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Lori A. Bufano  
*Selectman*

Richard J. Dubow  
*Selectman*

TOWN HALL  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
MEETING ROOM B, WILTON TOWN HALL**

**PRESENT:** First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Richard Dubow, Michael Kaelin, Lori Bufano

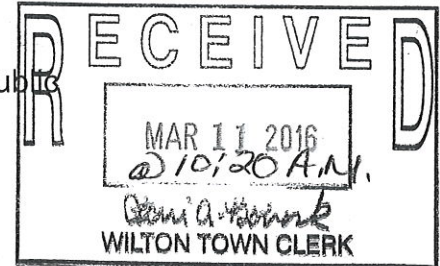
**ABSENT:** David Clune

**GUESTS:** Vivian Lee-Shiue, Jennie Wong, Mark Ketley, Steve Pierce, Douglas Katz, Anne Kelly-Lenz

**OTHERS:** 2 Members of the Press and Members of the Public

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**A. Consent Agenda**



Upon motion by Mr. Kaelin, seconded by Ms. Bufano, the consent agenda was approved as follows.

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Meeting – February 1, 2016
- Board of Selectmen Budget Work Session – February 8, 2016

Refunds

- As per Tax Collector's Memo dated February 11, 2016

**B. Discussion and/or Actions**

**1. Economic Development Update and Budget Requests**

Presentations of FY 2017 Budget Requests were given by Vivian Lee-Shiue, Vice Chair of the Economic Development Commission.

2. Parks and Recreation – Budget Presentation

Presentations of FY2017 Budget Requests were given by Mark Ketley, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Steve Pierce, Director, Parks and Recreation.

3. Legal Review

Second Selectman, Michael Kaelin gave a review of the search for Town Counsel and laid out his plan for how the role should be defined. Mr. Kaelin noted that the position of Town Counsel should be reviewed periodically. He stated that the role of Town Counsel has changed over the years and feels the position of Town Counsel should function more as a General Counsel. Mr. Kaelin noted that there are inherent conflicts with having a town counsel who advises town officials as to their rights and responsibilities then representing those officials in a lawsuit, appeal or claim coming out of their actions. His suggestions included going through the process of putting together a search committee to conduct the interview process, screen the proposals and then make a recommendation, much like you would for the hiring of a CFO or Town Clerk. There should be an open and competitive bidding and RFP process. Qualifications for the position should be specific and include familiarity with town charter, municipal law, election law and general counsel experience supervising other law firms providing legal work. Discussion will be open for consideration of how exactly the individual would be compensated. Discussion ensued and determination to gather information from CCM to look at alternative models for municipalities with regard to Town Counsel. Follow-up at next Board of Selectman meeting on March 7, 2016.

4. Board and Commission Vacancies

Ms. Vanderslice reviewed what vacancies are currently open on various boards and commissions. There are current openings on the Economic Development Commission, Commission on Social Services, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Miller Driscoll Building Committee. Positions are open to all citizens to self-nominate or be put up for consideration through The Democratic Town Committee or the Republican Town Committee. Interested parties can send their requests to the First Selectman.

5. Appointments/Reappointments

Ms. Vanderslice moved appointments as attached. Motion made by Mr. Kaelin to approve the appointment of Ronald Hitter to the Fire House II Building Committee and, Gretchen Jeanes to the Miller Driscoll Building Committee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bufano and carried 3-0-1. Mr. Dubow abstained as he was not present for the interviews with Mr. Hitter and Ms. Jeanes.

Motion made to reappoint Frank Simone to the Conservation Commission by Mr. Dubow, seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried.

6. Miscellaneous Other Business

None.



## B. Public Comment

**Anthony LoFrisco** of Cider Mill Place commented on Merwin Meadows and the Legal Review given by Mr. Kaelin.

**Michael Salik** commented on the Town Charter and the 15% rule.

Mr. Kaelin addressed Mr. Salik's remarks and clarified the Town Meeting process as it relates to voting on the budget.

**Simon Reiff** commented on the Legal Review given by Mr. Kaelin and potential conflicts that may occur with regard to Town Counsel. Suggests amending the Town Charter to change the scope of Town Counsel.

**Alex Ruskewich** of Calvin Road commented on legal review and the previous Sensible Wilton litigation.

Mr. Dubow asked for a statement from the Board of Selectmen to clarify misconceptions on statements being issued regarding the dismissal of the Sensible Wilton Lawsuit.

## C. Reports

### First Selectman's Report

Ms. Vanderslice gave an update on submittal of Land Conveyance requests to the state with deadline of March 1, 2016.

Ms. Vanderslice note that the Police Station has been added to the capital tour taking place this Saturday, February 20, 2016.

### Selectmen's Reports

#### Mr. Dubow

None

#### Mr. Kaelin

Mr. Kaelin further commented on the legal review and the General Counsel position.

#### Ms. Bufano

Attended the EDC. Moving in right direction and doing great work.

- D. Adjournment – Having no further business, motion made by Mr. Kaelin to adjourn meeting. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bufano and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50PM.



Jacqueline Rochester  
Recording Secretary  
Taken from Video

### **Appointments**

Ron Hitter – Fire House II Building Committee

Gretchen Jeanes – MDBC Building Committee

### **Reappointment**

Frank Simone – Conservation Commission