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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009
WILTON TOWN HALL, ROOM B**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Hal Clark, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter

GUESTS: CFO Joe Dolan, Board of Education Chairman Karen Birck, Bruce Hampson, Michael Giliard (Turner Construction); Charter Commission members Robert Russell, Alice Ayers, Michael Kaelin, Doug Levene, Paul Burnham, Paul Burnham; Library Trustees Ann Duffy, David Waters, Glen Hemmerle, Dan Mahony, Library Director Kathy Leeds, Library Treasurer Greg Jansen, library Finance Mgr. Susan

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Kara O'Connor (Villager)

First Selectman Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 – July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting.

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Update on High School Renovation Project

Board of Education Chairman Karen Birck distributed copies of budget figures to date. She explained that most of the contingency expenditures were for the following:

- Fire alarm system had to be improved in all parts of the building, increasing the electrical work.
- It was found that the entire roof is not asphalt. The north section is coal tar which involves more expensive materials.
- The mechanical contractor recommended stronger roof top duct work support than was originally proposed.

Energy saving features have been installed in both old and new parts of the building which has resulted in \$84,624 in rebates.

It was always planned that some shift work would need to be completed after school opens on 8/31 and will continue through early 2010. Overall, 70% of the summer work has been completed which is on schedule.

The Selectmen were invited to join a walk-thru on 8/12 at 6:30 pm.

2. Charter Review

Charter Commission Chairman Bob Russell was present, along with Commission members Alice Ayers, Michael Kaelin, Paul Burnham and Doug Levene, to answer questions and discuss some of their recommendations.

Real Estate Leases – The Charter Commission recommends that any lease valued in excess of 1% of the budget require Town Meeting approval. There was a lengthy discussion on how value would be defined and determined. The Charter Commission will look into this and discuss at their next meeting before making their final recommendations to the Selectmen.

Latin phrases – The Selectmen had felt that the Charter is written for all citizens and some may not be familiar with Latin phrases used in legal documents, however, the usage is not excessive and they don't have a strong objection to leaving it in.

Preamble – Ms. Lee and Mr. Burnham drafted a preamble which was given to the Selectmen to review.

Restriction on Treasurer serving on other Town boards – CFO Joe Dolan had recommended removing the restriction in the event that the CFO and Treasurer positions are combined at some point in the future. The CFO sits on the OPEB and Pension committees, however, he is an ex-officio member and does not have a vote.

Gifts of real property – The P&Z regulations require the dedication of property as part of a subdivision but P&Z does not have the power to

administer the property. The Charter Commission suggested this be included under powers of the Board of Selectmen.

The Commission members were thanked for the time and attention to detail they have given to their charge.

3. Report by BOS appointed members of Library Board of Trustees

Selectmen had received copies of financial information to review in advance. Ms. Ann Duffy reported that usage of the Library is strong in all areas, with an average of 1,000 transactions per day. Teen usage is up 15.4% year over year. Fund raising however is down which would be expected in the current economy.

In light of the slow economic recovery, low growth of grand list and State budget problems, Mr. Brennan would like to meet with Director Kathy Leeds to share what the town departments are being asked to look at in terms of early contingency planning.

4. Appointment of Andrew Kingman to the WPCA

Mr. Kingman was unavoidably detained and could not meet earlier this evening with the Selectmen. This will be rescheduled.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Economic Development – This was discussed at a previous meeting and the Selectmen seemed to be in favor of further research. Mr. Brennan plans to invite the president of the CT Economic Resource Commission (CERC) to make a presentation at a BOS meeting in September.

Police Cruisers – Chief Kulhawik has found a retrofit device for police vehicles which allows the overhead lights to continue flashing when the engine is not running. The lights must remain flashing when an officer is directing traffic on Route 7. This would save fuel costs, engine wear and emissions.

Range Road – This road was recently restriped, with the work being done at midnight. An intoxicated driver weaved back and forth on the line smearing the paint before it had dried. An arrest has been made and the road will be painted again.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Mr. Hoffstatter – No report

Mr. Clark – No report

E. Executive Session

Mr. Brennan moved to enter executive session to discuss employee matters and litigation and to invite Mr. Dolan and Ms. Taffel to attend. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Meeting entered executive session at 8:45 pm and returned to open session at 8:59 p.m.

Mr. Clark moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the settlement agreement with Paul Glorioso. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the non-union salary increases as outlined for FY 10. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

F. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary