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TOWN HALL
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2018
TOWN HALL – MEETING ROOM B

PRESENT: First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, David Clune, Michael Kaelin, Lori Bufano and Deborah McFadden

ABSENT: Michael Kaelin (With Notice)

GUESTS: Anne Kelly-Lenz, Sarah Taffel, John Savarese

OTHERS: Members of the Press and Members of the Public

A. Call to Order
Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:34PM. Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to add Police Station/Town Campus Building Committee to the agenda following General Budget Discussion and to reverse the order of items #2 and #3. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano seconded by Ms. McFadden and unanimously carried.

B. Executive Session
- Interview
  Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to go into Executive Session and invite Eileen Griffin for an interview with the Board regarding her interest in serving on the Energy Commission. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Ms. McFadden and unanimously carried.

C. Consent Agenda
Motion made by Ms. McFadden seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Minutes
- Board of Selectmen Meeting – January 22, 2018

Refunds
- As per Tax Collector's Memo dated January 24, 2018

Gifts
- Ivy Keating – K-9 Unit - $25.00

D. Public Comment
None

Minutes have not been reviewed by this Board and may be subject to revision in future minutes.

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. BOF Survey – Request for Participant
   The Board of Finance is forming a sub-committee to consider and possibly conduct a survey of taxpayers. They are looking for a member of this board who would like to serve on the sub-committee. Ms. McFadden offered to serve on the committee for the Board of Selectmen.

2. HR, Town Clerk & Registrars Budget Request
   Sarah Taffel, Director Human Services, Labor Relations and Administrative Services reviewed the HR, Town Clerk & Registrars Budget Request.

3. IS Budget Request
   John Savarese, Director of Information Systems reviewed the IS Budget Request.

4. Finance Department Budget Request
   Anne Kelly-Lenz, CFO reviewed the Finance Department Budget Request.

5. General Budget Discussion
   The Board of Selectmen conducted a general discussion on the budget Ms. Vanderslice clarified that the requests that have been presented may be subject to change. She noted that as discussed we are still looking at medical. She stated Mr. Rutishauser, Chair of the BoF, contacted her regarding increasing the finance budget for a BoF survey. Will be keeping a running total of those items. She also noted that she received an email from a resident asking if the Eversource rates the Town is using reflect the recent rate reduction PURA required due to Eversource's lower federal tax rate. She noted that the Town's rate does reflect such.

   Ms. Vanderslice also wanted to clarify something that was misreported in one paper and then copied in another paper. On Saturday she said that we were **NOT** presenting inflated budgets when discussing the decision to budget DPW Overtime at what we expect to need versus the worse case. She noted that one paper this morning originally reported that I said we were presenting inflating budgets and then corrected the article to include the word "not". Another paper seemed to have copied that earlier addition. She clarified WE ARE NOT PRESENTING INFLATED BUDGETS.

6. Police HQ/Town Campus Building Committee
   Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the three Candidates recommended by the Committee to be members of the Police HQ/Town Campus Building Committee, they are: David Johnson, Jack Suchy and Kathy Poirer. She noted the board has already met with David Johnson and he is willing to serve. Jack Suchy is currently a member on the Wilton Security Task Force. Will forward information on Jack Suchy and Kathy Poirer and set up interviews as needed. Ms. Vanderslice asked to appoint David Johnson. Motion made by Mr. Clune to appoint David Johnson to the Police HQ/Town Campus Building Committee, seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

7. Real Estate Committee Proposal
   Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the Real Estate Committee Proposal.
   She noted that the town owns land which is not being used and that the town also leases town owned buildings. She stated that it is prudent to periodically have the portfolio reviewed by professionals. She noted that since the town has a number of residents who are highly qualified real estate professionals and who are not involved in the local market, she suggested the board form a temporary committee to review the town's portfolio. The BOF chair is one of those professionals, so she would like to discuss this with him and then present the Board with a list of candidates. She noted that she will also speak with the Town Committees, but as with the Pension Investment Committee, are looking for a special set of skills.

8. Authorization of First Selectman to Execute FY18 Delta Dental Contract
   Sarah Taffel reviewed the FY18 Delta Dental Contract. After review, Ms. Taffel is looking to the Board of Selectmen to approve the authorization of the First Selectmen to Execute the FY18 Delta Dental Contract. Motion to approve moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

9. Appointments
   Ms. Vanderslice noted that the Board received a Letter from the Investment Committee recommending Ken Hoffman and Rudy Escalante for the Committee. There are no issues with minority representation as they are from two different parties.

   Motion made by Ms. McFadden, to appoint Ken Hoffman and Rudy Escalante to the Retirement Investment Committee. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

   Motion made by Ms. McFadden to appoint Eileen Griffin as a representative to the Energy Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

F. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report
   - I ❤Wilton For Valentines Day
     The Town has partnered with the Library to sponsor a fun event for Valentines Day to allow residents of all ages to share Who or What they Love in Wilton. We are inviting residents to create heart shaped valentines and hang them on the Big Red Chair at the Chess Park. If people want to laminate their heart before hanging their Valentine, they can do so at the Innovation Station at the Library.

     Children who are too young to use the Innovation Station, are invited to go to the Children's Library where they will find pre-laminated hearts and all they need to create their valentines to hang on the chair.

     This is just one more way of coming together as a community.

- Wilton Carnival Thank You's:
  Ms. Vanderslice thanked the Wilton Chamber for the outstanding Wilton Carnival which was held on the last Sunday in January. She gave a special thank you to Carol Johnson and Debra Hanson from the Chamber. Ms. Vanderslice also thanked the Library and the EDC who also participated and to Sam Gioffre, the 8th grade Middlebrook student who designed the Scavenger Hunt. It was a very positive event which was also enjoyed by Wilton residents, but also attracted a good number of people from outside of Wilton

- Ms. Vanderslice noted she was fortunate enough to be part of the Civic's lesson for ½ of the Cider Mill 4th grade. They also asked her a number of questions on a number of topics ranging from playing fields, building improvements, retail vacancies and of course a dog park. They were a very attentive and engaged group. She will be meeting with the second half of the grade in March.

- Ms. Vanderslice was also a mystery reader in Danielle Mancuso's eighth grade class. The students were also very engaged in the discussion. Wilton has great public schools, but she thinks we are fortunate to have an alternative like Our Lady of Fatima in our community.

- Ms. Vanderslice has heard from residents concerned about the reported increase levels of anxiety and stress on school aged students. Social Services Director Sarah Heath and her staff will be publishing an op-ed about services which are available and programs offered by the Department and Wilton Youth Services. There have been a number of new programs introduced in the last 2 years and some very good talks.

2. Selectmen's Reports

   Ms. Bufano
   Ms. Bufano thanked all for coming out for the Budget meeting on Saturday February 3, 2018. Was a very productive meeting

   Mr. Clune
   Mr. Clune enjoyed the Winter Carnival and was very impressed with Ms. Vanderslice's face painting.

   Ms. McFadden
   Enjoyed the Winter Carnival and the Chili cook-off was delicious. She reminded the public that the POCD public launch is February 8, 2018 at 7:00pm in the WHS Cafeteria and encouraged the public to participate as much as possible. She noted that she was surprised at lack of interest in the January 25, 2018 presentation of the proposed BoE budget and hopes the public continues to be engaged in the budget process both for the Town and the BoE. She mentioned that on March 25, 2018 Wilton Go Green is going to launch a new program – the Zero Waste Fair.

G. Public Comment
   None

H. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Ms. McFadden to adjourn meeting at 9:28PM. Motion was seconded by Mr. Clune and unanimously carried.

Next Meeting –February 20, 2018

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
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