

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2014
MEETING ROOM B
WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Warren Serenbetz, Lynne Vanderslice (on the phone), James Meinhold, Al Alper, Jeff Rutishauser, Richard Creeth

ALSO PRESENT: Sandy Dennies, Rich McArdle, Bob Nerney, Kendra Baker (Wilton Bulletin)

Call to Order:

Chairman Warren Serenbetz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Prior to getting into the Agenda, a Motion was made to move item 5, *Update on Misappropriation Allegation*, on the Agenda, to executive session at the end of the meeting. Ken Bernhard would be joining that session. Motion was seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes for January 22, 2014

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2014 with a correction to a typo under the heading "*Review of Process for Auditor Selection...*" - line 6 – change the word "where" to "were".

Interest Rate for Deferrals – Elderly and Disabled

The Board of Finance were to make a recommendation, following a discussion, to the Board of Selectmen for the FY15 Interest Rate for Deferrals. Mr. Lisowski, Town Assessor, addressed the Board providing them with the following information.

For the current Fiscal year FY14 there were 302 grant applications for Town Benefits. The credit amount was \$898,531. The total deferral amount was \$187,410 for a grand total of \$1,085,941. The cap is set at \$1,100,000. There were 29 deferral applicants, one more than the prior year. The current interest rate is 2.5%. The numbers for the prior year were about the same. This year the maximum benefit is up by \$100 so the maximum current benefit for the application period that just started is \$4,450. The income for the maximum went up by the State from \$40,900 to \$41,600.

Mr. Meinhold asked if there were any complaints about the interest rate and Mr. Lisowski said that there hadn't been any.

Ms. Dennies said that the Board of Selectmen at the last meeting asked what the rate would be if the Town bonded and Ms. Dennies felt that it would be between 2.5% and 3 %. Splitting the difference would make it 2.75%. A motion was made by Mr. Meinhold to recommend a 2.75% interest rate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Creeth and carried 4-2 with Mr. Alper and Ms. Vanderslice voting no. (Mr. Alper voted no because he felt the interest

rate should be 3% and Ms. Vanderslice voted no because she felt that they should wait until it was determined what the rate would be on Thursday.)

Status Report – Town

Ms. Dennies gave an update of the Town's financial status saying revenues are coming in strong (particularly in the Town Clerk's office with conveyance taxes). There has been little movement with expenditures. Please refer to the Status Report attached for details of her summary.

STEAP Grant

Mr. Nerney reported on a State grant for a walkway connection between the railroad and the Town Center, a distance of 550 feet. The idea is to put in a pre-fab bridge over the Norwalk River and then have a paved walkway coming into the Center, terminating over by Portofino. There are three property owners involved; the Town of Wilton, the Connecticut DOT and Tony Ramadini (owner of Portofino's who has given an easement to the Town across his land). The cost of the project is \$546,000. The maximum amount of the grant is \$500,000 so the Town would have to pay for the balance, \$46,000. Mr. Nerney feels that number can be reduced through in-kind services. A brief discussion took place regarding the benefits to the Town, commercial district and pedestrian safety by having the walkway.

Mr. Alper made a motion that they move forward with the STEAP grant. The motion was seconded and carried.

Budget Discussion FY 15

Mr. Serenbetz said that he didn't see a reason to have the meeting with the Board of Education next week. He added that he would get questions from Ms. Vanderslice and Mr. Alper and submit them. If anyone else has any questions that have come up since their meeting, they should send them to Mr. Serenbetz immediately as he is forwarding the questions to the Board of Ed. Mr. Creeth said that he was not satisfied with the answer that the unsustainable increases by the BoE were due to unfunded mandates. He would like to know what is driving this trend and would like it to be quantified.

A discussion ensued around the Board of Ed budget and planning for fluctuating enrollments relating to hiring practices.

Mr. Serenbetz reminded the Board that they will be receiving the Selectmen's budget the first week in March and the two Public Hearings will be held the last week in March.

Committee Reports

Since the last meeting there has been a Pension Trust and OPEB Trust meeting. Mr. Meinhold reported that they [Pension Trustees] didn't talk about review or make any changes to the assumptions.

Mr. Rutishauser reporting on the Investment Committee said that last year was a good year and that this year is going to be tougher. The portfolio is up 14% for the year and 4.8% for the quarter but January was down. Eighty-nine percent of the liabilities are covered by investments which is excellent.

Mr. Serenbetz reported on the OPEB Trust saying that they implemented some of the recommendations made by Fiduciary to mimic what was done with the Pension Trust; moving to shorter term inflation protected securities and to shorter term bonds from intermediate bonds.

Mr. Creeth reported that the Comstock Building Committee had met the night before and they were planning on presenting an estimate from the architect to the Board of Selectmen in March.

Mr. Meinhold said that the Miller Driscoll Building Committee would be meeting with the Board of Selectmen that night reviewing the final two options being considered, after reviewing several. Mr. Meinhold said that he wouldn't be going into the differences between the two options at this time, since the Building Committee would be attending the next Board of Finance Meeting and would go into details at that time.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Executive Session

A motion was made, seconded and carried to go into executive session at 8:30 PM and invite Town Counsel, Ken Bernhard for an update on the *Misappropriation Allegation*. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9 pm. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to hire a forensic audit firm to look at certain Wilton Public Schools Facilities Management transactions during fiscal year 2012. The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectively submitted,

Mariana Corrado
(From audio recording).

**BOARD OF FINANCE
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PRESENT: Warren Serenbetz, Lynne Vanderslice (on the phone), James Meinhold, Al Alper, Jeff Rutishauser, Richard Creeth

ALSO PRESENT: Sandy Dennies, Rich McArdle, Curt Noel, (resident 27 Keeler's Ridge, Wilton) and one member of the Press.

Call to Order:

Chairman Warren Serenbetz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made seconded and carried to approve the Minutes to the Special Meeting of November 20, 2013 and to the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2013.

Review of Process for Auditor Selection for 2014

Mr. Serenbetz said that he, Mr. Rutishauser, Mr. Creeth and Mr. Meinhold had conducted interviews of auditing firms for the Town for the next three years based on the RFP sent out. Out of the four firms they had narrowed it down to two candidates; O'Connor Davies and Blum Shapiro. While Blum Shapiro's numbers were higher than O'Connor Davies, Blum Shapiro included doing an IT audit which O'Connor Davies bid did not include and when that fee was added in – the numbers were in the same ballpark. Additionally, the Finance Department had experienced customer service issues with O'Connor Davies which placed an additional burden on the Finance Department during the audits.

After the interviews had taken place, Mr. Serenbetz had recommended that Ms. Dennies and Mr. McArdle check references for Blum Shapiro to see if they could meet their customer service requirements.

Ms. Dennies said that they checked the references for Blum Shapiro and O'Connor Davies. The Towns that had used Blum Shapiro had used them for many years and were very happy with them and gave very positive feedback. Regarding the references for O'Connor Davies, Ms. Dennies said that the Towns providing references had experienced similar problems in customer service as the Town of Wilton had in terms of communication.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Blum Shapiro as auditors for the Town of Wilton for the next three years. Ms. Vanderslice abstained because she was not present for the interviews.

Mr. Rutishauser requested that in the future audit reports (both the Audit Report and Management Letter) be delivered to the Board of Finance at least 72 hours in advance to allow them to have adequate time for review.

Federal Reimbursement for Mutual Aid Provided to Sandy Hook

Ms. Dennies explained that this is a reimbursement for the Wilton Police Department's time that they spent for mutual aid assisting Sandy Hook. The amount is for \$9,739.29. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Federal Reimbursement.

Status Report

Ms. Dennies gave an update of the Town's financial status saying that it hadn't changed substantially and adding that they are also doing well with licenses permits and fees (particularly in the Town Clerk's office with conveyance taxes). Investments in mortgage backed securities have also had a positive result. Please refer to the Status Report attached for details of her summary.

Budget Discussion FY 15

Mr. Serenbetz said that the Budget presentation had been held the previous Wednesday at the Wilton Library and there wasn't much of an attendance by the public. Next year the presentation will be taped and available online so that residents can view it at their convenience.

He added that the Superintendent of Schools was making his presentation the following night and that the numbers were running around 4.66%. He clarified that this is not the Board of Ed's budget.

Committee Reports

Mr. Meinhold reported that the Miller Driscoll Building Committee continues to meet. They are on track to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on February 18th. Mr. Creeth reported that the Comstock Building Committee is on a similar trajectory. Mr. Serenbetz said that the Pension Trust and OPEB Trust meeting would be held the following week and he will report on the meeting at the next Board of Finance meeting in February.

Other Business

Mr. Rutishauser said that he felt there should be a process to follow-up on the recommendations made by the auditor (O'Connor Davies) in their Management Letter to

see if the recommendations on the list had been done. This task would be given to Blum Shapiro. Ms. Dennies said that she would speak to Blum Shapiro about doing this.

Mr. Serenbetz read a statement regarding an e-mail received by the Board earlier in the day and that statement is attached herewith. Ms. Vanderslice asked if there would be follow-up on this issue at the February meeting and Mr. Serenbetz responded that there would be.

Public Participation

Mr. Curt Noel a resident of Wilton, residing at 27 Keeler's Ridge, addressed the Board. He said that he was there on behalf of Marissa Lowthert who had planned on attending but was unable to do so. This relates to her request for a special audit regarding the Miller Driscoll School and the problem with the air quality there.

According to Mr. Noel there appears to be a lot of missing documentation on the HVAC report from Turner as well as required maintenance documents. He suggested having an investigation. He said that he had been told that while it's been said that the School Systems are audited, they actually only provide one lump sum which is included in the Town's statements, which are audited - but the school systems budget is never audited.

He asked if the Board of Finance were going to do something about these issues.

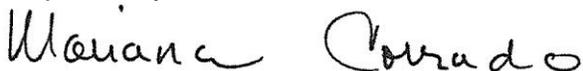
Mr. Serenbetz responded by saying that this was a forum for Public Comment and not a discussion. He corrected Mr. Noel about the Board of Ed not being audited. He said that they are audited. He then said that the Board of Selectmen are addressing the other issues and would handle them, as they are responsible for the Town buildings. He said that the Board of Finance will investigate the allegations of misappropriation of funds and they will continue to do audits.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the merits of hiring a Facilities Manager to oversee all the Town buildings and handle situations such as this.

Mr. Noel thanked the Board of Finance for their time and left.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariana Corrado".

Mariana Corrado
(From video recording).

Addendum: Statement read by Chairman Serenbetz in response to email sent to the Board of Finance.

The Board of Finance received an e-mail this morning requesting us to approve a special audit of the Wilton Public Schools Operations unit.

Two items are cited as requiring investigation:

One is a serious allegation regarding misappropriation of funds. The other is that these funds may have been misappropriated from an HVAC project at Miller-Driscoll.

Let me discuss the latter first:

The last HVAC project for Miller-Driscoll was approved by taxpayers in 2002. The stated purpose of the project was to bring A/C into sections of the school that then did not have it.

The project was approved for \$900K. The project was publically bid, regularly reviewed by our auditors and the town finance department. The project was completed in 2004 for \$886K and closed out a couple of years ago by the Board of Finance returning the unspent \$14K to the Town's General Fund. There are invoices for all spending on the project and the State has already started their audit of the project as a normal course of business.

The project was managed by a project manager and by the then facilities manager - James Crofts who died in 2005. The project was subject to regular financial review appropriate to bonded funds. The project was never handled by the person to whom the misappropriation of funds is alleged.

From these facts it is highly unlikely that there was misuse of taxpayer funds on this project.

The allegation with respect to misappropriation of funds is currently based on hearsay evidence, however the BoF considers this to be a very serious matter, which will require further investigation of the details. We will pursue these in the coming weeks to determine if a special audit is warranted. I will say that in their normal course of business our auditors perform random tests of transactions using various algorithms and have never identified a misappropriation of funds.

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TOWN HALL
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January 31, 2014

To: William F. Brennan, First Selectman

From: Sandra L. Dennies, Chief Financial Officer

Re: Interest Rate on Deferrals

The Wilton Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled Ordinance, Section 26A-7B indicates that all deferrals are subject to simple interest of not more than the rate of 5% per year; however, the interest rate is subject to change no more than once per year by the Board of Selectmen in consultation with the Board of Finance.

Beginning February 3 through May 15, 2014 applications may be made for participation in the program. Therefore, your discussion of the interest rate that will be charged should be addressed at your next Board of Selectman meeting.

The interest rates that have been charged in the past are as follows:

Grand List Year 1995 – 2002	6%
2003 – 2008	5%
2009 – 2011	3%
2012	2.5%

Last year 29 tax parcels benefitted from the tax deferral program with \$187,410.12 granted in deferrals.

A copy of the application is attached.

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TOWN HALL
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TAX RELIEF
FOR THE ELDERLY or TOTALLY DISABLED HOMEOWNERS
TOWN CODE CHAPTER 26A Revised January 19, 2010
FILING PERIOD: February 3, 2014 through May 15, 2014

OWNER _____ BIRTH DATE _____
OWNER _____ BIRTH DATE _____
PROPERTY ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

1. Applicant is a resident of the Town of Wilton at time of application: YES NO
2. Applicant has been a taxpayer of the Town for one (1) year immediately preceding the receipt of tax relief under this Article: YES NO
3. Applicant occupied property as PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE for more than 183 days during the twelve months immediately prior to the filing of this application: YES NO
4. Applicant's percentage of ownership: _____
5. Applicant is 65 years of age or over as of December 31, 2013: YES NO
OR Applicant is 60 years of age or over as of 12-31-13 and is the surviving spouse of a taxpayer who qualified for tax relief at the time of his/her death: YES NO
OR Applicant is under 65 years of age and is permanently totally disabled under SS, Railroad Retirement Act, or any Federal, State or Local Government retirement program with requirements similar to Social Security. If so, attach a copy of the Total Disability Certificate: YES NO
6. Applicant or his or her spouse has paid all taxes due to the Town of Wilton in the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the credit is applied: YES NO
7. Applicant has applied for tax relief under State of Connecticut Statutes: YES NO
If No, please state reason, _____
8. Applicant receives tax relief as a homeowner in another state or in another Connecticut Municipality: YES NO
9. Attach a copy of the signed IRS Form 1040 and 1099 Social Security Statement for 2013. If no IRS filing is necessary, copies of all income sources including 2013 1099 Social Security Statements are required.

ELECTION OF RELIEF PROGRAM: CREDIT _____ DEFERRAL _____ CREDIT/DEFERRAL _____

SWORN AFFIDAVIT (To be signed only in presence of the Assessor or member of the Assessor's staff, or Assessor's designee.)
The above named applicant, or authorized agent, deposes and says that the above statements are true and complete and claims tax relief under provisions of Chapter 26A of the Town Code of the Town of Wilton. The preceding applicant or authorized agent is also aware that the penalty for making a false affidavit is \$500 fine or imprisonment for one year or both.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ STAFF _____

10-1-13 LIST NUMBER _____ CREDIT OPTION _____ DEFERRAL OPTION _____

INCOME	CREDIT	INCOME	MAX. BENEFIT RATE
\$0 - \$41,600	\$4,450	\$0 - \$79,000	100% OF TAX
\$41,601 - \$79,000	\$4,449 - \$1		

TOWN CREDIT \$ _____ TOWN DEFERRAL % _____
ALLOWED _____ DISALLOWED _____ REASON _____



February 14, 2014

To: Board of Finance

From: Sandra L. Dennies, CFO

Re: Budget Status Report as of January 31, 2014

Attached please find the status report of the budget as of January 31, 2014 when the Town had completed 60% of the fiscal year.

Revenues:

Taxes are on target with 92.17% collected by the close of the month of January when the Town hit the 60% completed mark. Delinquent Statements have been sent out to those who did not pay taxes in January. For delinquencies, the Town will collect 1.5% interest each month from the 1st of the month when the tax is due. Also regarding tax collections, motor vehicle supplemental tax collections and back taxes have been greater than budgeted.

Education Intergovernmental revenues continue to be behind (34.04%) as the majority of educational intergovernmental revenues are collected second half of the fiscal year. Although school construction principal and interest received has been more than budgeted, it is anticipated that additional revenues will be received due to the December submission to close three 2002 school construction grants. The amount to be received remains questionable as the State is reviewing them at this time and asking for additional information in order to close them out.

Town Intergovernmental revenues also reflect that stronger collections occur in the second half of the fiscal year with 46.52% collected through January 31. There have been no significant additional revenues collected from other levels of government since the previous report.

Licenses, Permits & Fees are better than anticipated with 84.67% collected to date. The Town's greatest collections have been in Conveyance Tax with the collections from one \$19.2 million commercial sale, a \$84,752 penalty paid on farm land that was sold within the 10 year period defined in the statutes, and on the sale of two large homes in Wilton. Other Town Clerk fee categories, and the Finance Department's Alarm Registration fees also show significant revenues beyond those budgeted. Minor variations are observed in the remaining revenue line items.

Other Revenues – Interest is showing a rally with 78.05% of the budgeted revenues collected year to date primarily as a result of the investment of \$6 million of the undesignated fund balance.

Overall revenues are showing good collections at the close of January (90.59%) given the better than anticipated interest income and enhanced collections from the licenses, permits and fees category.

Expenditures:

Debt Service has experienced 64.70% collections at 60% of year completion.

Board of Education reflects half year expenditure levels with 58.54% expended.

Board of Selectman Operating is approximately 63.97% primarily due to Georgetown Fire Districts payment having been made early in the year, EMS and Paramedic service funds having been spent on insurances etc. early in the year, as well as Nursing and Homecare, Trackage and Library payments having been fully encumbered.

Board of Selectman Capital

Since the December report the following capital projects moved forward:

Information Systems – Software and Hardware includes purchase of new replacement computers and rollout upgrade of systems to Windows 2007. This rollout process continues throughout the year.

Police – Police capital has increased since December's report primarily in two categories: Police Vehicle Use and Computer Software. Six Police cars have been ordered and the funds encumbered.

Charter Authority has not been drawn down to date.

Overall the Town spending reflects half of the budget for expenditures (59.71%) although the true line item spending reflects seasonality.

Fiscal Year 2014

Percent of FY: 60.00%

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	
Revenue						
Taxes	1,035,000.00	109,307,981.00	110,342,981.00	101,702,399.75	-8,640,581.25	92.17%
Education Intergovernmental	1,732,475.00	0.00	1,732,475.00	589,792.67	-1,142,682.33	34.04%
Town Intergovernmental	745,275.00	155,714.00	900,989.00	419,180.48	-481,808.52	46.52%
Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,334,645.00	0.00	1,334,645.00	1,130,073.56	-204,571.44	84.67%
Other Revenues	436,747.00	0.00	436,747.00	227,768.05	-208,978.95	52.15%
Interest	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	109,272.59	-30,727.41	78.05%
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100,282.69	-100,282.69	
	<u>5,424,142.00</u>	<u>109,463,695.00</u>	<u>114,887,837.00</u>	<u>104,078,204.41</u>	<u>-10,809,632.59</u>	<u>90.59%</u>
Expense						
Debt Service	9,149,842.00	0.00	9,149,842.00	5,919,963.16	3,229,878.84	64.70%
Board of Education	0.00	76,649,337.00	76,649,337.00	44,869,655.08	31,779,681.92	58.54%
Board of Selectmen Operating	30,229,422.00	173,264.00	30,402,686.00	19,449,120.66	10,953,565.34	63.97%
Board of Selectmen Capital	3,289,901.00	-1,737,328.00	1,552,573.00	763,192.90	789,380.10	49.16%
Charter Authority	0.00	1,162,372.00	1,162,372.00	0.00	1,162,372.00	0.00%
	<u>42,669,165.00</u>	<u>76,247,645.00</u>	<u>118,916,810.00</u>	<u>71,001,931.80</u>	<u>47,914,878.20</u>	<u>59.71%</u>

Original
Budget

Amendments

Adjusted
Budget

Actual

Variance

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

Percent of
60,00%

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60,00%
Taxes						
Tax Collector	1,035,000.00	109,307,981.00	110,342,981.00	101,702,399.75	-8,640,581.25	92.17%
Current Property Taxes	0.00	109,307,981.00	109,307,981.00	100,611,503.13	-8,696,477.87	92.04%
Motor Vehicle Supplement	475,000.00	0.00	475,000.00	535,252.58	60,252.58	112.68%
Back Taxes	310,000.00	0.00	310,000.00	381,072.33	71,072.33	122.93%
Interest And Lien Fees	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	174,571.71	-75,428.29	69.83%
Total Taxes	1,035,000.00	109,307,981.00	110,342,981.00	101,702,399.75	-8,640,581.25	92.17%
Education Intergovernmental Assistance						
Board Of Education	1,732,475.00	0.00	1,732,475.00	589,792.67	-1,142,682.33	34.04%
Education Cost Sharing	1,557,195.00	0.00	1,557,195.00	393,849.00	-1,163,346.00	25.29%
Transportation	314.00	0.00	314.00	0.00	-314.00	0.00%
Adult Education	554.00	0.00	554.00	0.00	-554.00	0.00%
School Construct-Interest	27,574.00	0.00	27,574.00	31,299.25	3,725.25	113.51%
School Construc-Principal	146,838.00	0.00	146,838.00	164,644.42	17,806.42	112.13%
Total Education Intergovernmental	1,732,475.00	0.00	1,732,475.00	589,792.67	-1,142,682.33	34.04%
Town Intergovernmental Assistance						
Finance Department	351,140.00	0.00	351,140.00	162,421.09	-188,718.91	46.26%
Local Capital Improvement	111,140.00	0.00	111,140.00	0.00	-111,140.00	0.00%
MRSA Bonded Distribution	240,000.00	0.00	240,000.00	162,421.09	-77,578.91	67.68%
Assessor	53,400.00	0.00	53,400.00	4,373.27	-49,026.73	8.19%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Elderly Tax Relief	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	-50,000.00	0.00%
Veterans Exemption	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00	4,373.27	973.27	128.63%
Tax Collector	170,800.00	0.00	170,800.00	95,821.14	-74,978.86	56.10%
State Property Tax Refund	92,000.00	0.00	92,000.00	93,816.93	1,816.93	101.97%
Pequot Pilot	8,800.00	0.00	8,800.00	2,004.21	-6,795.79	22.78%
Telephone Line Tax Grant	70,000.00	0.00	70,000.00	0.00	-70,000.00	0.00%
Highways	155,935.00	155,714.00	311,649.00	156,564.98	-155,084.02	50.24%
Town Aid Roads	155,935.00	155,714.00	311,649.00	156,564.98	-155,084.02	50.24%
Social Services	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	-14,000.00	0.00%
Youth Svcs.Bureau Grant	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	-14,000.00	0.00%
Total Town Intergovernmental Assistance	745,275.00	155,714.00	900,989.00	419,180.48	-481,808.52	46.52%

Licenses, Permits & Fees

Town Clerk	664,445.00	0.00	664,445.00	666,963.19	2,518.19	100.38%
Sports Licenses	120.00	0.00	120.00	36.00	-84.00	30.00%
Marriage Licenses	325.00	0.00	325.00	253.00	-72.00	77.85%
Recording Fees	130,000.00	0.00	130,000.00	71,293.00	-58,707.00	54.84%
Conveyance Tax	471,000.00	0.00	471,000.00	472,063.19	1,063.19	100.23%
Farm Fund Fees	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	5,097.00	-4,903.00	50.97%
Vital Statistics	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	11,183.00	-8,817.00	55.92%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Other Town Clerk Fees	33,000.00	0.00	33,000.00	105,348.00	72,348.00	319.24%
Town Clerk MERS Recording Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,690.00	1,690.00	
Planning & Zoning	7,800.00	0.00	7,800.00	5,656.00	-2,144.00	72.51%
Application Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,176.00	-1,824.00	63.52%
ZBA Fees	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	2,480.00	-320.00	88.57%
Finance Department	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	31,415.72	6,415.72	125.66%
Admin Fee - Private Duty	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00	9,160.72	-3,839.28	70.47%
Alarm Registration Fees	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	22,255.00	10,255.00	185.46%
Assessor	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	1,413.00	-837.00	62.80%
Assessor Fees	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	1,413.00	-837.00	62.80%
Building	532,350.00	0.00	532,350.00	360,211.25	-172,138.75	67.66%
Building Permits	525,000.00	0.00	525,000.00	355,451.25	-169,548.75	67.71%
Reproduction Fees	7,350.00	0.00	7,350.00	4,760.00	-2,590.00	64.76%
Fire	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	7,054.00	-13,946.00	33.59%
Fire Department Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	4,279.00	-721.00	85.58%
Inspection Fees	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00	2,775.00	-13,225.00	17.34%
Administration	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	750.00	-2,250.00	25.00%
Road Opening Permits	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	750.00	-2,250.00	25.00%
Dial-A-Ride	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,609.00	-1,391.00	72.18%
Dial-A-Ride Fees	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	3,609.00	-1,391.00	72.18%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

Percent of
50.00%

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 50.00%
Inland Wetlands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Application Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Environmental Affairs	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	18,714.00	-2,286.00	89.11%
Application Fees	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	18,714.00	-2,286.00	89.11%
Animal Control	4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00	1,313.50	-2,986.50	30.55%
Dog Licenses	4,300.00	0.00	4,300.00	1,313.50	-2,986.50	30.55%
Health	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	23,447.50	-8,552.50	73.27%
Env Health Permits/Fees	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	23,447.50	-8,552.50	73.27%
Senior Center	16,500.00	0.00	16,500.00	9,526.40	-6,973.60	57.74%
Senior Center Fees	16,500.00	0.00	16,500.00	9,526.40	-6,973.60	57.74%
Total Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,334,645.00	0.00	1,334,645.00	1,130,073.56	-204,571.44	84.67%
Other Revenues						
Planning & Zoning	85.00	0.00	85.00	75.00	-10.00	88.24%
Sale of Regulations and Maps	85.00	0.00	85.00	75.00	-10.00	88.24%
Finance Department	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	6,329.60	5,329.60	632.96%
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	6,329.60	5,329.60	632.96%
Tax Collector	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,578.00	3,578.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,578.00	3,578.00	
Registrar Of Voters	75.00	0.00	75.00	10.00	-65.00	13.33%
Registrar of Voters Fees	75.00	0.00	75.00	10.00	-65.00	13.33%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60,000%
Comstock	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	5,045.00	-3,955.00	56.06%
Comstock	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	5,045.00	-3,955.00	56.06%
Other Town Properties	301,891.00	0.00	301,891.00	166,292.12	-135,598.88	55.08%
Rent: Town Houses	71,540.00	0.00	71,540.00	54,339.96	-17,200.04	75.96%
Rent: Town Green	94,350.00	0.00	94,350.00	32,317.85	-62,032.15	34.25%
Rent: Marvin Tavern	36,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	21,300.00	-14,700.00	59.17%
Rent: Radio Tower	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	58,333.31	-41,666.69	58.33%
Rent - Gilbert & Bennett	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	100.00%
Police	19,150.00	0.00	19,150.00	9,020.25	-10,129.75	47.10%
Police Permits	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00	3,440.00	840.00	132.31%
Police Reports	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	721.50	-1,778.50	28.86%
Fingerprinting	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,080.00	-920.00	54.00%
Parking Fines	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	875.00	-1,125.00	43.75%
Dog Ordinance Violations	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	0.00%
Judicial Branch Revenue	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	2,903.75	-7,096.25	29.04%
Paramedic Service	61,321.00	0.00	61,321.00	0.00	-61,321.00	0.00%
Advanced Life Support Fund	61,321.00	0.00	61,321.00	0.00	-61,321.00	0.00%
Recreation Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	
Self-Sustaining	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	
Swimming	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	25,252.42	-6,747.58	78.91%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Revenues

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Swimming	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00	25,252.42	-6,747.58	78.91%
Environmental Affairs	3,200.00	0.00	3,200.00	18.00	-3,182.00	0.56%
Fines	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	0.00%
Sale of Trail Guides	200.00	0.00	200.00	18.00	-182.00	9.00%
Animal Control	1,025.00	0.00	1,025.00	655.00	-370.00	63.90%
Dog Impound & Quarantine	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	610.00	-390.00	61.00%
Sale of Pets	25.00	0.00	25.00	45.00	20.00	180.00%
Board Of Education	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	11,342.66	3,342.66	141.78%
Education - Athletic Fees	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	11,342.66	3,342.66	141.78%
Total Other Revenues	436,747.00	0.00	436,747.00	227,768.05	-208,978.95	52.15%
Interest						
Finance Department	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	109,272.59	-30,727.41	78.05%
Interest - Investments	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	109,272.59	-30,727.41	78.05%
Total Interest	140,000.00	0.00	140,000.00	109,272.59	-30,727.41	78.05%
Investments						
Finance Department	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100,282.69	-100,282.69	
Unrealized Inv Gain/Loss	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100,282.69	-100,282.69	
Total Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	-100,282.69	-100,282.69	
Total	5,424,142.00	109,463,695.00	114,887,837.00	104,078,204.41	-10,809,632.59	90.59%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Expenses

Original Budget Amendments Adjusted Budget

Actual Variance Percent of 60,00%

Debt Service

Debt Service	9,149,842.00	0.00	9,149,842.00	5,919,963.16	3,229,878.84	64.70%
Total Debt Service	9,149,842.00	0.00	9,149,842.00	5,919,963.16	3,229,878.84	64.70%

Board of Education

Board Of Education	0.00	76,649,337.00	76,649,337.00	44,869,655.08	31,779,681.92	58.54%
Total Board of Education	0.00	76,649,337.00	76,649,337.00	44,869,655.08	31,779,681.92	58.54%

Board of Selectmen Operating

Board of Selectmen	500,064.00	0.00	500,064.00	258,861.21	241,202.79	51.77%
Town Clerk	424,517.00	2,080.00	426,597.00	279,385.42	147,211.58	65.49%
Planning & Zoning	517,795.00	3,124.00	520,919.00	305,825.66	215,093.34	58.71%
Board Of Finance	57,007.00	0.00	57,007.00	49,937.40	7,069.60	87.60%
Human Resources	402,416.00	2,978.00	405,394.00	119,188.71	286,205.29	29.40%
HR Reserve for Negotiations	945,925.00	-297,718.00	648,207.00	264,630.00	383,577.00	40.82%
Finance Department	861,205.00	12,513.00	873,718.00	493,386.01	380,331.99	56.47%
Assessor	349,181.00	2,837.00	352,018.00	214,403.01	137,614.99	60.91%
Tax Collector	238,701.00	2,054.00	240,755.00	138,428.26	102,326.74	57.50%
Town Counsel	183,200.00	0.00	183,200.00	74,415.73	108,784.27	40.62%
Probate Court	43,300.00	0.00	43,300.00	10,092.00	33,208.00	23.31%
Registrar Of Voters	178,780.00	2,035.00	180,815.00	102,248.84	78,566.16	56.55%
Town Hall & Annex	305,454.00	0.00	305,454.00	127,633.19	177,820.81	41.78%
Town Wide Utilities	235,595.00	0.00	235,595.00	120,245.08	115,349.92	51.04%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Expenses

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Comstock	288,385.00	0.00	288,385.00	152,319.79	136,065.21	52.82%
Other Town Properties	124,000.00	13,750.00	137,750.00	48,994.84	88,755.16	35.57%
Ambler Farm	22,550.00	0.00	22,550.00	9,475.16	13,074.84	42.02%
Building	346,610.00	2,205.00	348,815.00	225,871.90	122,943.10	64.75%
Information Systems	555,090.00	3,113.00	558,203.00	315,298.12	242,904.88	56.48%
Police	7,122,903.00	244,509.00	7,367,412.00	4,676,511.89	2,690,900.11	63.48%
Fire	4,686,279.00	19,121.00	4,705,400.00	2,796,584.39	1,908,815.61	59.43%
Cert	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	314.27	5,685.73	5.24%
Emergency Medical Service	97,538.00	0.00	97,538.00	77,969.83	19,568.17	79.94%
Paramedic Service	296,439.00	0.00	296,439.00	282,628.55	13,810.45	95.34%
Georgetown Fire District	313,471.00	0.00	313,471.00	317,653.00	-4,182.00	101.33%
Central Dispatch	331,675.00	0.00	331,675.00	205,581.24	126,093.76	61.98%
Administration	458,093.00	5,814.00	463,907.00	260,580.74	203,326.26	56.17%
Highways	2,338,294.00	158,005.00	2,496,299.00	1,317,801.31	1,178,497.69	52.79%
Transfer Station	285,000.00	0.00	285,000.00	0.00	285,000.00	0.00%
Park & Recreation Admin.	244,819.00	2,187.00	247,006.00	153,839.95	93,166.05	62.28%
Recreation Programs	206,957.00	0.00	206,957.00	118,623.64	88,333.36	57.32%
Dial-A-Ride	160,637.00	0.00	160,637.00	96,813.47	63,823.53	60.27%
Swimming	89,339.00	0.00	89,339.00	61,469.63	27,869.37	68.80%
Tennis	10,300.00	0.00	10,300.00	3,865.76	6,434.24	37.53%
Parks & Grounds	833,096.00	1,871.00	834,967.00	537,670.06	297,296.94	64.39%
Environmental Affairs	394,499.00	2,394.00	396,893.00	242,533.87	154,359.13	61.11%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Expenses

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Animal Control	149,302.00	0.00	149,302.00	81,949.46	67,352.54	54.89%
Health	360,007.00	33,763.00	393,770.00	254,715.06	139,054.94	64.69%
Nursing & Homecare	926,439.00	0.00	926,439.00	906,295.10	20,143.90	97.83%
Private School Welfare	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	15,869.16	15,130.84	51.19%
Social Services	426,349.00	3,650.00	429,999.00	254,824.13	175,174.87	59.26%
Senior Center	150,808.00	1,950.00	152,758.00	86,666.10	66,091.90	56.73%
Trackside	143,963.00	0.00	143,963.00	143,963.00	0.00	100.00%
Employee Benefits	644,755.00	-48,971.00	595,784.00	314,288.07	281,495.93	52.75%
Insurance	372,984.00	0.00	372,984.00	378,997.55	-6,013.55	101.61%
Library	2,545,201.00	0.00	2,545,201.00	2,545,201.00	0.00	100.00%
Route 7 Bus Service	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,500.04	2,499.96	50.00%
Wilton Energy Commission	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	1,570.06	1,929.94	44.86%
Wilton Economic Development Comm	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	1,200.00	13,800.00	8.00%
Total Board of Selectmen Operating	30,229,422.00	173,264.00	30,402,686.00	19,449,120.66	10,953,565.34	63.97%
Board of Selectmen Capital						
Board Of Selectmen	2,500,000.00	-2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Assessor	0.00	39,650.00	39,650.00	0.00	39,650.00	0.00%
Tax Collector	20,848.00	0.00	20,848.00	20,848.00	0.00	100.00%
Information Systems	116,790.00	325,556.00	442,346.00	109,135.07	333,210.93	24.67%
Police	244,263.00	46,803.00	291,066.00	222,774.27	68,291.73	76.54%
Fire	45,000.00	8,922.00	53,922.00	19,375.00	34,547.00	35.93%
Central Dispatch	34,000.00	563.00	34,563.00	27,015.50	7,547.50	78.16%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Expenses

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60,000%
Public Works	254,000.00	-34,500.00	219,500.00	192,607.66	26,892.34	87.75%
Park & Recreation	75,000.00	1,210.00	76,210.00	67,011.00	9,199.00	87.93%
Education	0.00	323,468.00	323,468.00	104,426.40	219,041.60	32.28%
Transfer Station	0.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	0.00%
Total Board of Selectmen Capital	3,289,901.00	-1,737,328.00	1,552,573.00	763,192.90	789,380.10	49.16%
Charter Authority						
Charter Authority BOF	0.00	1,162,372.00	1,162,372.00	0.00	1,162,372.00	0.00%
Total Charter Authority	0.00	1,162,372.00	1,162,372.00	0.00	1,162,372.00	0.00%
	42,669,165.00	76,247,645.00	118,916,810.00	71,001,931.80	47,914,878.20	59.71%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Capital

Board of Selectmen Capital

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Board Of Selectmen	2,500,000.00	-2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Land Acquisition	2,500,000.00	-2,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Assessor	0.00	39,650.00	39,650.00	0.00	39,650.00	0.00%
Assessment/Appraisal Serv	0.00	39,650.00	39,650.00	0.00	39,650.00	0.00%
Tax Collector	20,848.00	0.00	20,848.00	20,848.00	0.00	100.00%
Computer Software	20,848.00	0.00	20,848.00	20,848.00	0.00	100.00%
Information Systems	116,790.00	325,556.00	442,346.00	109,135.07	333,210.93	24.67%
Computer Hardware	21,000.00	121,081.00	142,081.00	26,528.12	115,552.88	18.67%
Computer Software	80,790.00	117,945.00	198,735.00	68,150.45	130,584.55	34.29%
GIS	15,000.00	86,530.00	101,530.00	14,456.50	87,073.50	14.24%
Police	244,263.00	46,803.00	291,066.00	222,774.27	68,291.73	76.54%
Medical Equipment	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,478.00	-478.00	109.56%
Radar Equipment	7,484.00	0.00	7,484.00	7,047.00	437.00	94.16%
Communications Equipment	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
Computer Software	27,605.00	0.00	27,605.00	47,054.80	-19,449.80	170.46%
Police Vehicles Use	140,000.00	46,803.00	186,803.00	109,322.47	77,480.53	58.52%
Vehicle Accessories	44,174.00	0.00	44,174.00	43,872.00	302.00	99.32%
Building Renovation	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Fire	45,000.00	8,922.00	53,922.00	19,375.00	34,547.00	35.93%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Capital

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60/00%
Thermal Cameras	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	19,375.00	625.00	96.88%
Staff Vehicles	23,500.00	8,922.00	32,422.00	0.00	32,422.00	0.00%
Building Renovation	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Central Dispatch	34,000.00	563.00	34,563.00	27,015.50	7,547.50	78.16%
Communications Equipment	19,000.00	563.00	19,563.00	18,015.50	1,547.50	92.09%
Building Renovation	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	9,000.00	6,000.00	60.00%
Public Works	254,000.00	-34,500.00	219,500.00	192,607.66	26,892.34	87.75%
Wood Chipper	72,000.00	-72,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Dump Trucks - Large	145,000.00	0.00	145,000.00	143,343.99	1,656.01	98.86%
Sanders	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00%
Excavator	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	14,780.00	220.00	98.53%
Plows	22,000.00	0.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Building Renovation	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,483.67	16.33	99.87%
Wilton Center Streetscape	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Conduits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Park & Recreation	75,000.00	1,210.00	76,210.00	67,011.00	9,199.00	87.93%
Mowers/Grounds Equipment	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Passenger Van	0.00	1,210.00	1,210.00	999.75	210.25	82.62%
Parking & Landscaping Imp	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	6,011.25	8,988.75	40.08%
Education	0.00	323,468.00	323,468.00	104,426.40	219,041.60	32.28%

Budget Status 1/31/2014 - Capital

	Original Budget	Amendments	Adjusted Budget	Actual	Variance	Percent of 60.00%
Prof Svcs _ Engin Arch	0.00	323,468.00	323,468.00	104,426.40	219,041.60	32.28%
Transfer Station	0.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	0.00%
Building Renovation	0.00	51,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	51,000.00	0.00%
Total Board of Selectmen Capital	<u>3,289,901.00</u>	<u>-1,737,328.00</u>	<u>1,552,573.00</u>	<u>763,192.90</u>	<u>789,380.10</u>	49.16%
	<u><u>3,289,901.00</u></u>	<u><u>-1,737,328.00</u></u>	<u><u>1,552,573.00</u></u>	<u><u>763,192.90</u></u>	<u><u>789,380.10</u></u>	49.16%

Project Description - Schedule "A"

The Town of Wilton is seeking funding under the State of Connecticut Office of Policy Management's 2014 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) for the design and construction of a pedestrian travel way. If approved, the proposal will establish pedestrian linkage between the Wilton Train Station, Wilton Center and several multi-family residential communities immediately south of Wilton Center. The pedestrian connection, referred to as the *Wilton Station Walkway*, will consist of a hard surface walkway and a prefabricated pedestrian bridge designed to span the Norwalk River. This project is expected to enhance and improve access for a wide spectrum of individuals; including those who live and work in the downtown environs as well as those who work and use certain services in the immediate vicinity of the train station. In addition to serving local and immediate connectivity needs, the project also represents a component of a larger future plan to connect public transportation to a planned five-town multimodal trail system known as the Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT). As the NRVT is expected to be a regional amenity with statewide significance, the bridge to the railroad station expected to facilitate the broader public use of the planned 27-mile trail. *Map "A"* depicts the specific location of the planned walkway while *Map "B"* provides a localized view of the Wilton Train Station, Wilton Center and areas immediately south of the town center.

The Wilton Train Station and Wilton Center are separated by a short distance of 500 feet. However; in terms of accessibility, these two locations are quite distant from each other as they are severed by a combination of natural and manmade barriers; including the Metro-North rail line, the Norwalk River, U.S. Route 7 and an elevated section of Connecticut Route 33. In order to navigate between these two areas, one must walk a circuitous route of nearly one mile along steeply sloped roadways and heavily-travelled sections of U.S. Route 7. The Wilton Station Walkway project is expected to eliminate these impediments; thereby, making pedestrian travel to and from the train station safe, practical and convenient for the several thousand who live and work within close proximity of the Wilton Train Station. The proposed walkway is expected to reduce pedestrian travel time by up to six times over the current route; thereby allowing the station to be more accessible and desirable for public use. Mapping delineating both the existing and proposed pedestrian routes between the train station and town center are depicted on *Map "C"* and *Map "D"*.

Project Description - Map "A"
Wilton Station Walkway Project



Proposed Bridge/Walkway

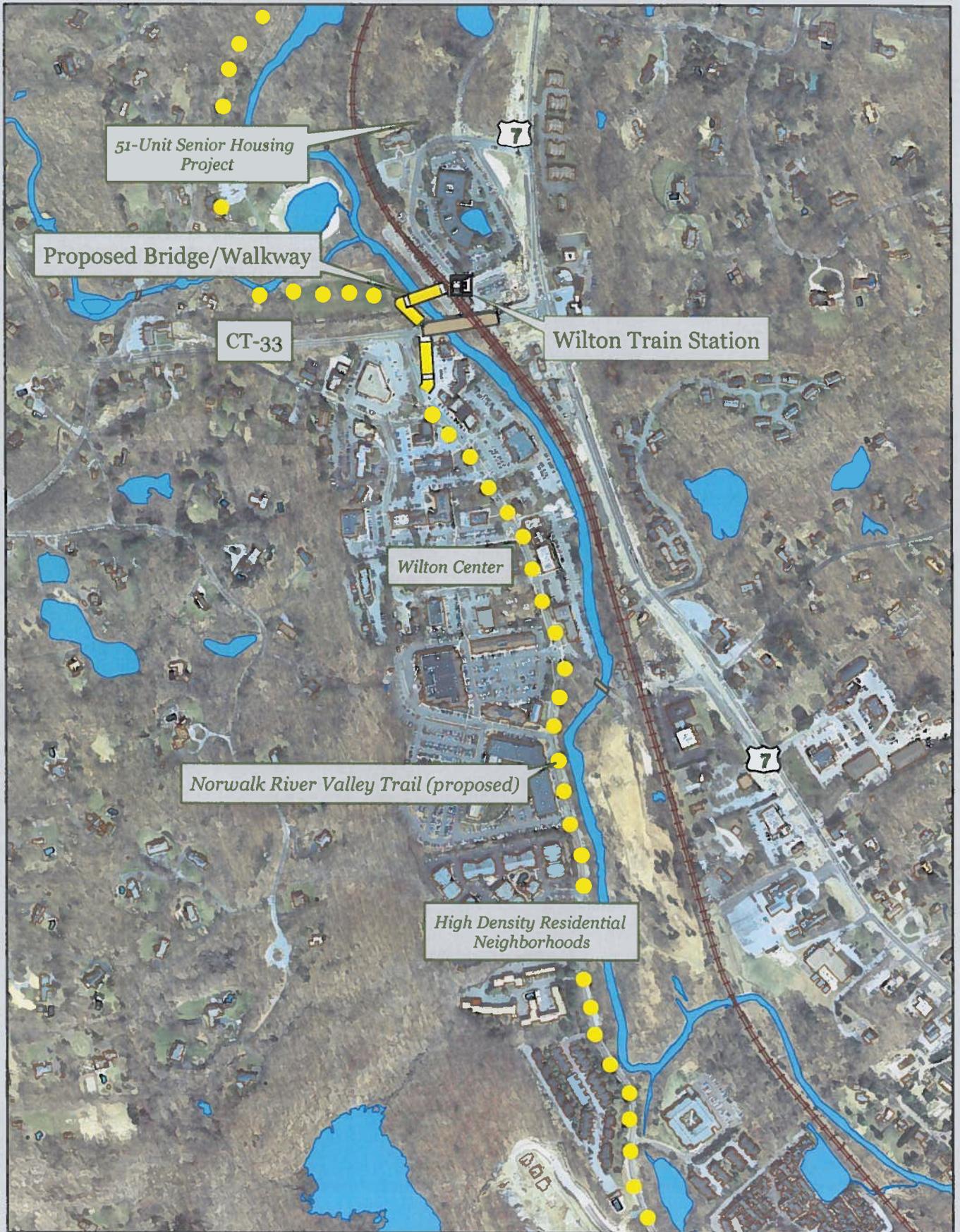
Wilton Train Station

CT-33

Center Street

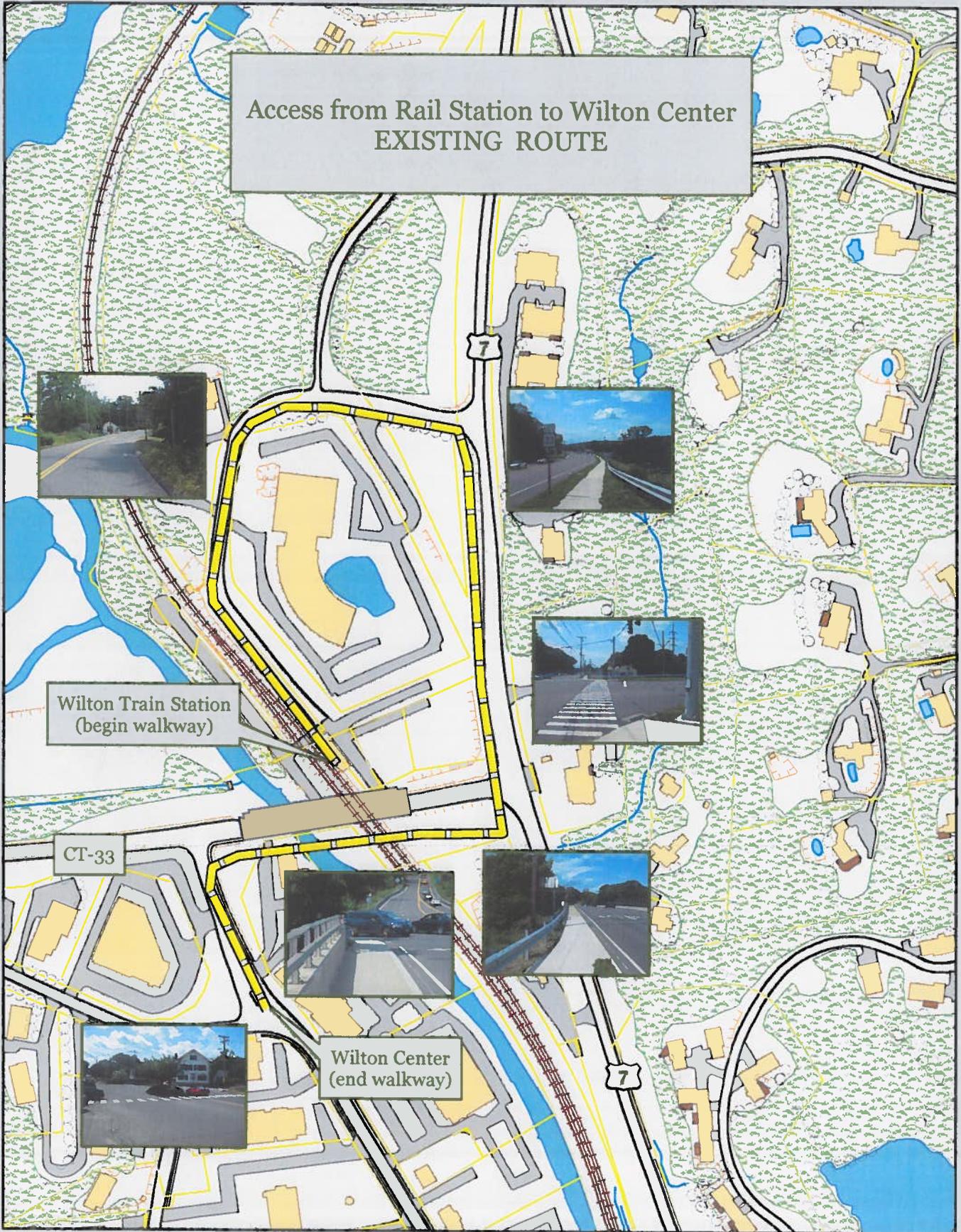
Wilton Center

Project Description - Map "B"
Wilton Station Walkway Project



Project Description - Map "C"
Wilton Station Walkway Project

Access from Rail Station to Wilton Center
EXISTING ROUTE



Wilton Train Station
(begin walkway)

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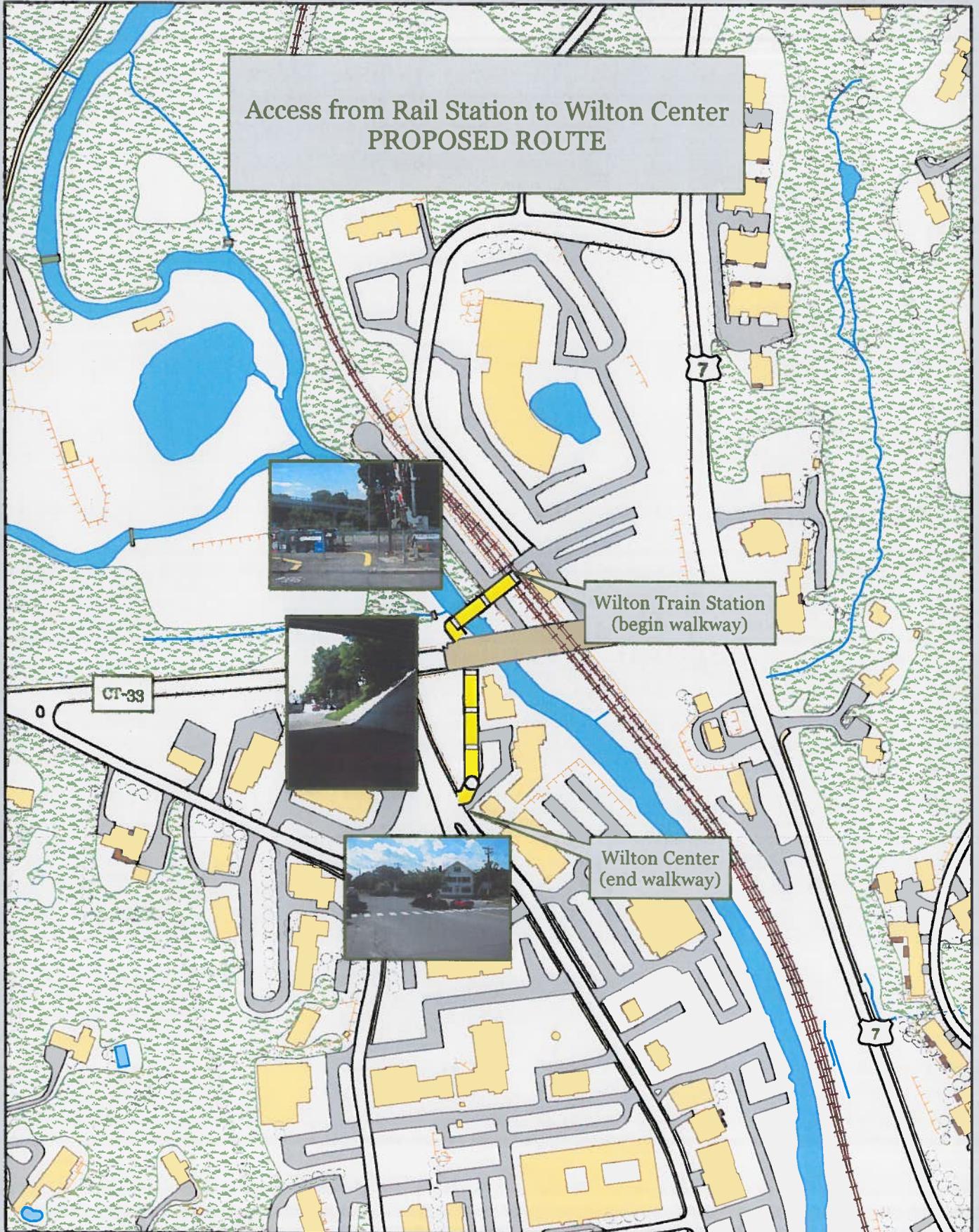


Wilton Center
(end walkway)

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Project Description - Map "D"
Wilton Station Walkway Project

Access from Rail Station to Wilton Center
PROPOSED ROUTE



Wilton Train Station
(begin walkway)

Wilton Center
(end walkway)

Project Impact/Community Benefit - Schedule "B"

The Wilton Station Walkway project will benefit the Wilton community in a number of significant ways. First, it will provide an attractive alternative for the many rail commuters who either live or work within a one-half (½) mile distance of the train station. Train ridership is supported by a sizeable number of rail users including those who live in nearby residential condominium and apartment complexes comprising over 500 housing units in an area immediately south of Wilton Center. In addition, nearly 600,000 square feet of office and retail space exist in the adjacent downtown area. The walkway is expected to encourage and increase rail ridership; while at the same time reducing vehicle usage in and around the town center. It will also reduce and relieve parking congestion at the Wilton Train Station as commuters with destinations of one-half (½) mile or less will have the attractive option of walking to and from the station. Moreover, the walkway will complement and strengthen other modes of public transportation, such as the planned Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT) and, in particular, bus service to and from Wilton Center via the Norwalk Transit District's "Norwalk-Danbury Bus Line".

In addition to improving connectivity between the Wilton Train Station and Wilton Center, the project will also benefit a number of entities clustered around the train station. These entities include a large, multi-tenanted office building, a 51-unit senior housing development known as Wilton Commons and Trackside, which serves as a community teen center and multi-purpose meeting facility. The walkway will encourage safe and convenient foot traffic to and from Wilton Center, serve as an alternative to automotive-dependent travel between the two locations and will enable residents and the local workforce an ability to easily access the town center for shopping, dining and other daily needs. Again, this is expected to reduce automobile emissions, parking demand and traffic congestion on both local and state roadways as well as provide a healthy alternative to automotive travel.

The project offers both short term and long term economic benefits. Short term benefits will be gained through the hire of designers, builders and suppliers. However, more salient are the long term economic benefits associated with connecting the Train Station and Station Road neighborhood to Wilton Center. As this geographic area is currently severed from Wilton Center, the project will help cultivate, stimulate and strengthen economic activity in the downtown area. An additional 107 residential homes, including 51 units of senior residential housing, 109,000 square feet of retail/office space as well as 10.9 acres of potentially developable vacant land, will be effectively integrated into Wilton's town center. This will augment the critical mass necessary to help sustain existing business and spur new economic growth in the coming years.

Consistency with State Conservation and Development Policies Plan - Schedule "D"

The Wilton Station Walkway project meets many of the primary and secondary objectives of the 2013-2018 State Plan of Conservation and Development. The State's plan is built around six growth management principles. The Wilton Station Walkway project clearly meets five of these six primary principles and includes the following verbatim passages from the State's plan:

Growth Management Principle #1

Redevelop and Revitalize Regional Centers and Areas with Existing or Currently Planned Physical Infrastructure

- **FOCUS** on infill development and redevelopment opportunities in areas with existing infrastructure, such as in city or town centers, which are at an appropriate scale and density for the particular area;
- **PROACTIVELY IDENTIFY AND MARKET** available properties that are currently served by infrastructure and that could meet the needs of new or expanding businesses, especially those within close proximity to existing industry clusters;
- **PROMOTE** supportive land uses around rail stations, airports and sea ports, and discourage uses that are not dependent upon, or complimentary to, the available infrastructure.

Growth Management Principle #2

Expand Housing Opportunities and Design Choices to Accommodate a Variety of Household Types and Needs

- **SUPPORT** local efforts to develop appropriate urban infill housing and neighborhood amenities to make better use of limited urban land;
- **PROMOTE** housing and/or affordable housing as part of mixed use and transit-oriented developments within walking distance to public transportation facilities;
- **ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE** access to parks and recreational opportunities, including trails, greenways, community gardens and waterways, for affordable and mixed-income housing.

Growth Management Principle #3

Concentrate Development Around Transportation Nodes and Along Major Transportation Corridors to Support the Viability of Transportation Options

- **PROMOTE** compact, pedestrian-oriented, mixed use development patterns around existing and planned public transportation stations and other viable locations within transportation corridors and village centers;
- **ENCOURAGE** a network of pedestrian and bicycle paths and greenways that provide convenient inter- and intra-town access, including access to the regional public transportation network;
- **IMPROVE** transit service and linkages to attract more customers through better integration of all transportation options and advances in technology, while providing convenience, reliability, safety and competitive modal choices.

Growth Management Principle #4

Conserve and Restore the Natural Environment, Cultural and Historical Resources, and Traditional Rural Lands

- **CONTINUE TO PROTECT** permanently preserved open space areas and facilitate the expansion of the state's open space and greenway network through continued state funding and public-private partnerships for the acquisition and maintenance of important multi-functional land and other priorities identified in the State's Open Space Plan (i.e., Green Plan);
- **PROMOTE** innovative land conservation and banking practices that further local, regional and state conservation and development objectives, and minimize the need to expand infrastructure to support new development in rural areas.

Growth Management Principle #5

Protect and Ensure the Integrity of Environmental Assets Critical to Public Health and Safety

- **ATTAIN** National Ambient Air Quality Standards in accordance with Connecticut's State Implementation Plan, with emphasis on cost-effective strategies and effective enforcement of regulated sources;
- **REDUCE** carbon dioxide emissions in this state consistent with the recommendations of the Connecticut Climate Change Preparedness Plan;
- **PROMOTE** transportation alternatives to the automobile, such as bicycling, walking, and public transportation as a means to reducing energy consumption, air pollution, and obesity-related health care costs;
- **EMPHASIZE** pollution prevention, the efficient use of energy, and recycling of material resources as the primary means of maintaining a clean and healthful environment.

Project Cost Estimates Supporting the Request for Funding

The Wilton Walkway Project is expected to be fully completed within eighteen (18) to twenty-four (24) months from date of award. Design consultant selection and design work will commence approximately four (4) to six (6) months following award. Local, state and federal permitting is expected to take between ten (10) to twelve (12) months. Contractor bidding, awards and eventual construction (seasonal conditions permitting) is estimated to involve an additional four (4) to six (6) months.

The below cost estimates detail the manner in which funds will be expended for design and construction of the Wilton Center Walkway Project. These estimates are based on cost indexes for summer of 2012.

The following is a cost estimate for the proposed Wilton Station Walkway Project. These estimates are based on cost indexes for summer of 2012.

ENGINEERING DESIGN

A. Surveying:	\$20,500
• Topographic and Features at Bridge Site	
• Mapping	
B. Soil Testing:	\$21,500
• Soil Borings with Samples	
• Engineering Report with Bearing Capacities	
C. Engineering Design and Specifications:	\$61,500
• Structural Design of Foundation System and Ramp Approaches to the Deck. (Plans & Specifications)	
• Hydraulic (Backwater) and Scour Analysis	
• Plans and Specifications for Walking Trail with Erosion and Sedimentation Control and Landscaping	
• Consultants Presentation to all Local, State, and Federal Regulatory Agencies	

ENGINEERING DESIGN
=\$103,500
Plus 10% Town of Wilton Administrative Fee
=\$10,350
SUBTOTAL
=\$113,850

CONSTRUCTION COSTS

A. Construction Layout (Surveying & As-built):	\$8,600
B. Prefabricated Bridge (85 feet long X 8 feet wide):	\$116,900
C. Construction Cost for Bridge and Ramp Approaches:	\$142,000

1. Clear and Grub
2. Rough Grading
3. Pile Foundation System with Concrete Pile Caps
4. Wood Bridge Deck
5. Concrete Approach Ramps with Foundation System Including Piles
Note: Ramp to Comply with ADA Requirements
6. Broken Stone Rip-Rap (Slope Protection
7. Labor, Materials, and Equipment for Bridge Erection
8. Electrical and Lighting Installation
9. Finish Grading and Seeding

D. Construction Cost for Walking Trail:	\$26,500
• Grub and Clear	
• Rough Grading	
• 9 inches of Process Stone Base	
• 3 inches of Asphalt	
• Drainage	
• Install Electrical and Lighting from West Ramp	
• South Under the Ridgefield Road Bridge	
• Finish Grading and Seeding	
E. Installation of Erosion and Sedimentation Controls:	\$9,500
F. Landscaping and Benches:	\$30,400
G. Permanent Signage and Pavement Markings:	\$9,800
H. Temporary Fencing and Barricades:	\$3,500

CONSTRUCTION COST

=\$347,200

Plus 10% Town of Wilton Administrative Fee

=\$34,720

SUBTOTAL

=\$381,920

TOTAL COSTS

=\$495,770

Plus 10% Contingencies

=\$49,577

GRAND TOTAL

=\$545,347

USE: \$546,000

Addendum "B"

Photographs – Wilton Center & Poorly Accessible Locations North of the Center



Common Fund Office Complex – remote & unsafe access to/from Wilton Center



Recently renovated Wilton Train Station – remote & unsafe access to/from Wilton Center



Trackside Teen Center – remote & unsafe access to/from Wilton Center



Present-day pedestrian access between Train Station and Wilton Center



Wilton Commons – remote & unsafe access to/from Wilton Center



Rail users navigating existing route between Train Station and the Wilton Center

Addendum "B" (Cont.)

Area Photographs – Illustrating Wilton Center & Poorly Accessible Locations North of the Center



Wilton Center – 15 River Road



Wilton Center – from terminus of proposed walkway looking south into center.



Wilton Center – Town Green shops



Location of proposed walkway under Connecticut Route 33



Wilton Center – downtown movie theater



Courtesy: Alta Planning and Design
Artist rendering of the trail entering Wilton Center