

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 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; Sean Kimball, Finance Director/Treasurer; Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; Jeff Shea, Town Engineer, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 76.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about public audience time, the budget, the Performing Arts Center, and other issues.

Marianne O’Neil, 4 Meadowbrook Road, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, thanked the Board for their support. She spoke about services at the Library and how they are a very busy Library.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about the budget, pleasing everyone, C-Tech Solar, Simsbury Ambulance, the Town Barn on Firetown Road, the Town Manager position, and other issues.

Linda Johnson, 31 Bandtree Road, a new Library Board member, spoke about the successful Library activities, and other activities.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, spoke about activities at The Grange. They are having an electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 13th from 9-12 at Andy’s Market, a rock concert, and other activities.

Nancy Anstey, Executive Director of the Farmington Valley Visitor’s Association, a non-profit organization, thanked the Board for their support. She spoke about the 4th annual Simsbury Triathlon and other activities.

Mark Deming, 3 Ryan Circle, President of Simsbury Farms, spoke about a charitable golf event on May 26th. They are trying to raise money for different things needed at Simsbury Farms.

Gail Ryan, 20 Westledge Road, spoke about the Library budget, their 5 year strategic plan and other issues.

PRESENTATIONS

- **May 2017 Bike Month Proclamation**

Diana Moody thanked the Board for their support and said Simsbury is now a “Silver Community”. She said the Board of Selectmen ride will be held on May 4th at 5 p.m. leaving from Town Hall. Also, “Bike to Work Day” is May 19th beginning at Iron Horse Boulevard.

Deb Thibodeau encouraged biking for fitness and transportation. Also, remember to be safe and aware of your surroundings when biking. For more information go to www.Simsbury.bike.com. There are brochures for some of their activities also.

Ms. Thibodeau said the 3rd Annual Simsbury Bike Challenge is being held from May 1st to September 30th.

Ms. Cook read the following:

**PROCLAMATION
MAY 2017
IS BIKE MONTH IN SIMSBURY, CT**

Whereas, for more than a century the bicycle has been an utilitarian, economical, environmentally sound and effective means of personal transportation, recreation and fitness; and

Whereas, the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut encourages the use of bicycles as a means of transportation; and

Whereas, the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut recognizes bicyclists as legitimate roadway users and therefore are entitled to legal and responsible use of all public roadway facilities in Simsbury; and

Whereas, the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut encourages the increased use of the bicycle, benefiting all citizens of Simsbury improving air quality, reducing traffic congestion and noise, decreasing the use of and dependence upon finite energy sources, and fostering exercise; and

Whereas, the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut recognizing the use of bicycles as a viable mode of transportation, endeavors to promote safe and responsible bicycling and is committed to incorporating the development of bicycle facilities in the vision for a vibrant downtown Simsbury; and

Whereas, the League of American Bicyclists has established May as National Bicycle Month, and the First Selectman establishes May as Bicycle Month in Simsbury, Connecticut’s first town to be designated as a Silver Bicycle Friendly Community; and

Whereas, the Simsbury Bicycle Advisory Committee and the First Selectman encourage all citizens to ride their bicycles to work, to the store, to the park, around their neighborhoods and with friends and family to promote the personal and societal benefits achieved from bicycling.

Now, therefore, I, Lisa Heavner, First Selectwoman of Simsbury Connecticut, do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Bike Month in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Lisa Heavner, First Selectwoman, Town of Simsbury, Connecticut.

FIRST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

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

Ms. Cook said on May 10th at 6 p.m. the World Famous Harlem Rockets will be taking on Simsbury High School students, teachers, administrators, etc. There will be information and resources on drug and alcohol help. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per person or a non-perishable food item. For more information, go the Community for Care website or call Social Services.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,893.58 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Eagle Scout Project for Duck Shelter at Community Farm of Simsbury

Andrew Bessette from Boy Scout Troop 175 said his Eagle Scout project was to build a Duck Shelter for the ducks and ducklings at Community Farm of Simsbury. He showed the Board the building and asked that they waive all building and permit fees.

He will be collecting bottles for returns, holding a car wash and asking for donations for this project.

Mr. Askham made a motion to accept the gift of a permanent Duck Shelter on the property of Community Farm of Simsbury and to waive all building and permit fees. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Accept Donation from the Simsbury Veterans Memorial Inc.

Mr. Shea said it is necessary to provide better access, especially for the handicapped, to the Veteran’s Memorial. There will be a connection from the walk to the parking lot and additional donor pavers.

Ms. Lang made a motion to accept the donation of \$26,495 from the Simsbury Veterans Memorial, Inc. for the construction of additional improvements for the Simsbury Veterans Memorial project with our thanks. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve FY 2018 Town Wide Budget Mailer Format

Ms. Heavner said this is the same budget mailer format as in previous years. Once the figures are updated for FY18 it would need to be reviewed by Town Counsel.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the FY2018 Town Wide Budget Mailer format subject to Town Counsel review and approval. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Update and Discussion on FY18 Budget

Ms. Heavner said the Board of Finance requested that the Board of Selectmen prepare recommended reductions to their budget by \$200,000. Ms. Heavner went through some of her recommended options. She discussed doing the Senior Center in phases.

The Board discussed several options to reduce the budget by \$200,000. Ms. Heavner said there will be another Public Hearing on May 16th at 5:45p.m. All ideas will be looked into and discussed so the right thing can be done.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Acknowledge the resignation of Roger Spear (R) as a regular member of the Hometown Hero Committee effective April 11, 2017

Ms. Lang made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Roger Spear as a regular member of the Hometown Hero Committee effective April 11, 2017 with our thanks. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Appoint Emil Dahlquist (D) as a regular member of the Hometown Hero Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Emil Dahlquist as a regular member of the Hometown Hero Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Re-appoint Susan Beardsley, Public Schools Director of Health Services to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective April 24, 2017

Ms. Cook made a motion to re-appoint Susan Beardsley, Public Schools Director of Health Services to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective April 24, 2017. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Appoint Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective April 24, 2017

Ms. Lang made a motion to appoint Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective April 24, 2017. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Appoint Ferg Jansen as a Director of the Greater Hartford Transit District with an expiration date of January 31, 2021 per the request of the Executive Director of the Greater Hartford Transit District

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Ferg Jansen as a Director of the Greater Hartford Transit District with an expiration date of January 31, 2021 per the request of the Executive Director of the Greater Hartford Transit District. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Paine made a motion to amend the agenda to appoint Ron Zappile to the Simsbury Housing Authority Board. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Paine made a motion to appoint Ron Zappile to the Simsbury Housing Authority Board effective April 24, 2017 with an expiration date of April 1, 2022. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017

There were no changes made to the minutes of April 12, 2017 and therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Personnel** – Mr. Kelly gave the Board an edited copy of the Town Manager job description for review. Ms. Appleby also made a formatting adjustment. There will be a meeting of the Executive Search Committee after this meeting. If anyone has additional changes, please contact Melissa Appleby.
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

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk