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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday April 28, 2020
Via Live Stream

PRESENT: First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, Lori Bufano Joshua Cole, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell,

GUESTS: Town Counsel Ira Bloom, Town Assessor Sarah Scacco, HR Director Sarah Taffel, CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz, Members of the Public

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

B. Public Comment

Ms. Bufano read emails received from the public.

C. Discussion and/or Action

1. Decision of Whether to Enter into a Contract on Behalf of the Town of Wilton for a Chief of the Fire Department

Ms. Vanderslice noted that the board had an Executive Session on the matter at 7:00pm. Ms. Vanderslice moved for the reasons discussed in Executive Session and in accordance with the charter section in C-16b (3)(8) no contract from the Town of Wilton be offered to the candidate for Fire Chief recommended by the Fire Commission, motion seconded by Mr. Cole. Ms. Vanderslice opened the floor to comments before voting on the motion. Mr. Tartell commented and noted that he was not part of the discussion and recused himself as he was previously a member of the Fire Commission. Ms. Bufano noted she supports Ms. Vanderslice's motion. After discussion motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Tartell recusing.

2. Proposed Extension to File for the Wilton's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Program
Ms. Vanderslice, along with Town Assessor Sarah Scacco, reviewed Ms. Scacco's attached memo recommending an extension of the deadline to apply for the program. After further review and discussion, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to extend the deadline to file for Wilton's Elderly Tax Relief Program from May 15 to July 31. Motion moved by Ms. McFadden, seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 5-0.

3. Documentation Required with Application for Tax Deferment Program
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the option to request documentation required with Application for Tax Deferment Program. She noted that Town Counsel received a question disputing the Town's Plan to request for documentation along with the

application for Tax Deferment. After review and discussion, Ms. Vanderslice requested a motion that the Tax Collector, CFO and the First Selectwoman, either collectively or individually, make the decision whether a document is appropriate to support the application for Tax Deferment Program. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

D. Selectmen's Reports

1. First Selectman

Ms. Vanderslice noted a plan is being developed to reopen Town Hall and the Annex

2. Selectmen

Mr. Cole

No Report.

Ms. McFadden

Ms. McFadden expressed her support for the Town's program to support restaurants.

Ms. Bufano

No Report.

Mr. Tartell

No Report

E. Public Comment

None.

F. Adjournment

Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm. Motion moved by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

Next Meeting – May 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectwoman
Anne Kelly-Lenz, CFO

FROM: Sarah Scacco, Assessor

DATE: April 20, 2020

RE: **PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2020 FILING REQUIREMENTS
OF THE TOWN ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**

Proposal

Due to the recent COVID19 pandemic many applicants may be unable to file prior to May 15th, 2020 and therefore will be ineligible for tax relief for the bills due in July 2020 and January 2021.

In order to make an application for the Town's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief program applicants must first file their 2019 tax return. Since this recent crisis has made the process of filing tax returns more difficult the IRS has extended the filing date to July 15th, 2020.

I propose that we also extend the filing date of the applications due May 15th, 2020 for the Town's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief program to July 31st, 2020. Any approved applications received prior to May 15th, 2020 will be ensured to receive the credits on the tax bills prior to the bills being processed. This office will attempt to process any approved applications received after May 15th, 2020 but prior to sending out the file to our vendor to be processed and mailed. Once our systems are back up and running for changes any approved applications received will be processed within one to two business days.

The paperwork required to file an application would not change and would still consist of the 2019 Federal Tax Return and 2019 Social Security 1099. If an applicant will not be filing a 2019 Federal Tax Return they would need to provide all year end statements for 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.