

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Board members Chris Petersen; Christopher Kelly, Michael Paine, and Sean Askham. Absent was: Cheryl Cook. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby; Director of Public Works Tom Roy; Interim Planning and Community Development Director Michael Glidden and other interested parties.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about the special meeting on the Deepwater Wind Project, consideration of wildlife, the Zoning Board, and other issues.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about a FOI requested on travel expenditures, resurfacing Rte. 167, the hiring of a Planning and Community Development Director, the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Service, and other issues.

Mark Lubetkin, 107 East Weatogue Street, thanked Ms. Capriola for fixing google maps to show Jim Gallagher Way, repairing E. Weatogue Street with stone, traffic challenges being handled by the Police Department, and other issues.

Guy Weiland, Assistant Scout Master, said Boy Scout Troop 276 was here for their Communication and Citizenship Merit badges.

## **PRESENTATION**

### **a) Tourism Committee Update**

Mr. Wellman said he had a conversation with Joe Buda of the Tourism Committee about their desire to have greater direction from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Wellman asked them to come before the Board with their vision for Tourism and what should be worked on. They have presented a recommendations for the 350<sup>th</sup>; 12 month recommendations and long-term recommendations.

Mr. Buda said the Tourism Committee's mission is to help facilitate efforts toward enhancing the vitality and broadening the economic base of Simsbury through the development and promotion of tourism. They would like to make Simsbury "A Town for All Seasons."

Ms. Avery said the Tourism Committee had been on their own since 1984. They haven't had any recommendations from the Board and they are all volunteers.

Mr. Wellman said their preliminary vision will be discussed at the Board of Selectmen's special meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT**

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

### **TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

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

Mr. Kelly made a motion to amend the agenda to add discussion and possible action for the Trinity Church Fall Festival on September 23, 2018 (item e). Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **SELECTMEN ACTION**

#### **a) Tax Refund Requests**

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective September 13, 2018 to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$21,716.38, and to authorize Town Manager Maria E. Capriola, to execute the tax refunds. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **b) Proposed Eagle Scout Project – Simsbury Farms Ice Rink**

Talon Perdue, a Life Scout, spoke about renovating the weather enclosure around the scorer’s box at the Simsbury Farms Rink. The box that Town staff constructed some time ago, has not been successful at keeping the box comfortable and the electric heater no longer works. This project will include removal of the enclosure, construction of a new enclosure to make it more weather resistant, replacement of the heater, replacement of the matting, etc.

Mr. Paine made a motion, effective September 12, 2018, to support the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink Eagle Scout Project as presented and accept the donation with thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **c) Acceptance of Community Connectivity Grant**

Mr. Wellman said the Public Works Department applied for a grant to improve conditions for walking and biking within Connecticut’s community centers.

Mr. Roy said in 2017 Simsbury applied for this grant to provide advanced warning signage with rectangular flashing beacons at four critical trail crossings and to update the existing pedestrian crossings at two additional locations.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective September 12, 2018, to accept the Community Connectivity Grant in the amount of \$169,764, and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola to execute all documents related to the grant award. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**d) Proposed Public Gathering Permit – 2018 Simsbury Fly-In**

Mr. Wellman said the Public Gathering Committee met and approved the Simsbury Fly-In for September 12, 2018, with a rain date of August 30, 2018. This event has been taking place for years.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective September 12, 2018 to approve the public gathering application for the 2018 Simsbury Fly-In as presented and to authorize the issuance of the public gathering permit. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**e) Proposed Public Gathering Permit – 2018 Trinity Church Fall Festival**

Mr. Wellman said staff gathered all the required approvals as of September 12<sup>th</sup> from the Public Gathering Committee for the Trinity Church Fall Festival scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the Tariffville Green.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective September 12, 2018 to approve the public gathering application for the 2018 Trinity Church Fall Festival as presented and to authorize the issuance of the public gathering permit. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**f) Proposed Water Shortage Ordinance**

Mr. Wellman said the proposed Water Shortage Ordinance was created to protect, preserve and maintain public health, safety and welfare whenever there is a critical water shortage in Town. This proposed ordinance was shared with staff, Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen's regular meeting on September 24, 2018 to solicit public comment regarding the proposed adoption of the Water Shortage Ordinance. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. Mr. Wellman, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Paine were in favor with Mr. Askham opposing. Therefore, the motion passed.

**g) Recommended Appointment of Director of Planning and Community Development**

Ms. Capriola said she highly recommends Michael Glidden for the position of Director of Planning and Community Development. He is highly qualified and has demonstrated a customer service oriented approach to helping residents.

Mr. Paine made a motion to make a conditional offer of employment to Michael N. Glidden for the position of Director of Planning and Community Development and to appoint Mr. Glidden to the position retroactive to Monday, September 10, 2018 with an annual starting salary of \$112,500 and employment-related benefits assigned to that position. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Glidden said he is very honored to be the new Director of Planning and Community Development and he is ready to face the challenges and move forward.

### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

#### **a) Proposed Appointment of Susan Masino to the Open Space Committee**

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective September 12, 2018, to appoint Susan Masino as a member of the Open Space Committee with a term expiring December 2, 2019. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **b) Resignation of Andrea Penta from the Recycling Committee**

Mr. Paine made a motion to accept the resignation of Andrea Penta as a regular member of the Recycling Committee retroactive to August 11, 2018 with our thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **c) Resignation of Richard Wagner from the Tourism Committee**

Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Richard Wagner as a regular member of the Tourism Committee retroactive to August 20, 2018 with our thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

#### **a) Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018**

There were no changes to the Regular Meeting of August 13, 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 Committee meeting next Thursday, which is open to the public.
- e) Board of Education** – no report at this time.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Bicycle Friendly Community Designation Survey** – no discussion at this time.
- b) Connecticut Siting Council Letter regarding Eversource Energy Petition No. 1293, dated August 24, 2018** – no discussion at this time.
- c) Memo from M. Glidden re: Short-term Rentals, dated August 30, 2018** – no discussion at this time.
- d) GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence Award Letter, dated August 8, 2018** – no discussion at this time.
- e) State of Connecticut Notification Regarding 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA), dated August 15, 2018** –no discussion at this time.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk