

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Board members Christopher Kelly, Michael Paine, Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook and Chris Peterson. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria E. Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby, Tom Roy Director of Public Works, Ed LaMontagne, Chairman, Aging & Disability Commission, Adam Kessler, Project Engineer, Burke LeClair, Board of Education, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) Proposed Stormwater Connection Ordinance

Mr. Wellman said this Public Hearing is to receive public comment concerning a proposed ordinance on Stormwater Connection.

Mr. Roy said the purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the safety, health, and general welfare of the residents of Simsbury through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drain system. The Town has been participating in the MS4 reporting requirement, which is DEEP regulated.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about a discharge he saw a few years ago, not selling gas at Andy's Gas Station now and if someone purchases it they will have to replace the tanks. He feels this ordinance is a good ordinance if the Town does its job with it.

After no further comment was received, Mr. Askham made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the proposed Stormwater Connection Ordinance. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposals

Mr. Wellman said this Public Hearing is to receive public comment concerning the proposed approval by the Board of Selectmen of the proposals of the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association and the Simsbury Grange for benefits under the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program Proposals.

Ms. Appleby said the Town announced that the 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act applications were available to tax-exempt organizations. The Town Manager received two applications. The Simsbury Grange is seeking funds for an energy conservation project and the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association is seeking funds to support the replacement of an ambulance. Ms. Appleby explained that there are two non-substantive changes in the applications.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, said the Simsbury Grange applied for the grant last year and did receive some money. They are now looking for corporations to contribute to their energy project and if the grant is received they will then get a tax credit. The notice of the funding is in August but the commitments aren't made until September.

Mike Delehanty from the Simsbury Ambulance Association said they are trying to replace the ambulance in phase I. In Phase II they are appealing the corporations and businesses to help with their plan.

After no further public comment was received, Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to add, in Executive Session, b) Pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) concerning pending claims and litigation – Pavlik v. Town of Simsbury. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about performance evaluations, gender discrimination, Executive Session, the International Skating Center curling and other concerns.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about Ms. Coe’s comments on discrimination, the roles of the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen, and other concerns.

Mike Rinaldi, 32 Pinnacle Mountain Road, spoke about the Henry James School Phase III project. He feels this is a flawed plan and that the 6th graders need to be put into that school. He wants this project stopped before it’s too late.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Selectman Wellman reviewed his First Selectman’s report.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Town Manager, Ms. Capriola, reviewed her Town Manager’s report.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Proposed Stormwater Connection Ordinance

Mr. Wellman said the Board had three choices to make on the proposed Stormwater Ordinance – to adopt the Ordinance as is; adopt with minor changes; or table the adoption.

After discussion and some possible changes on page 5; Section 10 B, Mr. Askham made a motion to table the adoption of the proposed Stormwater Connection Ordinance. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Proposals

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective May 30, 2018, to approve the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program applications as presented and to authorize Maria E. Capriola to submit the applications to the Department of Revenue Services. Further move to designate Deputy Town Manager, Melissa A.J. Appleby as the municipal liaison. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

c) Recommended Appointment of Culture, Parks & Recreation Director

Ms. Capriola said she has identified Thomas J. Tyburski as the preferred candidate for the Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation position. He worked as a recreation supervisor with the Town for twelve years and as an assistant operations manager of the International Skating Center of CT for two years. Mr. Tyburski is available to begin work on a part-time basis on June 26th and full time on July 2nd. Mr. Toner is able to remain on staff on a limited basis during the transition.

Ms. Capriola said pursuant to the Charter, “prior to appointing or removing the Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation, the Town Manager shall also consult with and obtain the approval of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission.” The Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Tyburski.

Ms. Cook made a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Thomas J. Tyburski for the position of Culture, Parks and Recreation Director and to appoint Mr. Tyburski to the position effective June 26, 2018, with an annual starting salary of \$112,500 and employment-related benefits assigned to that position. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Handicapped Parking Awareness Month

Mr. Wellman said the Aging & Disability Commission is seeking to educate the community regarding the appropriateness and legality of using handicapped parking spots.

Mr. LaMontagne said this is the 6th year that they have requested this designation. They need to get the community educated on the proper use of handicapped parking and how violators hurt the handicapped community.

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective May 30, 2018, to designate June of 2018 as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month in the Town of Simsbury. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Henry James Memorial School Renovation – Phase III

Mr. Wellman said the voters approved this project on May 1, 2018. The Board of Education is applying for a Connecticut School Construction Grant for Henry James Memorial School – Phase III for approximately \$5,700,000.00.

Mr. LeClair said Phase III doesn’t prohibit the Board of Education from considering a grade reconfiguration. This grant process is required by the State.

Mr. Askham noted that if we don’t do this, the Town will no longer have the ability to get State reimbursement.

Mr. Kelly made a motion the following motions:

- a. **“RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town of Simsbury Board of Education to apply to the Office of School Construction Grants & Review and to accept or reject a grant for the Henry James Memorial School Extension/Alteration – Phase III Project.”

- b. **“RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen hereby establishes the permanent Public Building Committee as the building committee for the proposed Henry James Memorial School Extension/Alteration – Phase II Project.”
- c. **“RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed Henry James Memorial School Extension/Alteration – Phase III Project.”

Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

a) Proposed Reappointment of Oliver Dickins (D) as a Regular Member of the Housing Authority with an Expiration Date of April 21, 2023

Mr. Peterson made a motion, effective May 30, 2018 to re-appoint Oliver Dickins (D) as a regular member of the Housing Authority with a term expiring April 21, 2023. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Proposed Appointment of Heather Dawson (D) as a Regular Member of the Recycling Committee with an Expiration Date of December 2, 2019

Mr. Peterson made a motion, effective May 30, 2018 to appoint Heather Dawson (D) as a regular member of the Recycling Committee with a term expiring December 2, 2019. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Special Meeting of May 21, 2018

There were no changes to the Special Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018, and, therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Personnel** – no report at this time.
- b) **Finance** – no report at this time.
- c) **Welfare** – no report at this time.
- d) **Public Safety** – Mr. Askham said there will be a Public Safety Meeting tomorrow morning at 7:00 a.m.
- e) **Board of Education** – no report at this time.

Ms. Cook reminded everyone that the Community for Care is holding a program “Now That We Got Into College, Now What.” Pizza will be served.

COMMUNICATIONS

a) Simsbury Farms Natural Gas Conversion memo, dated May 21, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

b) SMPAC Letter regarding Event Parking, dated May 17, 2018

Mr. Wellman said he has heard some concerns from businesses about the parking at SMPAC events. We are going to try some changes in directing people to the lots they should be parking in.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) concerning Pending Claims and Litigation – Deepwater Wind Appeal, Petition 1313

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) concerning Pending Claims and Litigation – Deepwater Wind Appeal, Petition 1313 and concerning pending Claims and Litigation – Pavlik v. Town of Simsbury at 7:28 p.m. and to include Town Manager Maria Capriola, Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby and Attorney DeCrescenzo. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Mr. Paine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Executive Session adjourned at 8:09 pm.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Paine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk