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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 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: Sandra Dennies, Sarah Taffel, John Savarese, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lounds (Bulletin), Kara O'Connor (Villager), Christian Camarota (Patch.com)

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

ADD TO AGENDA: Mr. Brennan moved to add the re-appointment of three town employees to the agenda. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

A. Consent Agenda

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

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- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting, October 19, 2009

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. FY 2011 Budget Process – Discussion and Plans

CFO Sandy Dennies distributed copies of estimated revenues for FY 2010, explaining that there is some concern about possible deficiencies in estimated revenue that would impact the upcoming budget. As of now, there is an indication of a possible \$1.5 million shortfall, primarily in revenue from licenses, permits & fees and interest income.

The FY 2011 budget preparation packets will be distributed to all departments this week. In addition to the usual information requests, departments will be asked to complete an organizational chart for their department, a mission statement, and to identify quantifiable activities that each department is responsible for carrying out.

2. Tri Board Working Committee – Follow up activity

The working committee will consist of Mr. Meinhold and Mr. Alper of the Board of Finance, Ms. Bruschi and Mr. Creeth of the Board of Selectmen and Ms. Birck and one other member of the Board of Education. Initially, this group will be looking into possible savings by developing a town-wide purchasing program.

3. Application for ANCC Government Access Committee Grant

Thanks to John Savarese, many improvements have been made to the equipment used to broadcast meetings on Channel 79. John is now proposing to apply for a grant to purchase additional microphones and a wall mount camera for this meeting room, and to make improvements to the control room equipment.

Mr. Clark moved to approve applying to the ANCC Government Access Committee for a grant in the amount of \$6,479.90. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

4. Appointment to Wilton Energy Commission

Ms. Paula Byrdy met with Board of Selectmen members this evening, prior to this meeting. Mr. Brennan moved to appoint Paula Byrdy as a member of the Wilton Energy Commission for a term to expire on 11/30/11. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

5. Re-appointments to Wilton Energy Commission

Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Ronald Cagnello, Richard Creeth and Michael Lindberg to the Wilton Energy Commission for terms to expire on 11/20/11. Motion seconded and carried (Mr. Creeth abstained)

It was noted by Mr. Creeth and Mr. Clark that James Snedeker has resigned from the Commission. His work on the commission is much appreciated.

6. Re-appointment of Animal Control Officers

Mr. Brennan moved to re-appoint Robert Napoleon, Animal Control Officer; Mary Ann Kleinschmitt, Assistant Animal Control officer; and Herbert F. Roome, Assistant Animal Control Officer for terms to expire on October 1, 2010. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

C. Public Comment – None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman

Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance – In the event that the ballot question regarding the sale of retail alcohol under a package store permit is approved, the Board of Selectmen will be required to modify the current Ordinance. Town Attorney Ken Bernhard has drafted an ordinance for approval, after holding a public hearing. At the 11/16/09 BOS meeting, a public hearing date will be set.

There has been some misunderstanding about whether supermarkets will be allowed to sell beer if the ballot question is passed. When Wilton votes on any matter pertaining to the alcohol ordinance, we are “opting” into that specific change only. The question is whether to allow package store permits to sell retail alcohol. Supermarkets would require a grocery store permit, which is not included in this proposal and would require the same but separate process, i.e. petition, election ballot, etc.

Household Hazardous Waste – A report on the 10/31 Household Hazardous Waste Day was received from Pat Sesto and the Conservation Commission. An excellent job was done by all, including many volunteers, for a successful community event.

HDHP Commission – The Historic District and Historic Properties Commission will be invited to attend the 12/7/09 Selectmen meeting to talk about their activities and plans.

2. Selectmen’s Reports

Ms. Bruschi – No report

Mr. Hoffstatter – Trackside is making headway in finding ways to raise funds. There are a lot of positive things happening there.

Mr. Clark – Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce on a successful children’s Halloween parade.

Mr. Creeth – No report

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary