Post Office Square, LLC for the purpose of permitting Old Post Office Square, LLC the right to use town-owned land for customer parking AND to approve the dedication and conveyance of an easement from Old Post Office Square, LLC to the Town of Wilton for the purpose of permitting public pedestrian access across property owned by Old Post Office Square, LLC. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. See Item 4 above

6. Resolution with Respect To The Authorization, Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$12,500,000 Town Of Wilton General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Chief Financial Officer Joe Dolan explained that this resolution will allow a refinancing of 2001 and 2003 bonds if a “repricing” to be held on 6/1/09 is found to provide for a savings.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Resolution with Respect To The Authorization, Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$12,500,000 Town of Wilton General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Motion seconded and carried: YES – Brennan, Bruschi, Clark, Creeth, Hofstatter

7. Resignation from Wilton Energy Commission

Mr. Creeth moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Mitchell Reichgut from the Wilton Energy Commission, with much regret. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Both Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark, who are members of the Energy Commission, stated that Mr. Reichgut has made a significant contribution to the efforts of the commission.

C. Public Comment – None present at this time

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

H1N1 Influenza – (Swine flu) Mr. Brennan advised that a Wilton Response Team has been established and they are working in coordination with the Westport-Weston Health District. A communications plan was developed and information is being provided for the public on the town webpage. Status reports are received daily. The Board of Education has a full plan covering procedures for closing of schools if necessary.

Elderly Tax Relief – The Board of Selectmen has discussed and supports the program, especially in this economic climate. This will be on the 5/18 agenda for more discussion, on the 6/1 agenda for formation of a committee, and on the 6/15 agenda to vote on a charge for the committee.

Transfer Station – The transfer station committee will be ready to give a full presentation soon. The recycling area has been reconfigured and they are working on a town-wide informational mailing.

Stimulus Funds - The Governor has announced that \$9 million in stimulus funding has been approved for 143 municipalities in the state for energy efficient projects – Wilton is eligible for \$76,300.

Public Comment – The Selectmen discussed the possibility of limiting public comment to items on the agenda. The decision was to leave public comment the way it is for now.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Creeth – No report

Mr. Clark – Urged residents to attend the hearing on public transportation at Norwalk Town Hall on 5/19 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Hoffstatter – There is a bill before the state legislature that would tax every plastic bag at the checkout with the state receiving the nickel per bag. This bill would also prohibit towns from banning plastic bags.

Ms. Bruschi – She has set up appointments to talk with three individuals regarding the proposal to join the Health District and will report back to the other Selectmen.

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary