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Ross H. Tartell  
*Selectman*

TOWN HALL  
238 Danbury Road  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**Tuesday December 22 2020**  
**Held Electronically**

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

**ABSENT:** Lori Bufano (Excused)

**GUESTS:** Michael Wrinn – Director Planning & Land Use Management, Rick Tomasetti – Chair of Planning Zoning Commission, Chris Burney – Director DPW & Facilities, CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz

A. Call to Order

Ms. Vanderslice called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

B. Public Comment

None

C. Consent Agenda

The following were noted for the December 7, 2020 BoS regular meeting minutes:

Ms. McFadden: in the following sentence, the word current should have been recent: *Ms. McFadden inquired whether the Town has seen an improvement in response by Eversource during the current storm.*

Mr. Cole: The following sentence incorrectly documents the motion in D-1: Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 4-0.

Motion moved by Mr. Cole seconded by Ms. McFadden and carried 4-0 to approve the Consent Agenda as follows amending Ms. McFadden's comments under Selectman's report to change "current" to "recent" and amending motion in item D-1 to indicate Josh Cole motioned and Mr. Tartell seconded:

Minutes

- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Executive Session – December 7, 2020
- Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting – December 7, 2020

Refunds

- As per Tax Collectors Memo dated – December 18, 2020

## Gifts

- Ruth & Zachary Sachs - Fire Dept Gift Fund - \$350.00
- Kathrine L. & Andrew G. Dougherty – Fire Dept Gift Fund - \$100.00

## D. Discussion and/or Action

1. Master Plan Funding– Michael Wrinn and Rick Tomasetti  
Mr. Tomasetti provided an update of the Planning and Zoning Commission's work towards the development of a Master Plan. He recommended the Town engage a consultant to develop the Plan and recommended multi-year funding. He provided comments in support of the recommendation. Michael Wrinn provided additional details on a potential Master Plan and required funding. A discussion was held between Mr. Tomasetti, Mr. Wrinn and the BoS members.
2. Contract Approval with Morton Salt – Chris Burney  
Chris Burney reviewed the Morton Salt contract for the purchase of salt. After discussion and review, motion moved by Mr. Cole to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign the contract with Morton Salt. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 4-0.
3. Tax Relief for January 1 Taxes – Anne Kelly-Lenz  
Ms. Vanderslice noted that the Governor issued Executive Order 9R which extends/renew the ability to offer a tax relief program. She noted that the town has three options: a deferral plan as previously offered, a low interest plan or both. Ms. Vanderslice and CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz recommended the tax deferral plan. Ms. Kelly-Lenz & Ms. Vanderslice gave further clarification on the plan. After review and discussion, motion moved by Ms. McFadden to offer a tax deferral program for taxes due on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion seconded by Mr. Tartell and carried 4-0.
4. Appointments – Possible Appointments to the Conservation Commission and Board of Assessment Appeals  
Appointment to Board of Assessment Appeals tabled pending additional applicants.  
  
Motion moved by Ms. McFadden to appoint David Cote to the Conservation Commission to the position previously held by Jade Hobson. Motion seconded by Mr. Cole and carried 4-0.

## E. Selectmen's Report

1. First Selectman
  - Ms. Vanderslice provided an update on Phase 1A of the COVID-19 Vaccine.
  - Ms. Vanderslice noted an initial meeting was held for Wilton Cares. The purpose of Wilton Cares is to increase connectivity between Wilton-based organizations to address social isolation and other fallout from the pandemic. The initiative came out of discussions held between Kevin Smith, Kim Zemo, Sarah Heath, Genevieve Eason and others.
  - Ms. Vanderslice noted through a new Social Services program, volunteers will deliver Christmas Eve dinners to Wilton seniors living alone.
  - Ms. Vanderslice congratulated Parks and Recreation personnel on a great job on the drive-thru holiday event with Santa.
  - Ms. Vanderslice noted the recent sale of the Avalon apartment complex located on Rt. 7.

2. Selectmen

Ms. McFadden

Ms. McFadden noted Eversource issued a call to residents to prepare in advance of the upcoming storm.

Mr. Tartell.

Mr. Tartell noted he had reviewed the WestCOG 5-G Task Force report. He noted Wilton's participation and that the report was well done. Mr. Tartell asked the First Selectwoman to present goals for 2021. Ms. Vanderslice replied that they will be discussed at the first meeting in January.

Mr. Cole

None.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion moved by Mr. Tartell, seconded by Ms. McFadden to adjourn meeting at 8:59 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted

Jacqueline Rochester

Taken from video!