

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:02p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Board members Michael Paine, Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook, Christopher Kelly and Chris Peterson. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby; Tax Collector Colleen O'Connor; Director of Public Works Tom Roy; Assistant Town Planner Michael Glidden and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street read a letter he received from President Trump, land contamination, the marijuana facility, the Zoning Board and other issues.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about the Community Planning and Development Director's resignation, possible property contamination; a Resident's fireworks show, the Carry In Carry Out policy and other issues.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, spoke about Fair season and handed out a brochure on them. She also spoke about the partnership between the Grange and the Historical Society and their upcoming "Concerts on the Green" and how they are looking for sponsors and volunteers.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Wellman, reviewed his First Selectman's report.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager, Maria Capriola, reviewed her Town Manager's report.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Proposed Approval of Change in Scope for Generator Infrastructure Project

Mr. Roy said this project is to better prepare for a natural disasters. The Town approved a capital project that would allow for purchasing a large portable generator to support the Town Hall's Emergency Operations Center and to supply temporary power to the Library and Eno Memorial Hall.

Mr. Roy said after Town staff began to evaluate costs, it became apparent that we have the ability to install permanent generators at these facilities with the allocated project budget. The bond counsel has advised that the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance now need to amend the scope of work for this project.

Ms. Cook made a motion, RESOLVED, it is hereby determined that the scope of the project to provide generator infrastructure at Eno Memorial Hall, Simsbury Public Library and Town Hall approved by the Town of Simsbury as a part of the 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plans be modified to include the purchase and installation of permanent generators at both Eno Memorial Hall and the Simsbury Public Library and other expenses related to the project as modified. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Proposed Revisions to Carry In Carry Out Policy

Mr. Paine recused himself.

Mr. Wellman said there have been several complaints about the Carry In Carry Out Policy not working at Rotary Park. He would now like to revise the Policy to include trash cans at Rotary Park. Ms. Cook felt like the Board would be “caving in” and feels the people who go there should be responsible.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective July 9, 2018, to revise the Carry In Carry Out Policy as presented. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. Mr. Wellman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Askham and Mr. Peterson were in favor with Ms. Cook not in favor. Therefore, the motion passed.

Mr. Paine rejoined the meeting.

c) Tax Refunds Requests

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective July 9, 2018 to approve the presented tax refunds in the amount of \$313.36, and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute the tax refunds. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Proposed Tax Sale Policy and Appointment of Special Legal Counsel

Mr. Wellman said the Board seems to be in support of the Tax Sale Policy, but there needs to be a high enough threshold set.

Ms. O'Connor said accounts would be considered seriously delinquent if a single real estate property is at least 3 Grand Lists late of \$25,000, whichever is first or on a single parcel which is abandoned or any vacant land and one year delinquent regardless of tax amount due; or a sewer use fee or sewer assessment that is 5 years delinquent regardless of the amount due.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective July 9, 2018 to approve the Town of Simsbury Tax Sale Policy as presented. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Capriola said she needs more information from Attorney DeCrescenzo about legal counsel on the Tax Sale Policy.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective July 9, 2018 to table part two, Appointment of Special Legal Counsel until the August 13, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Proposed Appointment of Interim Planning and Community Development Director

Mr. Wellman said the Director of Planning and Community Development submitted his resignation last month. The Town Manager has initiated a recruitment process to find a replacement.

Ms. Capriola said the Assistant Town Planner's position enables him to serve as an Acting Director for short durations per his job description. Therefore, she is recommending Michael Glidden for the Interim Planning and Community Development Director position.

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Michael N. Glidden to the position of Interim Planning and Community Development Director effective 9, 2018 until the date upon the permanent Planning and Community Development Director officially begins work in Simsbury. Furthermore, to increase Mr. Glidden's salary to \$93,791 (on an annualized basis) during his interim appointment as Planning and Community Development Director and that his other employment related benefits as an affiliated employee remain in place. At the conclusion of his service as Interim Planning and Community Development Director, and if he is not appointed to the permanent position, Mr. Glidden shall be permitted to return to his position as Assistant Town Planner with the salary and employment related benefits assigned to that position. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Proposed Economic Development Commission Ordinance

Mr. Wellman said this Board was tasked with creating a new Economic Development Commission after the new Charter dissolved the old Economic Development Commission.

Mr. Wellman said a Work Group was formed to develop a draft ordinance and the Town Attorney has reviewed the draft ordinance. Section 404 of the Town Charter sets forth the requirements for a public hearing on this ordinance. The new Economic Development Commission will be in an advisory capacity under the Board of Selectmen. The Commission will promote and develop goals as refined by this Board. The Commission is intended to be non-partisan and would be based on qualifications and experiences.

After some discussion on possible language changes, Mr. Askham made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting on August 13, 2018 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed adoption of the Economic Development Commission Ordinance. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

There are no appointment and resignations at this time.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of June 25, 2018

There were no changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 25, 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** – no report at this time.
- e) Board of Education** – no report at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

a) Microchip Clinic & Dog Licensing Event on June 23, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

b) Memo from E. Butler re: Increases in Town Clerk Fees, Dated July 2, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

c) Letter from M. Capriola re: Board of Selectmen Decision on C-Tec Tax Abatement Request, dated June 27, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

d) Memo from M. Capriola re: Water Shortage Ordinance Letters and Referrals, dated July 2, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

e) Memo from M. Glidden and R. Newton re: Short-term Residential Rentals, dated July 2, 2018

Mr. Wellman said there have been some issues with Short-term rental properties. Right now there are 17 properties advertng on different web-sites for short-term rentals.

Mr. Glidden said the staff is investigating several areas in order to best determine how this short-term use should be handled. The Zoning Commission will have a meeting on July 16th where this issue will be discussed. Short-term rentals are not listed as a permitted use and therefore, are considered prohibited. He would like to send letters out to the homeowners to let them know this is prohibited.

After long discussion, the Board would like to see the actual complaints. This issue will be discussed further after more information is received.

- f) **State of Connecticut Consumer Counsel News Release: Seeking to Promote Broadband Access for All, Initiates Lawsuit Against PURA Decision, dated June 20, 2018 and CCM Bulletin: Use of the Municipal Gain Under Attack, dated December 14, 2017**

There was no discussion at this time.

- g) **CCM Bulletin: James v AFSMCE U.S. Supreme Court Declares Agency Fees Unconstitutional, dated June 29, 2018**

There was no discussion at this time.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

As Town Manager Maria E. Capriola noted in her report, the Executive Session regarding Deepwater Wind is no longer needed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Radocchio
Clerk