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Basam Nabulsi  
*Selectman*

Ross H. Tartell  
*Selectman*

TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
Wilton, CT 06897

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Monday April 3, 2023**  
**Comstock Room 31 & via Zoom**

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

**GUESTS:** Town Attorney-Nicholas Bamonte, Fire Chief-Jim Blanchfield, DPW Director/Town Engineer-Frank Smeriglio, Director Environmental-Mike Conklin, Town Administrator Matt Knickerbocker, CFO Dawn Norton

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to add an Executive Session following the second period of Public Comment for Discussion of Strategy and Negotiations related to Pending Litigation Town of Wilton v Masone, Aileen, et al., Docket No. FBT-CV19-6091745-S and move Proposed Bonding Referendum for the Replacement Fire Engine under item D4 to Item D1. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.

Ms. Vanderslice noted a vote on the proposed turf field would be held at a special meeting on April 10, 2023.

B. Public Comment  
None

C. Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes
  - Board of Selectmen Meeting – March 21, 2023
- Refunds
  - As per Tax Collectors Memo dated March 29, 2023
- Gifts
  - Wilton Hardware – Townwide Clean-Up - \$100.00 (2-\$50 Gift Cards)
  - Kiwanis – Townwide Clean-Up - \$500.00
  - Connecticut Community Care – Wilton Senior Center - \$720.00

Ms. Vanderslice thanked all for their donations.

D. Discussion and/or Action

1. FFY2019 State Homeland Security Grant MOA

Chief Blanchfield reviewed the FFY2019 State Homeland Security Grant MOA. After review, motion moved by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Nabulsi to authorize the town to enter into the agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Proposed Bonding Referendum for the Replacement Fire Engine

Ms. Vanderslice noted a discussion was held during the review of the Fire Department budget for the \$950,000 proposed bonding referendum for the replacement fire engine. She asked for a motion to move \$950,000 bonding referendum to the Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Cole. After further review and discussion, motion carried 5-0.

3. Upcoming Aquarion Water Use Restrictions – Matt Knickerbocker

Mr. Knickerbocker was advised Wilton is currently under voluntary restriction but effective January 1, 2024, Aquarion will move to mandatory restriction with watering moved to twice weekly.

4. Proposal Turf at Allen's Meadow

- PFAS Testing Results and Environmental Questions – Mike Conklin

Mr. Conklin reviewed the PFAS Testing Results and fielded questions from the board.

- State Lease and Legal Questions – Attorney Nicholas Bamonte

Mr. Bamonte noted although the lease draft had been vetted and approved by CTDOT, due to a request from a third party that they consider any possible impact due to PFAS, CTDOT is performing an additional environmental compliance review.

Mr. Bamonte reviewed the status of the law in regards to PFAS and how that relates, if at all, to the liability of the Town. He stated there is no cause for concern from a liability standpoint,

- The Federal EPA Interim Drinking Water Advisory, which addresses levels for certain PFAS, is advisory only. It isn't law nor regulation and does not create any enforceable rules or obligations on the Town.
- The Advisory does not create any liability on the part of the Town for PFAS that may or may not exist in private wells.
- Causation is required for liability. The Town's voluntary testing of the water from the discharge pipes from the Town's two turf fields showed no detect, which shows no causation. There is no liability, even if future laws are passed for the advisory levels.
- There are no Connecticut laws or regulations related to PFAS, except for packaging materials.

Mr. Nabulsi asked about the possible risks of a future law related to turf fields being retroactive. Mr. Bamonte responded you can't apply a law retroactively. He could not address the legality should the Legislature adopt a bill with retroactive provisions. During his years of representing municipalities, he had not seen it done.

- Field Usage and Maintenance Costs – Matt Knickerbocker and Steve Pierce  
Tabled – to be discussed at the April 10, 2023 BOS Special Meeting.

- Field Design and Estimated Cost – Frank Smeriglio  
Mr. Smeriglio reviewed a proposed design for the turf field.

5. Proposed Bonding Referendums

- Design Fees Scribner Hill Road Repairs  
Motion to move a bonding referendum for \$127,000 for the Design Fees for Scribner Hill Road Repairs to the Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0.
- BOE Roof Replacements  
Motion to move a bonding referendum for \$780,000 for BOE Roof Replacements to the Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Mr. Cole seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.
- BOE Elevator Replacement  
Motion to move a bonding referendum for 275,200 for BOE Elevator Replacement to the Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Ms. Healy seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

6. Consideration of Contract with TaxServ Capital Services LLC for Collections

Mr. Knickerbocker reviewed the contract with TaxServ Capital Services LLC. After review, motion moved by Ms. Cole to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute a contract with TaxServ Capital Services LLC for Collections. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

7. Possible Consideration of Request to Move Interest Revenue from Bond Fund to General Fund

Ms. Norton reviewed a request to move \$278,000 of interest revenue earned in the Bond Fund to the General Fund to be used to pay FY2024 bond interest. After further discussion and review, motion to move interest earnings from the bond fund to the general fund to pay outstanding debt interest in FY2024. Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

F. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectwoman

None.

2. Selectmen/Selectwomen

Mr. Cole

None.

Ms. Healy

None.

Mr. Tartell

None.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

G. Public Comment

Stewart Koenigsberg, Spruce Road, provided his personal perspective related to the advice provided by Attorney Bamonte.

- H. Executive Session - Discussion of Strategy and Negotiations related to Pending Litigation Town of Wilton v Masone, Aileen, et al., Docket No. FBT-CV19-6091745-S, Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:08pm for Discussion of Strategy and Negotiations related to Pending Litigation Town of Wilton v Masone, Aileen, et al., Docket No. FBT-CV19-6091745-S. Motion moved, seconded and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session and back in Regular Session at 7:30pm.

- I. Adjournment  
Having no further business, motion to adjourn moved by Ms. Healy at 7:31pm, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester  
Recording Secretary  
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