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Ross H. Tartell  
*Selectman*

TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 19, 2022**  
**Held Electronically**

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

**GUESTS:** Sarah Heath – Director Social Services, Peg Koellmer-Chair Commission on Social  
Services, Frank Smeriglio-Director DPW/Town Engineer, Dawn Norton-CFO

**A. Call to Order**

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

Ms. Vanderslice made a motion to add an Executive Session as item C and change order of other items accordingly. Executive Session to Discuss the Tentative Agreement Approved by the Police Union. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

Ms. Vanderslice made a motion to add a new item E-7. Consideration of Approval of Tentative Agreement with the Police Union and Authorization of the First Selectwoman to sign a Collective Bargaining Agreement Reflecting the Tentative Agreement and Authorizing the Required Funding for the Current Year under the Tentative Agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

**B. Public Comment**

None.

**C. Executive Session**

- Discuss the Tentative Agreement Approved by the Police Union  
Ms. Vanderslice moved a motion to go into Executive at 7:02pm for Executive Session to Discuss the Tentative Agreement Approved by the Police Union. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session and back in Regular Session at 7:14pm.

**D. Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes
  - Board of Selectmen Special Meeting – April 6, 2022

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Contract for New Aerial Truck – Jim Blanchfield  
Fire Chief Jim Blanchfield reviewed the Contract for New Aerial Truck, noting bonding for the vehicle had previously been approved at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. He noted the vehicle was purchased through the Houston-Galveston Area Council purchasing cooperative. The contract was reviewed by Town Counsel. After further review and discussion motion moved by Mr. Tartell to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute the contract with Pierce for the new aerial truck. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
2. Municipal-Owned Buildings ARPA Requests – Chris Burney  
Item tabled.
3. Proposed Waiver of Senior Center Fees – Sarah Heath  
Sarah Heath, Director of Social reviewed her proposal to waive the Senior Center Fees for classes and programs offered to seniors. After further review and discussion, motion moved by Ms. Vanderslice to waive the Senior Center Fees through April 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
4. Social Services Commission Report – Peg Koellmer, Chair  
Peg Koellmer, Chair of the Social Services Commission gave a report on the commission and reviewed recommended changes to the Social Services Commission charge. Review and discussion amongst Ms. Koellmer and the Board on changes recommended to the charge and possible disbanding of the Commission. Discussion to continue at a future meeting.
5. Aquarion/Eversource Project on New Canaan Road  
Mr. Smeriglio shared that CT DOT has tentatively provided Aquarion and Eversource approval for installation of water and gas pipelines on New Canaan Rd between Old Kings Highway and Belden Hill Rd. He and Michael Wrinn-Director of Land Use and Town Planner have been working with Eversource and Aquarion along with personnel at the state in anticipation of the project. The Town is required to provide the State with a letter indicating our concurrence with the plan to divert traffic. He required Aquarion and Eversource to send letters to residents in the immediate vicinity of the work area seeking comments. A press release and an e-alert were also sent seeking comments.
6. Wilton Baseball/Softball Association Donation to Replace/Upgrade Varsity and JV Baseball Field Batting Cages  
CFO Dawn Norton reviewed the Wilton Baseball/Softball Association Donation of \$16,637.39 to replace/upgrade Varsity and JV Baseball Field Batting Cages. After review and discussion motion made by Mr. Cole to accept the Wilton Baseball/Softball Association Donation to Replace/Upgrade Varsity and JV Baseball Field Batting Cages. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0. Mr. Nabulsi noted the appreciation of the board for the donation.
7. Consideration of Approval of Tentative Agreement with the Police Union and Authorization of the First Selectwoman to sign a Collective Bargaining Agreement reflecting the Tentative Agreement and Authorizing the Required Funding for the Current Year under the Tentative Agreement  
Motion moved by Ms. Vanderslice, seconded by Ms. Healy to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Police Union and Authorizing the First Selectwoman to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement Reflecting the Tentative Agreement and Authorizing the Required Funding for the Current Year under the Tentative Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Public Comment

None.

## G. Selectmen's Reports

### 1. First Selectman

- Petition Requesting Sugar Hollow Bridge Repair  
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed a Petition received from residents regarding Repair of the Sugar Hollow Bridge
- Regional Economic Development  
Tabled
- Landscaping Equipment Noise Complaints  
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed complaints received regard Landscaping Equipment Noise
- Ms. Vanderslice noted the Police Awards ceremony and congratulated all of the recipients. She recognized Patrol Officer Brandon Harris who received the Officer of the Year award, and Sergeant Anthony Cocco who received the Community Officer of the Year award.
- Ms. Vanderslice noted that Wilton benefited from an approximately \$450,000 Congressional Direct Spending grant for the Dana Dam. Project manager, Save the Sound, submitted the grant.
- The Town submitted two applications for such this year, the drainage project at WHS and the proposed Emergency Operations Center/Training Room. Award announcements expected in early 2023.

### 2. Selectmen

Ms. Healy

Ms. Healy thanked the First Selectwoman and members of the BOF, BOE and Planning & Zoning boards for their participation in the program held at the Library on April 13<sup>th</sup>. She noted that video from the program is available on Good Morning Wilton. She also noted on April 21, 2022 at 7:00pm in person and online at the Library, League of Women Voters will have Patti Temple, who will give a talk regarding the Police Station Building Project.

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell shouted out Mr. Cole for his reading of Proclamation for Patriots Day on April 19, 2022 and noted that he and Ms. Healy were in attendance along with Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole commented on the Patriots Day event noting the list of names that served in the American Revolution read as a who's who of street names in Wilton.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed upcoming dates of meetings with the Board including the Annual Town Meeting.

## H. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43pm. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester  
Recording Secretary  
Taken from Video