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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 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:** Joe Dolan, Sarah Taffel, Tom Thurkettle, Jennifer Fascitelli, John Savarese, Milton Pohl

**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 Mr. Clark, seconded and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Tax Refunds as outlined in Tax Collector's Memorandum of May 8, 2009

Gifts

- Kiwanis Club gift of \$1,100 to CERT for equipment van that is being purchased with grants and donations
- Rotary Club gift of \$500 to CERT for equipment van

The Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club were thanked for their continued generosity to the CERT program.

## B. Discussion and/or Action

### 1. Elderly Tax Relief – Discussion / Plans to form review committee

Mr. Brennan noted that this time of economic stress is particularly hard for seniors. This was recognized in the 2010 Budget by increasing the total budgeted amount of tax relief for seniors from \$650,000 to \$800,000, as it is expected more people will be applying for this needs based program. The Board of Selectmen have discussed at previous meetings that there is a need to look at this program again, which would be the 4<sup>th</sup> review since it was implemented. It was decided that a six member committee would be sufficient and Board members felt that it would be good to see some new people willing to serve, along with some experienced members. A notice will be put in the local newspapers asking for three volunteers to serve along with Ms. Judy Zucker, Mr. Joe Dolan and Ms. Cathy Pierce.

### 2. Transfer Station – Proposed Fees

DPW Director Tom Thurkettle was present, along with Jennifer Fascitelli who is the DPW program coordinator involved with the transfer station. Mr. Thurkettle advised that the recommendation is for the present transfer station fee structure to remain the same, with the exception that there will be no fee for residential vehicle permits that are required to use the facility. This recommendation is intended to encourage more residents to use the transfer station for recycling. The vehicle stickers will be mailed to all residents along with information about fees and recycling.

On July 1, 2009, the transfer station will be accepting recyclable electronics (Universal Waste). Since the town is charged a fee to recycle these items, the recommendation is that a fee schedule be adopted for their drop off at the transfer station. It is anticipated that the fees collected for recyclable electronics will help to offset the loss of revenue from the sticker fees.

Mr. Clark moved to adopt the Transfer Station Fee Schedule as recommended by DPW Director Tom Thurkettle (attached), effective July 1, 2009. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

### 3. Board of Selectmen – Charter Authority - Facility Repair Funds

Mr. Brennan advised that \$50,000 in the current budget has been encumbered for anticipated repairs to town properties. He is recommending that the BOS approve the use of \$20,000 at this time in order to make improvements to a town-owned property that could then be eligible for rental income.

Ms. Bruschi moved to approve the use of \$20,000 for potential repairs of a facility that will soon return to the possession of the town. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Consideration of adoption of Amendment to Part III of the Town's Retirement Plan

Director of Human Resources Sarah Taffel advised that effective 6/1/09, all new Library employee hires will become participants in the Library's defined contribution plan in lieu of the Town's defined benefit Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Town of Wilton, Part III. Under the terms of the Town's Retirement Plan, the Board of Selectmen is responsible for amending the plan. An amendment has been prepared incorporating the exclusion of new Library employees from participation in the Town's Plan.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the Amendment to Part III of the Town's Retirement Plan for the Employees of the Town of Wilton. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Consideration of re-appointment of Mr. Glenn Hemmerle to Library Board of Trustees

Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Mr. Glenn Hemmerle to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire on June 30, 2011. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

It was noted that we are very fortunate that Mr. Hemmerle is willing to continue serving on the Library Board where he has been a great asset.

6. Consideration of appointment of Mr. Chris Hevesy to Library Board of Trustees

The RTC has recommended Mr. Chris Hevesy be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees to replace Mr. Mike Kaelin who wishes not to be reappointed. Mr. Hevesy will be invited for an interview prior to the next meeting.

C. Public Comment – Mr. Milton Pohl, Hurlbutt Street, spoke regarding the Board of Selectmen's previous discussion about restructuring the public comment portion of meetings. He feels that this is the only way for the public to express views that will be carried on the public access channel since no other meetings are broadcast. Mr. Pohl was advised that after discussion, no changes were made by the Selectmen and public comment remains as it has been.

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

CCM Reverse Auction – The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is now sponsoring an electronic system for use by towns to solicit bids on purchases. We will be looking into this program to see if it could be of

benefit in obtaining more competitive prices on items such as the scale for the transfer station.

Library Board of Trustees – The meeting with the Board of Trustees will be held on 5/20/09 at 7:30 pm at the Library.

Wilton Family Y – The Y will be applying for a grant to promote healthier living and combat childhood obesity. Mr. Brennan wrote a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen for this grant application.

Energy Funds – The town will be receiving \$76,295 in stimulus funds to be used for energy conservation projects. The Energy Commission is putting together a list of projects, which will include an energy audit at a cost of \$8,000. Ms. Bruschi moved to move forward with the Energy Audit. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

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 – No report

Ms. Bruschi – No report

E. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation and to invite CFO Joe Dolan, DPW Director Tom Thurkettle and HR Director Sarah Taffel.

Meeting entered executive session at 8:45 pm and returned to open session at 9:30 pm, at which time the meeting was adjourned. No action was taken.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary