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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 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, Sally Poundstone, Ken Post, Bob Russell, Carol Russell, Alice Ayers, Louise Herot, Fred Herot, Mitch Ancona

OTHERS: Justin Reynolds (Bulletin), Kara O'Connor (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: (Ms. Bruschi and Mr. Creeth abstained as they were not present on 8/4/09)

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting.

B. Discussion and/or Action

Mr. Brennan moved to scramble tonight's agenda by discussing the POCD first. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

1. Plan of Conservation and Development - Discussion

Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Sally Poundstone stated that the Commission received full cooperation from town officials and departments. A lot of information has been gathered from their meetings, public hearings and a town-wide survey. The draft Plan has been posted on the town website for public comment. On 10/5/09, there will be another public hearing at the Library. The Commission is looking forward to hearing more comments and suggestions from the Board of Selectmen as well as the public, after which they will “refine” the Plan. Mr. Clark suggested including alternative uses for the property that was set aside for “Super 7”. Mr. Brennan will consolidate the comments of the Board of Selectmen and send them in writing to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Ms. Poundstone and the Commission were thanked for the excellent job they have done and are continuing to complete this important Plan for the town.

2. Resolution approving a lease purchase agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for Board of Education computers

Board of Education Finance Director Ken Post stated that this lease is for computers that are bought every year, consisting of mostly replacements. Joe Dolan handles the financing and the Board of Education budgets enough to cover the costs. Mr. Dolan advised that the terms are 3.59% for three years, with quarterly payments. This has been done annually for the past ten years. The Board of Selectmen is the only body that can incur debt.

Mr. Brennan moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Master Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement, Supplement No. 278722-400 And Related Instruments, And Determining Other Matters In Connection Therewith. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

3. Consideration of referendum items for Town Election on November 3, 2009

Retail Sales of Alcohol/Liquor – The Town Clerk has verified the names on the petition submitted and they exceed the 10% requirement to place this on the ballot.

Mr. Clark moved to entertain a motion to add the following referendum item to the ballot of the Town Election scheduled for November 3, 2009:

“Shall the sale of alcohol/liquor under Package Store Permits be permitted in Wilton? Yes /No.” Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Revised Town of Wilton Charter – The Charter Commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen has complied with all statutory procedures and

submitted a final report to the Board of Selectmen, dated 8/10/09. This report has been posted on the town website and is available for review by the voters

Mr. Clark moved to entertain a motion to add the following referendum item to the ballot at the Town Election scheduled for November 3, 2009.

“Shall the revised Town of Wilton Charter, dated August 10, 2009, as drafted by the Charter Commission and submitted to the Board of Selectmen, be approved? Yes/No.” Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Mr. Russell pointed out that 17 years ago when the current Charter was approved, there was also a petition for serving alcohol in Wilton.

4. Town Preparations for Flu Season

Mr. Brennan stated that early this summer, a flu response team was put together, working with the Westport/Weston Health District, Nursing and Home Care, Wilton Health Department, Wilton Schools, Fire Department, State Department of Health, and Wilton Volunteer Ambulance. Once schools are in session, a letter will be going out to parents with instructions about notifications and procedures. There is a lot of information on the town website. Ms. Taffel advised that the response team is focused on refining the means of communication because we will need to get information out to the public quickly. We already have a general pandemic flu plan that is being adapted for this.

5. Appointment of Andrew Kingman to the WPCA

Ms. Bruschi moved to appoint Mr. Andrew Kingman to the WPCA for a term to expire on 7/1/13. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None present

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

DPW Truck Fire – While repaving School Road, a DPW truck was destroyed when the raised bucket came in contact with a primary power cable carrying 13,000 volts. Fortunately, the employee was able to escape from the truck with only minor injury. This is a 16 year old vehicle that was nearing the end of its useful life and is covered by insurance. We are still doing an internal investigation. OSHA reps will be issuing their report. There was discussion with the Operating Committee as to what we can learn from this to prevent accidents in the future. All departments have been requested to initiate further safety training.

Flagpole – A large hollowed out and dying maple tree at the corner of Old Ridgefield Road and Center Street has been planned to be removed for over a year. It will be removed in the fall, leaving a visual void. Plans have been made to install a flagpole and memorial wall honoring Wilton citizens who lost their lives during various wars and conflicts. Kevin Quinlan prepared design drawings (pro bono). A team of veterans has been formed including Don Hazzard, Bing Ventres, Jack Majewsky, and Tom Briody to work on this project, which is to be funded by contributions. A second phase involving a memorial suggested by Don Klotz is in the initial design stages. Don will work closely with the team and funds will be raised to support this phase.

Hazardous Waste Day – Wilton will host this in October and details are on the town website. The towns in the surrounding area are scheduled in sequence for hosting a day for hazardous waste drop-off. Residents can go to any town on the schedule and do not have to wait a year if they are unable to drop off in Wilton.

Public Information Officer – Jan Andras has been appointed as Public Information Officer.

Transfer Station - The new recycling set up at the transfer station has been working extremely well. Mr. Brennan has met with a company that offers a bagging system that could increase recyclables, thereby reducing solid waste by 40% which would be a cost savings to the town. The transfer station committee will be meeting again in September.

2. Selectmen's Reports

Ms. Bruschi – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – He has been talking to Senator Dodd's office and will be setting up a meeting regarding the possibility of stimulus money being approved for Wilton Commons.

Mr. Clark – No report

Mr. Creeth – For the upcoming budget season, he would like to begin looking at ways to save money, including possible synergies between departments and schools. Research will be necessary to determine if this is feasible.

E. Adjournment

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

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary