

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 31, 2023
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CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:01a.m. via Zoom. Present were: First Selectman Wendy Mackstutis; Deputy First Selectman Amber Abbuhl; Board members Eric Wellman, Heather Goetz, and Chris Peterson. Others in attendance included: Acting Deputy Town Manager Tom Fitzgerald; Police Chief Nicholas Boulter; Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Tom Roy; Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo; WPCA Superintendent Tony Piazza

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

- Email townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov by noon on Thursday, March 30, 2023 to register to address the Board of Selectmen live through Zoom
- Written comments can be emailed to townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov. Written comments will not be read into the record, but forwarded to all Selectmen via email

None

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Appointment of Interim Town Manager for May 1st – June 1st

Ms. Mackstutis gave a background on this item.

Mr. Wellman made a motion to appoint Nicholas Boulter to the position of Interim Town Manager effective May 1st, 2023 to June 1st, 2023.

Further move to increase Mr. Boulter’s salary to \$173,749 (on an annualized basis) during his interim appointment as Town Manager and that his other employment related benefits as an unaffiliated (nonunion) employee remain in place. Ms. Goetz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Department of Agriculture Lease of Town Farm and Related Ground Licenses

Attorney Decrescenzo spoke to the Board about why this item was in front of them today. Mr. Roy spoke about Public Works and their maintenance of the property. Ms. Abbuhl asked a questions about the farmers continuing to provide food to the Simsbury Food Pantry.

Ms. Abbuhl made a motion effective March 31, 2023, to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Simsbury and The Connecticut Department of Agriculture for Administrative Services Related to Short Term Farm Licenses for Town Farm as presented.

Further move to authorize the Town Manager to execute ground licenses with the farmers specified in Section A of the above referenced agreement, as approved to form by the Town Attorney. Mr. Wellman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) On-Demand Battery Storage for WPCF

Mr. Roy and Mr. Piazza explained the background of this project and how it has a goal of reducing energy costs of the Water Pollution Control Facility. Attorney DeCrescenzo spoke to the legal parameters of the items presented to the Board.

Ms. Abbuhl made a motion effective March 31, 2023, to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute a Letter of Intent with Clean Peak Energy for an On-Demand Battery System at the WPCF, as presented.

Further move to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute an agreement with Clean Peak Energy for an On-Demand Battery System at the WPCF, as presented. Ms. Goetz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Proposed Public Gathering Permit – Western Connecticut Orienteering Club Park Day

Mr. Wellman made a motion effective March 31, 2023 to approve the public gathering application on behalf of the Western Connecticut Orienteering Club and to authorize the issuance of the public gathering permit. Ms. Abbuhl seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Ms. Abbuhl made a motion to adjourn at 8:26a.m. Ms. Goetz seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Fitzgerald
Acting Deputy Town Manager