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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 5, 2024**

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Toni Boucher, Joshua Cole, Kimberley Healy, Basam Nabulsi, Ross Tartell

GUESTS: Patti Temple-President FOAF & Ashley Kineon-Executive Director of Ambler Farm, Kevin Meehan-Program Director at Ambler Farm Town Administrator Matt Knickerbocker CFO-Dawn Norton

A. Call to Order

Ms. Boucher called the Meeting to order at 7:02pm.

B. Executive Session

- Property
- Update on Legal Matter

Ms. Boucher asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:02pm for discussion on property and an update on legal matter. Motion moved by Mr. Nabulsi, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

Out of Executive Session and back in regular session at 7:54pm.

C. Public Comment

Ms. Boucher shared an email received from Lori Fusco-Chair of the Historic District & Historic Properties Commission with regard to Ambler Farm Yellow House advocating for the preservation of the Platt Raymond House (Yellow House).

D. Consent Agenda

- Minutes
 - Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2023
Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0 to approve the January 23, 2024 BOS minutes amending the January 23, 2023 Minutes to correct under Executive Session: sentence “Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy” to read “Motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy and carried 5-0 and to remove “After discussion motion carried 5-0”
- Refunds
 - As per Tax Collectors Memo dated January 29, 2023
Motion made by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Mr. Nabulsi to accepted the Refunds as stated. Motion carried 5-0.

- Gift
 - Wilton Kiwanians donation of Flags for Town Lampposts - \$5,500
Motion made by Ms. Healy, seconded by Mr. Cole to accept gift as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

E. Discussion and/or Action

1. Master Municipal Agreement (MMA) between the Town and State of CT DOT
Mr. Knickerbocker reviewed with Mr. Smeriglio providing additional input. The MMA is an agreement with the Town and the State of CT DOT which is standard agreement in DOT's process for authorizing projects which previously involved separate agreements for each project. After further review, motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. Healy to approve the First Selectman execute the MMA. After further discussion and review, motion carried 5-0.
2. Ambler Farm Presentation
Patti Temple and Ashley Kineon representing Ambler Farm reviewed a request of \$2.2 million over a period of 2 years from the town for repairs for the White House and the Yellow House (\$1.2 million for the Yellow House and \$1million for the White House). Discussion amongst the board and members of Ambler Form on the request. A copy the presentation is available to view on the town website at:
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3. Possible Vote on Approval on First Amendment to the WLA PPA
Ms. Boucher reviewed the First Amendment to the Wilton Library Assoc.(WLA) Public-Private Partnership Agreement (PPA). The agreement has been approved for execution by the WLA and has been reviewed by town counsel. After further discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Cole to authorize the First Selectman to execute the First Amendment to the PPA with the Library. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.
4. Possible Vote on Town Naming Policy
Ms. Boucher continued the discussion regarding a naming policy for town owned property and other types of commemorations to honor individuals. Discussion on the draft policy with the selectmen. Suggested changes to the draft with Ms. Boucher to review with town counsel and bring a revised draft for discussion and possible approval at the next BOS meeting.
5. HRRRA Change in Concurrent Ordinance (1 Town 1 Vote)
Mr. Knickerbocker gave an overview of the HRRRA Change in Concurrent Ordinance (1Town 1 Vote). He noted that HRRRA is looking to revise the HRRRA Concurrent Ordinance pertaining to membership. The HRRRA bylaws is looking to move from weighted population voting to "one town, one vote". He stated that should have language regarding the change from the HRRRA attorneys to be discussed at the next BOS meeting.
6. Visiting Nurse Annual Contract
Mr. Knickerbocker reviewed the Visiting Nurse Annual Contract with Waveny LifeCare Network with CFO Dawn Norton providing additional input. The contract is effective through June 30, 2025 and in the amount of \$972,623. Motion made by Mr. Nabulsi to authorize the First Selectman to execute the agreement with the Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fairfield County. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole. After further discussion and review, motion carried 5-0.
7. Presidential Primary Locations – Clune Center
Based on recommendation from the Wilton Registrars, the board discussed using the Clune Center at WHS to be the sole polling location for the upcoming presidential primary election. Registrars noted they anticipated low turnout for the primary and did not see the need for multiple polling locations. After discussion, motion made by Mr. Cole to approve the one location at the Clune Center for the Presidential Primary. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell. After further discussion and review, motion carried 5-0.

8. Possible Appointments

- Hillary Morrissy
- Rich McCarty
- Kevin O'Brien

Motion made by Mr. Cole to appoint Hillary Morrissy to the Economic Development Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2024 and Rich McCarty and Kevin O'Brien as alternates to the Board of Assessment Appeals. Motion second by Mr. Nabulsi and carried 5-0.

F. Selectmen's Report

1. First Selectman

- Ms. Boucher noted that she and Mr. Tartell attended the Forum by the Wilton YMCA, the WLA and Temple B'nai Chaim called Confronting Acts of Hate in our Community held on February 4, 2024.
- Ms. Boucher noted suggestion from a resident for a Town wide shredding day
- Ms. Boucher noted that Eversource will be doing some tree trimming in Wilton
- Ms. Boucher noted that the Woodcock Nature Center has the Red-Tail Hawk display
- Aquarion will be doing work on RT106 beginning March 1, 2024

2. Selectmen/Selectwoman

Mr. Cole

Mr. Cole recognized Camille Carrera of Wilton Chamber of Commerce for putting on a great Winter Carnival that took place over the weekend and was attended by many residents and their children.

Ms. Healy

Ms. Healy noted the legislation will be going back in session. She also noted that she and Town Administrator will be attending at COST (Council of Small Towns) meeting.

Mr. Tartell

None.

Mr. Nabulsi

None.

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

Having no further business, motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Motion moved, seconded and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester

Recording Secretary

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