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TOWN HALL
238 Danbury Road
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Wednesday July 15, 2020
Held Electronically

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

GUESTS: Anne Kelly-Lenz, Members of the Public

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

B. Public Comment

Ms. Bufano read public comment from Sara Curtis of Canon Road.

C. Discussion and/or Action

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Lowthert, et al. v Wilton Board of Education, et al., Docket No. FST-CV-15-6026938S
Item tabled, was not discussed in Executive Session.
2. Discussion and Possible Action related to Collective Bargaining Agreements
Ms. Vanderslice moved a motion to approve the tentative agreements for Fire, AFSCME Collective Bargaining units and the Town's last offer to the Police Bargaining Units and to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute contracts for Fire and AFSCME and any agreements with the Police. Motion was seconded by Ms. McFadden. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 5-0.
3. Discussion and Possible Extension of Deadline to Apply for Special Coronavirus Property Tax Deferral
Ms. Vanderslice reviewed the attached memo that was sent to the BoS. Residents missed the deadline as they were not aware of the program or the date of the deadline. Ms. Vanderslice asked to reopen the application period beginning July 16th with an end date of July 31st. Motion moved by Mr. Cole and seconded by Ms. Bufano. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Discussion of Allocating Excess BOS FY2020 Budget Savings to Road Paving Operating Expense Budget
Ms. Vanderslice noted since the May Annual Town Meeting was not held to authorize additional bonded funds for road paving, paving will end in August

without additional funds. She is investigating the possibility of BOF approval to bond for road paving, rather than waiting until the October Special Town Meeting and November adjourned vote.

In the meantime, Ms. Vanderslice noted BOS budget savings is expected beyond that which the board previously identified and released to the BoF. Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to reallocate any additional savings in FY2020 operating expense line items to the road paving operating budget. Motion moved by Ms. McFadden and seconded by Mr. Cole. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 5-0.

D. Public Comment
None

E. Adjournment
Having no further business, Ms. Vanderslice asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:13pm. Motion moved by Ms. Bufano, seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 5-0.

Jacqueline Rochester
Recording Secretary
Taken from Video

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Lynne Vanderslice

DATE: July 14, 2020

RE: July 15th Special Meeting

The following is information related to items for tomorrow's regular meeting:

Discussion and Possible Extension of Deadline to Apply for Special Coronavirus Property Tax Deferral: We adopted the program with an application deadline of June 15th. Since that date, we have heard from approximately six people who wanted to file, but didn't know about the deadline. I am recommending that we reopen the application period to July 16th to July 31st. Taxes are due on August 3rd.

Discussion of Allocating Excess BOS FY2020 Budget Savings to Road Paving Operating Expense Budget: We anticipate we will have additional savings beyond that which were identified in May and used by the BOF to reduce the FY2021 mill rate. We would like to reclassify any budget savings to the operating budget line item for road paving. That will free up an equivalent amount in bonded monies and allow us to perform additional paving. We expect to have spent all authorized bonded monies by early September. We are investigating the possibility of approving bonding for road paving to allow paving to continue until the adjourned vote in November.