

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Lisa Heavner; Board members Sean Askham, Christopher Kelly, Cheryl Cook, and Michael Paine. Ms. Lang was absent. Others in attendance included Tom Roy, Director of Public Works; Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation; Jerome Shea, Town Engineer; David Ryan, President of the Performing Arts Center; Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services; Attorney Bob DeCrescenzo, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Dominique Avery, 12 Madison Lane, said SCTV is working on their major capital fund raising campaign. They are trying to make improvements at Town Hall. She said they obtained a grant of \$35,000 from the Hartford Fund for Public Giving but they need to get matching funds. For more information, go to SimsburyTV.org.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about changing to a Town Manager form of Government, the PAC concerts, the Planning Hearing on 80 Climax Road, moving SCTV from Eno Memorial Hall, Aging & Disabilities dangers with the brick pavers, and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about the new President of the U.S., corruption in government, the same people volunteering for Commissions, the Police Commission, and other issues.

Michael Rinaldi, 32 Pinnacle Mountain Road, spoke about SCTV being a great asset to the Town and how they should be moved to the High School, the Charter Revision decision, the Senior Center, the budget problems, and other issues.

PRESENTATIONS

• Connecticut Natural Gas in Tariffville

Mr. Roy said this is an interesting and unique project. He introduced Anthony Sherman and Terry Ella.

Mr. Sherman spoke about a four mile addition on Rte. 189 and spoke about the costs. He said gas would be available to 85 homes and 15 businesses along this route. He said they would need a financial commitment from the Town by January 31, 2017. He said the goal is to start the project in spring of 2017. It should be completed by 2017.

Mr. Roy said this project could have cost savings if done with the bike path project. The funds on the project would not be due until 2018 with a 7 year payment structure.

There was some discussion on this project and budget issues and who could benefit from this project. There was also discussion on possible savings, if residents were surveyed, input from different boards, etc. More information is still to come.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Ms. Heavner said Simsbury received a CT Recreation Trails Program Grant in the amount of \$305,000 from the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to construct a multi-purpose trail from the Farmington Valle Greenway at Routes 10/202 and 315 to Curtiss/Pattison Parks. She thanked all who worked on this project.

Ms. Heavner said the Town received a Greater Hartford Transit District Operating Grant in the amount of \$6,517, which will be used to assist the Town with operating costs associated with Dial-A-Ride.

Ms. Heavner congratulated Gail Ryan who received the 2016 Outstanding Library Trustee Award from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards. Gail has been an active member of the Library Board since 1991.

Ms. Heavner said the Simsbury Public Library’s *Innovators’ Workshop Makerspace* is now open during all Library hours. Please call the Library at (860) 658-7663ext.2200 or go to <http://www.simsburylibrary.info/services/innovators-workshop> for information.

Ms. Heavner told everyone to prepare for the winter season. She said the website: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3115&q=482616>. She also reminded everyone to sign up for emergency alerts at <http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/alerts>.

Ms. Heavner said the Planning Commission kicked-off the planning process for Simsbury’s common vision for the future of the community and polices that will help us get there. She asked residents to consider filling out the on-line survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Simsbury_POCD.

Ms. Heavner reminded everyone about the drought watch. She said all Connecticut residents and businesses are requested to voluntarily reduce water demand by 15%. For tips on how to conserve, go to <http://www.fvhd.org>.

Ms. Heavner said revaluation of all real estate in Simsbury is now underway. For questions, contact Sean Kimball, Director of Finance at skimball@simsbury-ct.gov or call (860) 658-3244.

Ms. Heavner said the Social Services Department has been designated as an official intake site for residents wanting to apply for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. Please call (860) 658-3283 for assistance.

Ms. Heavner invited everyone to join the Simsbury Aging & Disabilities Commission for a free presentation and discussion on “The Impact of Medication Management on Chronic Diseases” on November 29th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Simsbury Public Library.

Ms. Heavner said Simsbury Celebrates had the largest crowd ever. She thanked everyone for their hard work on this event.

Ms. Heavner said the Business Resource Center at the Simsbury Public Library is happy to highlight business news on their Facebook Page and other social media. For information, go to sarahl@simsburylibrary.info or #splbusinessbuzz.

Ms. Heavner said Federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available by going to SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or disastercustomerservice@sha.gov/disaster.

Ms. Heavner said the Library is offering programing on a consistent night for business people or those interested in business. She said to watch for *Wednesday Night is Business Night*. For more info go to <http://www.simsburylibrary.info>.

Ms. Heavner said *Table 570 Asian Fusion* will open on December 1st. This was formerly Green Tea on 570 Hopmeadow Street.

Ms. Heavner said there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for *Illumina Skin Care/Massage* on December 8th at 1 Grist Mill Road from 4-5 p.m. Their website is <http://www.illuminaskincaremassage.com>.

Ms. Heavner asked everyone to welcome *BE Investment Management* to Town. Their website is www.BEInvestmentmgmt.com.

Ms. Heavner said *Benny’s* at 562 Hopmeadow Street has completed a new dining room expansion, package store improvements, parking and landscaping improvements. Their website is <http://bennysofsimsbury.com>.

Ms. Heavner gave a *Silverman Group* and other updates that are also on her report. *The Silverman Group* public hearing can be seen on SCTV also.

Ms. Heavner said the *Warming Center* at Simsbury Farms is now open.

FIRST SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,304.92 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approval to destroy up to 25 outdated Ballistic Vests

Mr. Paine recused himself.

Ms. Heavner said this request comes to the Board from the Chief of Police. She said there is great risk in selling these outdated vests due to safety and liability issues. She said destruction will be observed by the Police Department.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve destroying up to 25 outdated Ballistic Vests previously purchased by the Town for Police Officers. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Paine returned to the meeting.

c) Approve Eagle Scout Projects

Mr. Toner introduced Eagle Scout Ryan Smith, from Troop 76, to present his project. Mr. Toner said Culture, Parks and Recreation voted unanimously to approve this project. He made a presentation with five components including flower boxes being replaced, planting three trees and mulching, replacing a rotted post, painting a bench, and installing a bike route sign.

Mr. Paine made a motion to approve Ryan Smith’s Eagle Scout project, as proposed, to be completed on Town owned property. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Acceptance of Connecticut Recreation Trails Program Grant for Multi-Use Trail to Curtiss/Pattison Parks

Ms. Heavner said Simsbury received a Connecticut Recreation Trails Grant in the amount of \$305,000 from DEEP for the multi-use trail connection from the Farmington Valley Greenway to Curtiss/Pattison Parks.

Mr. Shea said the grant was applied for to make this connection under a master plan. This is a small piece of this connection, which provides a great link. The Town will be providing \$80,000 for the overall project costs.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in the amount of \$305,000 to construct a multi-purpose trail from the Farmington Valley Greenway at Routes 10/202 & 315 to Curtiss/Pattison Parks. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the following resolution:

Connecticut Recreation Trails Program Grant for Multi-Use Trail to Curtiss/Pattison Parks

“Certified Resolution”

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Simsbury to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Lisa L. Heavner the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Simsbury. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State or Federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Simsbury on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review proposed ordinance for Water Conservation and possibly set Public Hearing Date

Donald Rigger gave a presentation on a proposed ordinance regarding water conservation. The Conservation Commission thinks an ordinance is needed. He said the Statewide Drought Management Plan looks to municipalities. He said water companies also have drought plans, but they don't have any enforcement authority. Also, voluntary restraint doesn't really have good history.

Mr. Rieger said they looked at the Greenwich ordinance and tried to define information for Simsbury.

Mr. Rieger went through the proposed ordinance. The Board asked for more information on this issue. Attorney DeCrescenzo said the Town is within its authority to make an ordinance for the Town. Attorney DeCrescenzo is reviewing this proposed ordinance.

After some discussion, Mr. Rieger will try to get more information for the Board on this issue. Attorney DeCrescenzo will also give his opinion after reviewing this proposal.

No action was taken.

f) Simsbury Performing Arts Center, Inc. 2016 Review

Mr. Ryan, President of SMPAC, said there were 16 events at Simsbury Meadows in 2016 with over 28,000 people in attendance.

Mr. Ryan said they are asking for people to make donations to purchase chairs to save on renting them. For more information go to WWW.SIMSBURYMADOWSMUSIC.COM.

Mr. Ryan gave the Board a check, in the amount of \$10,000 for their rent.

Mr. Ryan said the PAC wants to do improve parking lot A and to get a ticket booth. He also went through projects they are looking for in 2018 and 2019 Mr. Ryan said they want to include their requirements in terms of needs for expansion and get them into the Plan of Conservation and Development and to get public input and to get them into the capital budget for the Town.

Mr. Ryan asked the Board of endorse candidates for the Simsbury PAC, Inc. Board.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to endorse the following candidates for the Simsbury PAC, Inc. Board: Catherine Barnard, 7 Richard Road; Joe Campolieta, 3 Browngate Lane; Jeff Dornenburg, 225 Old Farms Road; Robert Hensley, 21 Cedar Hill Road; Ferguson Jansen, 3 Fox Den Road; Nick Mason, 6 Erin’s Way; Jane Porterfield, 125 Westledge Road; David Ryan, 20 Westledge Road; and Linda Schofield, 3 Ryan Circle. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2017 Cities Grant Application

Ms. Heavner said this request is coming to the Board from the Housing Authority. This request is for the Board of Selectmen to submit a Request for Proposal to secure a qualified firm or individual for professional and technical services to prepare a 2017 Small Cities Community Development Program Application and to provide administrative and technical support to implement activities including program income during the contract period.

Ms. Cook made a motion that the Board of Selectmen submit a Request for Proposal to secure a qualified firm or individual for professional and technical services to prepare a 2017 Small Cities Community Development Program Application and to provide administrative and technical support to implement activities including program income during the contract period. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approve Regular Meeting Schedule for 2017

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the 2017 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule as presented. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Discussion regarding Implementation of Charter Changes found in the New Charter including Form of Government in December 2017 – Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo

Ms. Heavner said this Board can start the discussion on the Charter changes now or they can leave it for the next Board of Selectmen. The changes do take effect in 2017.

Attorney DeCrescenzo said the new Charter was approved on November 8, 2016. It actually takes effect on December 4, 2017. He went through the changes that will be made at that time. He went through ideas of how to start the process on hiring a Town Manager.

There was discussion on hiring a firm to help find a Town Manager. Also, there needs to be discussion on the First Selectman's salary changes.

There was discussion on the changes and how this Board could help in this process and not just leave it until the new Board is in place.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Acknowledge the resignation of Charles A Minor (D) as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission effective November 1, 2016

Mr. Kelly made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Charles Minor as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission effective November 1, 2016 with our thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Acknowledge the resignation of Barbara Petitjean (R) as a regular member of the Board of Finance effective November 16, 2016

Mr. Askham made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Barbara Petitjean as a regular member of the Board of Finance effective November 16, 2016 with our thanks. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Appoint Thomas E. Frank (D) as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission with an expiration date of January 1, 2018

Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Thomas Frank as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission with an expiration date of January 1, 2018. Mr. Askham seconded the motion.

After discussion, Ms. Cook made a friendly amendment to change the expiration date on the motion for Mr. Frank to December 4, 2017 due to the change in the Charter. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Appoint David Moore (D) as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission with an expiration date of December 4, 2017

Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint David Moore as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission with an expiration date of December 4, 2017. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- e) Appoint Mike Long (D) as a regular member of the Tourism Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017**

Ms. Cook made a motion to appoint Mike Long as a regular member of the Tourism Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- f) Reappoint Edward M. Cosgrove (D) as a regular member of the Police Commission effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021**

Ms. Cook made a motion to reappoint Edward Cosgrove as a regular member of the Police Commission effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- g) Reappoint Mark A. Orenstein (D) as a regular member of the Aging & Disability Commission effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021**

Ms. Cook made a motion to reappoint Mark Orenstein as a regular member of the Aging & Disability Commission effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- h) Reappoint Kevin Crimmins (D) as a regular member of the Board of Ethics effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021**

Ms. Cook made a motion to reappoint Kevin Crimmins as a regular member of the Board of Ethics effective January 1, 2017 with an expiration date of January 1, 2021. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Meeting of November 14, 2016**

No changes were made to the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2016, and therefore, the minutes were adopted.

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.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**a) Executive Session pursuant to 1-200(6) concerning the lease of Simsbury Meadows
Performing Arts Center**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, with the Director of Administrative Services, Tom Cooke in attendance at 8:22 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Radocchio
Clerk