

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, Elaine Lang, and Cheryl Cook. Absent were: Michael Paine and Christopher Kelly. Others in attendance included Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services; Sean Kimball, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Melissa Appleby, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; Jerome Shea, Town Engineer; Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about the Senior Center, conflict of interests, the Performing Arts Center, air pistols, C-tech, the Veteran’s Memorial, and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about the Memorial Day Parades, the War Memorial, politicians, and other issues.

Sue Masino, 41 Madison Lane, spoke about activities at The Grange, the electronics recycling from 9-12 at Andy’s Market and the proposed “Carry In, Carry Out” agenda item.

Mark Orenstein, 82 Old Meadow Plain Road, said there would be high definition cameras in the meeting room at the next meeting. He also spoke about the State and Town budgets.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Memorial Day Parades**

John Fox and John Lamb were introduced as co-leaders of the Memorial Observation Committee.

Mr. Voss told everyone about the Memorial Day Parade and observances. The Parade in Tariffville will begin at 9 a.m., with services to follow at St. Bernard’s Cemetery. The Simsbury Parade will begin at 1:30, with services to follow at the Veteran’s Memorial at the Library. This is the 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Day Parade in Simsbury. The theme this year is 1917. This year there is an alternative place for observations in case of inclement weather. The services will be held at Trinity Church and Eno Memorial Hall.

FIRST SELECTWOMAN’S REPORT

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

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,360.97 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Refer FY 2018 Capital Projects to the Planning Commission for CGS Section 8-24 referral

Ms. Heavner said the budget is not complete, but changes could be made if needed. The FY 18 Board of Selectmen Approved Capital Projects are:

SF Rink/Pool Improvements	\$ 950,000
Park Improvements	\$ 235,000
Open Space Planning and Improvements	\$ 150,000
Town-wide Park Master plan	\$ 102,000
Street Lighting Purchase / Lighting Improvements	\$ 400,000
Iron Horse Blvd. Playground Renovations	\$ 298,000
POCD, Land Use Studies	\$ 35,000
Regulation Update	\$ 65,000
Finance Security Upgrades	\$ 150,000
Senior/ Community Center	\$ 5,800,000
Bridge Improvements	\$ 805,000
Cold Storage Facility (Police/DPW Shared)	\$ 380,000
Dam Evaluations and Repairs	\$ 75,000
Town Facilities Master Plan	\$ 400,000
Various Drainage Improvements	\$ 125,000
Library Interior/Parking Renovations	\$ 584,500
Library Lower Level Improvements	\$ 906,048
36 Drake Hill Road Dike Analysis	\$ 75,000
Phosphorous Removal Analysis	\$ 150,000
Hayes Road Pump Station Upgrade	\$ 45,000
Tariffville Area Sewer Repairs	\$ 100,000
Water Pollution Control Plan Update	\$ 100,000
HJMS – Renovation – Phase 3	\$22,825,000
SHS Tennis Court Replacement	\$ 740,000

Mr. Askham made a motion to refer the capital projects previously approved by the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Commission in accordance with §8-24. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Discuss and Possible Action for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Ms. Heavner said the Board of Finance asked that the Board of Selectmen reduce their proposed budget by \$200,000. She went through two options to be considered.

After some discussion on both options, Mr. Askham made a motion to recommend the approval of option B, with Operating reductions of \$92,895 and Capital Cash reductions of \$112,000 – totaling \$204,895. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve the recommendation of the Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission to transition to a “Carry In, Carry Out” policy for trash removal for Town owned parks, fields and other properties effective July 1, 2017

Mr. Toner said this is in response to the budget situation of the last few years. He said they did a trial of “Carry In, Carry Out” and it worked very well. The organization had no problem doing this when asked. This is also being done for safety, reduction of illegal dumping, pests and animals, etc.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission to transition to a “Carry In, Carry Out” policy for trash removal for Town owned parks, fields, and other properties effective July 1, 2017. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Authorize the First Selectwoman to enter into an Agreement for Shared Professional Service with the Town of Bloomfield for Deputy Building Official

Ms. Heavner said the Deputy would be an employee of Simsbury and he would be contracted out to Bloomfield. The payment from Bloomfield would go into the general fund.

Ms. Cook made a motion to authorize the First Selectwoman to enter into an Agreement for Shared Professional Service with the Town of Bloomfield for Deputy Building Official pending needed approvals. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was on other business at this time.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- a) **Appoint Jerome Shea, Town Engineer to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective May 8, 2017**

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Jerome Shea, Town Engineer, to the Board of Directors of the Farmington Valley Health District for a three year term effective May 8, 2017. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a) **Regular Meeting of April 24, 2017**

There were no changes made to the minutes of April 24, 2017 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** – Mr. Askham said there will be a Public Safety Committee meeting next Thursday to review the PAC storm contingencies, etc. Mr. Askham also asked everyone to slow down as there will be more bikes and children on the roads. Please obey the speed limits.
5. **Board of Education** – no report at this time.

Ms. Cook said Committee for Care will be hosting the Harlem Rockets vs. Simsbury Dream Team on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Simsbury High School. This will be a great night of basketball and information about community health resources. There will be information on mental health, addictions and therapies.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(D) concerning the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate in connection with the redesign of the Senior Center**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1200(6)(D) concerning the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate in connection with the redesign of the Senior Center at 7:17 p.m. Ms. Cook 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 7:35 p.m. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk