

Public Safety Subcommittee
TOWN OF SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.
Board of Education Conference Room, Town Hall

Present were:

Diana Yeisley, Selectman; **Heather Goetz**, Selectman; James **Baldis**, Chief, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department; **Nicholas** Boulter, Chief of Police; Chris **Davis**, Deputy Chief of Police; **Kristen Formanek**, Director of Community & Social Services; **Tom Fitzgerald**, Deputy Town Manager; **Mike Long**, Police Commissioner; **Jena Caulfield**, Police Commissioner; Wendy **Mackstutis**, First Selectman; **Mark Massaro**, Community Relations & Economic Development Specialist, Eversource; **Sarah Nielsen**, Simsbury Main Street Partnership; **Tom Roy**, Director of Public Works; **Jean Pickens**, Visiting Nurses Association; **Karin Stewart**, Executive Director, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association; **Neil Sullivan**, Director of Personnel, Simsbury Schools; **Patrick Tourville**, Fire Marshall; and **Mike Berry**, Emergency Management Director.

The Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 8:01 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Updates:

1) Farmington Valley Health District

None

2) Town Manager's Office

None

3) Emergency Management

Mr. Berry discussed vaccination rates for Flu and Covid, the seasons weather was small in snowfall but high in rain. Mr. Berry mentioned that residents should listen to WSIM and that it is a great asset to the community. The EMPG grant was submitted.

4) Police

Chief Boulter stated that the Police have added a supplemental rapid SOS system that provides more info when people call 911. He stated that there is a new hire starting the academy and 1 officer graduating the academy soon and will be in the community shortly. Chief Boulter also mentioned the new speed enforcement grant.

5) Ambulance

Ms. Stewart gave data on ambulance calls compared to last year. so far we are at 517 calls which is similar to last year but there is an increase in transports. SVAA trained DPW in CPR, First Aid and Stop the Bleed. They have started a public relations committee and had their state inspection.

6) Fire

Mr. Tourville wanted to remind residents that there is no open burning in Simsbury. With the recent day light savings time change remember to change your smoke detector batteries. If you have a watercraft please contact the Fire Department to get a vessel ID sticker.

Mr. Baldis discussed their work with DEEP for creating identification markers area on Talcott Mountain to assist the Fire District in making it easier to locate someone who calls for assistance. The fire district had a bid for their new Engine 3, they have seen a large increase in costs since Covid in cost of vehicles. Mr. Baldis discussed the Fire District budget.

7) Board of Education

Mr. Sullivan said the Latimer project is ahead of schedule. He also said they are continuing to work on capital projects for updating school security cameras and key fob systems at the schools.

8) Public Works and Engineering

Mr. Roy spoke about crosswalk reviews at areas adjacent to schools. He discussed the Town Hall elevator project and the upcoming touch a truck event at the DPW campus on May 18th.

9) Social Services

Ms. Formanek spoke about the Steps to Safety program. Ms. Formanek also talked about PPE Training the staff have done.

10) VNA

Ms. Pickens introduced herself to the group. Among other things she mentioned that the VNA is focusing on safety of employees when entering homes.

11) Main Street Partnership

Ms. Nielsen provided an update on a recent meeting with FVHD she had. There was discussion on working with DPW for the sidewalks in the north end and an update on signage for PAC events.

12) Eversource

Mr. Massaro reported on working with local police departments on information to help combat scams.

13) Other

Ms. Goetz thanks the group for how they work together and communicate well together. She asked about a meeting to conduct a table top drill for an emergency scenario. There was a group discussion on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fitzgerald
Deputy Town Manager