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TOWN HALL
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 17, 2023**

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

GUESTS: Police Chief-Tom Conlan, Director/Town Engineer Public Works-Frank Smeriglio, Town Administrator-Matt Knickerbocker, CFO-Dawn Norton, HR Director-Sarah Taffel (HR Director), Chris Hodgson (Berchem Moses), Chris Giovino (Chair Police Commission)

A. Call to Order

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

B. Executive Session to Discuss Police Contract

Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:01pm to Discuss Police Contract and invite Matt Knickerbocker, Sarah Taffel, Dawn Norton, Chris Hodgson, Chris Giovino, Chief Tom Conlan. Motion moved by Mr. Tartell seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session and back in Regular Session at 7:59pm.

C. Public Comment

None

D. Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes
 - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023
- Refunds
 - As Per Tax Collector's Memo dated October 13, 2023

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. CT DOT Installation of Centerline Rumble Strips(CLRS)-Danbury Road – Chief Tom Conlan
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed letter received from CT DOT for installing CLRS on Danbury Road. Chief Conlan noted to the board that the Police Commission was in favor of the project. The CLRS would run from the intersection at Wolfpit Rd. (Route 106) to Wilton

High School and the Riverbrook Regional YMCA. He noted the installation should not cause much disruption. After further discussion and review. Motion moved by Mr. Cole to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign the letter from DOT stating the town approves the installation. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

2. Winter Salt – Morton Salt Proposal

Mr. Smeriglio reviewed the proposal for Winter Salt for the 2023-2024 winter season from Morton Salt. Price was for \$82.15 (last years' price was \$77.58). After discussion, motion moved by Mr. Tartell to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute the contract with Morton Salt. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

3. LOTCIP Grant Application for Ridge Route section of NRV T – Frank Smeriglio

Mr. Smeriglio reviewed the LOTCIP Grant Application for the Ridge Route section of the NRV T, which is an area off Mountain Rd. to Bristol Place. After further review and discussion, Motion moved by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Tartell to approve submitting the LOTCIP application grant for the Ridge Route section of the NRV T. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Parks & Recreation Commission Recommendation to Change Priority for \$500,000 of Funds from Middlebrook Fields to Lights at the Guy Whitten Field

Ms. Vanderslice noted the Parks & Recreation Commission recently recommended to re-prioritize \$500,000 planned for improvements at the Middlebrook sports fields to field lights at Guy Whitten Field at Wilton High School. She noted the Guy Whitten Field was also in need of restoration and any decision to light the field should also be done with the expectation to refurbish the field following completion of the WHS Sports Complex drainage project. Mr. Smeriglio provided additional input. After further discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Tartell to reprioritize \$500,000 coming from two different funds from the Middlebrook field to lights at Guy Whitten and to authorize Mr. Smeriglio to move forward with an RFP/RFQ. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

5. Parking Lease for Church and PDHQ Contractors

Ms. Vanderslice noted the lease was discussed at the previous BOS meeting updated to \$1000 per month rental fee. After review and discussion, motion moved by Ms. Healy to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute the lease for parking at former Baptist Church. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 5-0.

6. FY 2024 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Grant

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed. As there were no questions on the grant, motion moved by Mr. Tartell to apply for the grant and First Selectman to execute, if required. Mr. Nabulsi seconded and motion carried 5-0

E. Selectmen's Report

1. First Selectwoman

None

2. Selectmen/Selectwoman

Mr. Tartell

Mr. Tartell noted the great job the Economic Development Commission did with their sign survey.

Mr. Healy

None.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

Mr. Cole
None.

F. Public Comment
None.

G. Executive Session – Performance Review for Matt Knickerbocker and Employment Contract for Jim Blanchfield
Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:31pm for Performance Review for Matt Knickerbocker and Employment Contract for Jim Blanchfield.

Out of Executive Session at 9:36pm and back in regular session at 9:36pm.

H. Adjournment
Having no further business, motion to adjourn at 9:37pm. Motion moved, seconded and carried unanimously.

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
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