

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectwoman Lisa Heavner; Board members Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook, Michael Paine, Christopher Kelly and Elaine Lang. Others in attendance included: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services; Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Matthew, of Boy Scout Troop 113 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Cook made a motion to amend the agenda to add the acceptance of a \$5,000 donation from the parishioners of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and their Neighbors In Need Fund, for the Simsbury Food Closet, before item a). Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about a Board of Finance meeting, the Town Manager position, the First Selectman position, conflicts of interest, Board elections, Simsbury Performing Arts Center, suicides, and other issues.

Mr. Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about professionalism, conflict of interests, the Marijuana Facility, the Betty Hudson house suicides, good government and other issues.

Jonni Marshall, 164 Firetown Road, spoke about Farms to Family dba Gifts of Love and Community Farm of Simsbury. She said their Board has voted to simplify their name to Gifts of Love and Gifts of Love Farm. She said they are a non-profit agency who support working families that fall in the gap of not being able to receive State or Federal assistance, but need help getting through a financial crisis. She said they will be holding fund raising events on Saturday, October 21st – Fright Night and Saturday, November 4th – Annual Gala.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, spoke about the Old Growth Forest Network and how they are a national non-profit network. She said they have 67 forests protected in 16 states and the network is comprised of old growth or future old growth forests that are accessible to the public and protected from logging. She gave the Board information on this Old Growth Forest Network.

PRESENTATIONS

- **“Seeking the Greatest Good” Award – Rich Correia, Simsbury Main Street Partnership**

Mr. Correia said Robert and Judy Sturgis embody the idea of putting the community above everything else. They have shown this in the three decades of owning and managing property in Simsbury. They donate a lot of time and money to many local charities through their charitable foundation.

He said it was with great pleasure that the Simsbury Main Street Partnership Board of Directors, presents the “Seeking The Greatest Good” Award, which is named after Simsbury’s native son, the Sturgis family. Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis with a beautiful picture.

SELECTMEN ACTION

Ms. Heavner said Reverend Michael Whyte couldn't be at the meeting, but the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and their Neighbors in Need Fund are donating \$5,000 for the Simsbury Food Closet. The donation was made as part of the food drive organized by State Representative John Hampton.

Ms. Cook made a motion to accept the gift from St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church of \$5,000 to support the Simsbury Food Closet. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,083.59 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Fee Schedules for Simsbury Farms Ice Rink and Paddle Tennis Courts as recommended by the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Heavner said the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission discussed their 2017/18 fee schedules for the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink and Paddle Tennis Court, at their meeting on September 28th. They felt that any increases should be modest and made to address increased operating costs. The new fees were approved unanimously.

Mr. Toner said the Commission does talk to other municipal rinks to discuss fees and they also discuss utility and staffing costs before making their decisions.

Mr. Paine made a motion to approve the fee schedule for the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink and Paddle Tennis Courts as recommended by the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission at their September 28th meeting. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve Acceptable Use Policy

Ms. Heavner said this policy outlines the acceptable use of technology and communications resources provided by the Town to employees, members of the boards, committees and commissions, contractors, temporary employees, consultants, etc. The policy addresses network access, the use of email and internet, management of electronic files, and other matters that seek to protect the security of Town information as discussed in the 2016 Blum Shapiro report.

Ms. Lang made a motion to approve the Acceptable Use Policy. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve Tentative Agreement between the Town of Simsbury and The International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 458 (IBPO)

Ms. Heavner said the Union membership ratified this tentative agreement on October 2, 2017. Negotiations were significantly handicapped due to the absence of a State budget and the potential short and long term in the State's financial shortfall on the Town. The parties agreed to mediation for a one-year deal with a 2% wage increase.

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Mr. Paine made a motion to approve the Tentative Agreement with the IBPO, Local No. 458 and authorize the First Selectwoman to execute a collective bargaining agreement revised accordingly. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Accept Donation in the amount of \$30,495 from the Simsbury Veterans Memorial Inc.

Len Lanza, 2 Fire Brick Lane, gave the background on the Veteran's Memorial. He said this is the final payment of a 6 year project. He said the modifications have now been completed. He said pavers will be

Mr. Paine made a motion to accept the donation of \$30,495.00 from the Simsbury Veterans Memorial, Inc. for the construction of additional improvements for the Simsbury Veterans Memorial project. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESITNATIONS

a) Acknowledge the resignation of Thomas A. Doran (R) as a regular member of the Board of Education effective October 6, 2017

Mr. Kelly made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Thomas A. Doran as s regular member of the Board of Education effective October 6, 2017 with thanks. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017

There were no changes to the Regular Meeting minutes of September 25, 2017, and, therefore, the minutes were adopted.

FIRST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

The First Selectwoman reviewed her report, which is part of the agenda packet.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Personnel** – no report at this time.
- 2. Finance** – no report at this time.
- 3. Welfare** –no report at this time.
- 4. Public Safety** – no report at this time.
- 5. Board of Education** – no report at this time.

Ms. Cook said the Community for Care will be adding more programs on suicide prevention as well as a LGBTQ community mental health stressors program in November.

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Ms. Heavner gave an update on the Deep Water Wind project after attending the Siting Council meeting. She said they offered to gift the land to the Town or State, but no specifics were discussed. They also changed the layout on 85 Hoskins. There are questions about eliminating the proposed panels behind the house and getting rid of the View Shed panels in front. There were also questions about landscaping issues. They did agree to raise the fencing to allow small animal passage.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk