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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: First Selectman William Brennan, Selectman Susan Bruschi, Selectman Richard Creeth, Selectman Ted Hoffstatter **ABSENT:** Selectman Clark

GUESTS: Sandy Dennies, George Ciacchio, Ken Lewis, Buck Griswold, approximately 6 members of public, Jan Andras

OTHERS: Joan Lownds (Bulletin), Tom Evans (Villager), T. J. Buzzeo (Daily Wilton website), Don Harrison (Patch)

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

A. Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Creeth, the consent agenda was approved as follows:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meetings of 2/16/11, 2/17/11 and 2/28/11

Tax Refunds

- Real Estate and Motor Vehicle Refunds as per Tax Collector's Memo dated 3/4/11

B. Discussion and/or Action

1. Wilton Commons Progress Report - Mr. George Ciacco, Mr. Ken Lewis and Mr. Buck Griswold gave an update on the progress at Wilton Commons. They are finalizing the financing, having received CHFA approval. The RFQ for contractors to pre-qualify has been prepared. The specs are expected by the end of this month and will be released to pre-qualified contractors for

preparation of bids. They will then be able to submit final budgets to CHFA. In April, permits will be finalized. In June, they expect to close with CHFA and other funding sources. Construction should begin in July and continue for 12-18 months. Bob Nerney of Planning & Zoning has been a tremendous assistance in this process and it is appreciated by all.

2. Senior Survey Status – Of 3,100 surveys sent out to households with at least one member 55+, more than a 34% have been returned. This excellent response will add credibility to the results, which are being analyzed by a data analyst expert. As soon as the data is available, it will be shared with the BOS. The target for completion is end of March, with a presentation to this board in mid-April.
3. FY 2012 Budget – Next Steps – The FY 2012 budget request was submitted on schedule to the Board of Finance. Another meeting will be held to go over the Capital Plan with the Board of Education. Mr. Brennan is preparing a presentation for the meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the Board of Finance on 3/16/11.
4. Miscellaneous other business

Flooding – Mr. Brennan distributed pictures of the flooding in the area from the recent rains. Emergency personnel and CERC volunteers did an excellent job.

Clean Up Day – This will be held on 4/2/11. After 60+ inches of snow and now flooding, there is a lot of sand and debris around town and a major effort is needed by the entire community. All community organizations will be contacted for volunteers to assist.

State Finance Committee – Mr. Brennan sent a letter to the Finance Committee requesting that no further action be taken on HB #6388 which would eliminate the PILOT program for manufacturing machinery and equipment. If adopted, the Town of Wilton would lose \$274,000 of revenue. (Letter attached)

ZBA Vacancy – Mr. John Weiss has been recommended for this position. An interview will be arranged prior to the next BOS meeting.

Library Trustees Appointment - Ms. Bruschi moved to appoint Ms. Ileana Barns-Slavin as a member of the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Slavin was interviewed by the Selectmen previously.

C. Public Comment: None noted

D. Reports

1. First Selectman's Report

Post Office – After writing letters and receiving no response, Mr. Brennan visited the Post Office today to meet with Postmaster Angel Rodriguez, who was very cooperative. They are short-staffed – going from 14 employees to only 8. Mr. Rodriguez responded well to suggestions to improve the post office and service to the community.

Misinformation – After receiving a citizen comment that the proposed hotel on Route 7 will be only 35% in Wilton, Mr. Brennan corrected this mis-information. The proposed hotel will be 100% in Wilton and 100% of the taxes will be paid to Wilton.

2. Selectmen Reports

Ms. Bruschi: No Report

Mr. Hoffstatter: The Go Green Committee bag design contest was a great success. All designs were on display at the Library. On the State level, the proposal for a nickel tax on disposable bags has been withdrawn.

Mr. Creeth – No report

E. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jan Andras, Recording Secretary