

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Lisa Heavner; Board members Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook, Christopher Kelly, Philip Purciello and Michael Paine. Others in attendance included: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Mark Orenstein, 82 Old Meadow Plain Road, spoke about the Senior/Community Center project. He showed the Board a piece of property at the end of Central School, behind the ball fields, that he thinks should be looked at for this project. The Town already owns this property and it should be looked at as an alternative spot.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about being a candidate for First Selectman, a Town Manager form of government, zoning restriction waivers, job qualifications of a Board member, the Senior/Community Center and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about different issues he feels the Board is lying about, the First Selectman's salary, how he is running for First Selectman, and other issues.

Wooda McNevin from SCTV said they are starting the fund raising campaign. He explained that SCTV is a free resource to the public of Simsbury, but they still have payroll, insurance, and maintenance costs. He said they are asking for volunteers and for people to donate to SCTV. For more information, residents can go to SCTV.org.

Mr. McNevin also said SCTV will be holding a mini film festival on October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. They are hoping that this event will help get people more interested and involved in SCTV.

Mr. Purciello asked for a point of personal privilege to respond to some public comments. He stated his prior employment positions including working for The Travelers and being in the U.S. Navy for six years. He thanked Men's Warehouse for employing him after completing his Navy tour. He feels he is more than qualified for the position of Selectman.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Heavner said there were no presentations at this time.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Ms. Heavner thanked the Public Works Department, Library, Parks and Recreation, and Town staff for putting the “Touch a Truck” event on Saturday, October 3rd. She said this was a very successful event.

Ms. Heavner said the leaf pick-up schedule is now posted on www.simsbury-ct.gov or residents can call Public Works at 860-658-3222 to find out when their leaves will be picked up.

Ms. Heavner said Simsbury Celebrates is looking for volunteers for its event on Saturday, November 28th. If anyone is interested, they can contact the Planning Committee at 860-658-3836 or by e-mailing them at simscelebrates@gmail.com.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$11,053.26 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Consider Request for Waiver of Fees for the Landmark Building at 760 Hopmeadow Street

This item was tabled for future consideration and on-going talks.

c) Consider Tax Abatement Request for Chestnut Hill Associates of Simsbury, LLC

This item was tabled due to uncompleted deliberations.

d) Acceptance of Archdiocese of Hartford donations in the amount of \$1,133 for the Keep Simsbury Warm Fund and \$2,133 for the Simsbury Food Closet

Mr. Askham made a motion to accept the donations of \$1,133 and \$2,133 from the Archdiocese of Hartford for Keep Simsbury Warm and Simsbury Food Closet with thanks. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Acceptance of donation of \$3,500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support Social Services Department programs

Ms. Cook made a motion to accept the donation of \$3,500 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving to support the Social Services Department programs with thanks. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Authorize the First Selectman to execute a Dial-A-Ride Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Greater Hartford Transit District in the amount of \$6,800

Ms. Heavner noted that there is no Town match to this grant.

Mr. Purciello made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute a Dial-A-Ride Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Greater Hartford Transit District in the amount of \$6,800. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Authorize the First Selectman to execute a CASAC Grant Application in the amount of \$5,323 to Support Local Prevention Activities

Ms. Heavner said that Social Services applies for this grant each year to provide for substance abuse prevention. She said that no motion is needed on this item.

h) Approve Public Gathering Permit for Simsbury Celebrates Event on November 28, 2015

Ms. Heavner said Simsbury Celebrates will be held on November 28th from 4-8:30 p.m. Ms. Rea has secured all the necessary sign-offs and the application is ready for Board approval. There is no financial impact on the Town.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the Public Gathering Permit for Simsbury Celebrates on November 28, 2015 with thanks. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Update on Senior Community Center Project

Ms. Heavner said she received a letter from Chestnut Hill withdrawing from this, therefore, the Performing Arts Center and Andy's Market space are still up for consideration.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Appoint Peter L. Tedone (R) as a regular member of the Police Commission with an expiration date of January 1, 2019

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Peter L. Tedone as a regular member of the Police Commission with an expiration date of January 1, 2019. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a) **Regular Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015** – no action was taken and therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel – Approval of New and Updated Job Descriptions
a. Senior Building Maintainer

Mr. Kelly said there was a Personnel Committee meeting and the following job descriptions have been approved by them. The Senior Building Maintainer position is a new position, which was approved in the budget process.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the job description for the position of Senior Building Maintainer – T8. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Project Administrator – DPW

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the job description for the position of Project Administrator- DPW – A-1. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. Administrative Assistant – WPCF

Mr. Kelly said this was a change to a position. This makes the position more consistent with a similar position in the Public Works Department and it reflects on billing and cross-training.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve the job description and title change for the position of Administrative Secretary II-WPCF. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- 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 thanked the Simsbury Bike Friendly Committee who worked very hard for the National Bike Challenge event. Simsbury came out 5th in the whole country and Weatogue was 2nd. Everyone had a great time.

Ms. Heavner said the Board will be discussing the open space disposition policy at the next meeting.

Ms. Heavner thanked the schools, parents and volunteers for helping with the bike/walk to school month.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk