

To: Board of Selectmen Members

From: Lynne Vanderslice

Date: December 3, 2021

RE: December 6th BOS meeting

The following are comments in advance of Monday's meeting:

E. 1. Infrastructure Priorities and Funding Overview and E. 2. Grand Status Report:

Our efforts over the last few years to increase our access to grants have resulted in approximately \$19 million in approved and \$2.7 million in pending grants for DPW projects. Please see the detail schedule in your packet from Asst DPW Director/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio.

These grants are augmented by the \$5.4 million ARPA grant and the potential \$1 million federal earmarked grant. The magnitude and scope of these collective grants provide a unique opportunity for us to address infrastructure needs and enhancement. Doing so will require resources to manage and administer, which we will discuss at our meeting.

There are other grant opportunities available or expected to be available in early 2022, many of which will be offered through CT DOT. As a result,

- We have submitted the required intent to file an application for the DECD's competitive Connecticut Communities Challenge Grant to fund the SIMM master plan and related and adjacent work. The application details will be presented at a future meeting for your approval to submit.
- We are developing plans for eligible DOT projects. Submissions that are developed concepts versus general concepts have a greater chance of approval.

E.7. Attracting and Retaining Employees:

Wilton and area municipalities are experiencing early and unexpected retirements and difficulties filling vacancies. During WestCOG meetings, we have discussed our shared experiences. At last week's executive committee meeting, we prioritized funding for consulting services to develop regional strategies.

E.8. Election of a Second Selectperson and Miscellaneous Matters:

Per C-16 of the Town's Charter, see below, at the first meeting of the new board, the members must elect a Second Selectperson. The role of the Second Selectperson is to assume the responsibilities of the First Selectwoman should a vacancy occur, until a special election can be held to fill the vacancy.

We also required to appoint a member of the Board of Selectmen as Trustee to the Wilton Other Post-Employment Benefits Committee. This is a three-person committee with membership from the BOS, BOE and BOF.

Per C-19, see below, the First Selectwoman is a non-voting “ex officio member of all Boards and Committees of the Town, and of all organizations to which the Town provides financial support”, subject to certain exceptions, and may appoint electors to be the first selectwoman’s representative on any such board/commission/committee or organization. If anyone is interested in being appointed as a representative to the Traskside board or any of the appointed boards or commissions for which an employee is not in regular attendance, such as EDC, WETC, HD&HPC, Housing, please let me know.

When attending appointed board and commission meetings, appointed members might request BOS members provide guidance on FOIA and meeting procedures. The *Guide to Serving on a Board or Commission* is provided as a reference for both and is available online. Making it easily accessible during meetings.

E.10 Possible Appointments

We will be interviewing Chris Giovino for the Police Commission. His information is in your packet. We are waiting to hear whether the DTC will be submitting a candidate. Otherwise, there are no additional candidates.

Bas has agreed to assume the 6th long-vacant position on the WPCA with a term ending date of 11/30/2025. Lori Bufano indicated she intends to complete her term which ends on 11/20/24 . We are expecting a sewer extension application, therefore it will be helpful to have 2 former P&Z members on the authority.

E. 11 Possible Reappointments

Jackie previously sent the list below of individuals seeking reappointment. There weren’t any requests to interview. In addition potential reappointments include Brett Amero and Jeff Lapnow for the Deer Committee, Paul VonSteenberg, Charles Ruffel and Warren Serenbetz for the Pension Investment Committee and Kevin Ring for Parks and Recreation. Jackie is waiting for confirmation on a few others. Included in your packet is a spreadsheet of all appointed members.

Commission on Social Services

Margaret Koellmer

Bettye Ragognetti

Conservation Commission

Frank Simone

Colleen O'Brien

Council on Ethics

Tamara Conway

Elizabeth Edwards

Parks & Recreation

Anna Marie Bilella

John Macken

Fire Commission

John Hall

Police Commission

Adrienne Reedy

Historic District and Historic Property

Lori Fusco

Gil Weatherly

Pam Brown (Alternate)

Thanks,

Lynne

C-16: *At the first meeting of a newly elected Board of Selectmen held after a regular election of the Town, the Board of Selectmen shall choose a Selectman to serve as Second Selectman. The Second Selectman shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the First Selectman in the event of a vacancy in the office of First Selectman, until such vacancy is filled as prescribed by this Charter § C-47F or other law. In the event that the First Selectman is unable to perform such duties as are required and in the absence of such delegation, the powers of the First Selectman shall be deemed to have been delegated to the Second Selectman.*

C-19: *Except as provided by ordinance or other law, the First Selectman shall be an ex officio member of all Boards and Committees of the Town, and of all organizations to which the Town provides financial support unless otherwise provided by the Town Meeting, but without the power to vote. The First Selectman may appoint, in writing, one or more electors of the Town to be the First Selectman's representative on any such Board, Committee and organization.*