

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Program Room 1 at the Simsbury Public Library. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Board members Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook, Michael Paine, Christopher Kelly, Chris Peterson, Town Manager Maria Capriola and Director of Planning and Community Development Mike Glidden.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION

The Board of Selectmen brainstormed and discussed goals and objectives that it would like to establish to help guide priorities for the remainder of its two-year term. The discussion was centered around the following questions:

1. What are some high level areas of focus that you think are important for the community?
2. What are some action items or projects you hope to see accomplished in the long term?
3. What action items or projects do you hope to see accomplished during this two year term?

The Board discussed items that fell into the following six categories:

- Financial management
- Economic development
- Maintaining quality of life/community character
- Recreation
- Infrastructure
- Transportation

DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WORK PLAN

The Board summarized its discussion from the September 24, 2018 regular meeting, during which it identified priority areas related to economic development:

Creating an infrastructure fund; a response protocol and follow-up; framework for time allowed for approvals; parking and signage; technology investments; up-to-date data for traffic, lease rates, etc.; a development guide; obtaining cell service; reviewing all past studies and what has already been done; business formalization for upcoming new businesses; capturing what businesses have and spotting trends; a package about living and bringing a new business to Simsbury; the cultures of businesses; formalizing exit interviews (business and property owners); how to work with neighboring towns, etc.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Appleby
Deputy Town Manager