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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday March 22, 2022
Held Electronically

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Joshua Cole, Kimberley Healy, Ross Tartell
Basam Nabulsi

GUESTS: Rebecca Hopkins & Jeff McElvray of Tecton, Frank Smeriglio-Director/Town Engineer
Department of Public Works, CFO Dawn Norton

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda: Possible Appointment to the Conservation Commission as item E-8. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi and seconded by Mr. Cole. Correction to motion noting only 6 items currently on agenda. Motion to add an item to the agenda: Possible Appointment to the Conservation Commission as item E-7. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

B. Public Comment

None.

C. Executive Session

- Interview – David Silvia (Conservation Commission)
Motion to go into Executive at 7:04pm for Interview with David Silvia for the Conservation Commission. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session and back in Regular Session at 7:39pm.

D. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Cole seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Minutes
 - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – March 7, 2022
 - Board of Selectmen Special Meeting BOF/BOS Budget Review – March 15, 2022
- Refunds
 - As per Tax Collectors Memo dated March 17, 2022
- Gifts
 - True Value Wilton Hardware – Clean Up Day – (2) \$50.00
 - Kiwanis – Clean Up Day - \$500.00

Ms. Vanderslice thanked all for their donations for Clean Up Day.

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

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Wilton Train Station Pedestrian Bridge Authorization to Bid – Frank Smeriglio
Frank Smeriglio noted Town received authorization to go out to bid for the Wilton Train Station Pedestrian Bridge that would connect the train station parking lot to the Merwin Meadows. He reviewed next steps in the process and how the grant that was received for this project works. Discussion amongst the board. Follow-up to occur to confirm with Planning and Zoning on design.
2. Update Police Headquarters Project
Ms. Vanderslice introduced Rebecca Hopkins and Jeff McElvray of Tecton who updated the board on the Police Headquarters Project. Ms. Hopkins updated the board on Probable Project Costs for the project for current market conditions (see attached). She noted the previous projected cost of \$16.7 million is now projected to be just over \$16.9 million. Discussion amongst the board.
3. ARPA Funding Request Town-Owned Buildings – Chris Burney
Item Tabled until the April 6th BOS meeting.
4. William Kenny & Associates Contract – Schencks Island
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the William Kenny & Associates Contract for Schencks Island noting that the project was approved at a previous BOS meeting. Review process showed that the BOS only authorized the expenditure and First Selectwoman was intended to come back to BOS for approval to execute the contract. Contract was executed and work is in progress and wanted to bring to BOS to make aware. After discussion a motion was moved by Mr. Tartell to support the execution of the contract that has already occurred. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.
5. Vision Appraisal Assessment Related Contracts
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the Vision Appraisal Assessment Related Contracts noting that Vision Appraisal currently supplies Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software for the town. Bids were received and contracts reviewed by Town Counsel. Ms. Vanderslice noted using this software does not restrict the Town's ability to pick another vendor for the revaluation process. After discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Tartell to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute the contracts and seconded by Ms. Healy. After further discussion, Ms. Vanderslice noted that dates in contracts will change and amended the motion subject to clarifying what appears to be inconsistencies under section 2.2 and in section 5 of the contract. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Proposed Legislation – Change in Assessment Method for Motor Vehicles
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the Proposed Legislation – Change in Assessment Method for Motor Vehicles with the board. When a car is purchased the assessment would be based on the manufacturers suggested pricing and then depreciated over 20 years from that pricing. Bill proposed has good support.
7. Possible Appointment to the Conservation Commission
Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Mr. Healy to appoint David Silvia as a member of the Conservation Commission to fill the longest outstanding vacancy. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.

F. Public Comment

None.

G. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectman
Ms. Vanderslice gave an update on fuel costs noting she will be bringing the information to the BOF deliberations.

Ms. Vanderslice noted that an e-alert was sent out noting information on how to access budget data and how to provide comment - available on the town website.

She noted that an email was sent to the board in regard to House Bill 5167 that will allow Wilton and other specifically named municipalities to delay revaluation if so choose. Moved forward with joint support.

Public Hearings for BOE & BOS on FY23 budget will take place at Middlebrook School (in person) on March 23 (BOE) and March 24, 2022 (BOS) both at 7:00pm.

Ms. Vanderslice noted a meeting set to take place on Regional Firing Range on March 24, 2022 noting there is quite a bit of interest in the topic as well as a grant opportunity.

2. Selectmen

Ms. Healy

Ms. Healy noted on April 13, 2022 at 7:00pm in person and online, League of Women Voters will be hosting event - How Wilton Works at the Library. On April 21, 2022 at 7:00pm the League of Women Voters will have Patti Temple, who will give a talk regarding the Police Station Building Project will be wiltonlww@gmail.com to receive zoom link.

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell noted Sustainable CT section 8:2 on communication almost complete. Noted he was in the Pilot tested BOF survey. Training seminar at CCM Lets keep it Civil, will provide handouts to board.

Mr. Cole

None.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:24pm. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester

Recording Secretary

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