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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2010

A. Call to order

The Regular Meeting of the Simsbury 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 Mary Glassman; Board members Moira Wertheimer, Tom Herlihy, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner, and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Bonnie Therrien, Emil Dahlquist, John Loomis, Colleen O'Connor, Gerry Toner, and other interested parties.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Everyone rose of the Pledge of Allegiance

C. Presentation - Terry Boulton - Simsbury Bank and Trust - "Pay As You Go" Tax Program

Ms. Glassman introduced Ms. Boulton and said the Town and Simsbury Bank and Trust were partnering this year.

Ms. Boulton said they were very excited to be partnering with the Town for banking services. She said Simsbury Bank started a real estate tax savings account in Bloomfield. They are now happy to announce this program for Simsbury.

Ms. Boulton said this allows residents to save money throughout the year for their property taxes. This is a higher interest rate account. They can also put up to \$25,000 into this account for other things they might want. The taxpayer and Town sign agreements so when taxes are due the Town can take the money out. There are now seven residents that use this program in Simsbury.

Ms. Boulton handed out flyers on this program and is available to talk to residents to explain the program as well. They will also put the information on the website and mail flyers with tax bills.

D. First Selectman's Report

Ms. Glassman said there was money in the budget for a telephone system and it went out to bid. The bid came back at \$46,334, which allows the Town to put in a new voice recording system into the Police Department for improved service.

Ms. Glassman said the Town is one of the first to take part in a permit system to improve the building permit process. This should hopefully take place in a few months.

Ms. Glassman said there will be a program to honor World War II Veterans on March 22nd at 2 p.m. at the Westminster School. This is in conjunction with the Secretary of the State's office.

Mr. Glassman said there will be a Public Hearing on PAD on March 15th at 7 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall. They hope for a good crowd for this discussion.

Ms. Glassman said the street sweeping program will be starting soon. It shouldn't take as long this year as the Town uses less sand now.

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that there will be a Simsbury Land Trust Gifford Green conversation on lawn chemicals at the Apple Barn at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

E. Public Audience

Susan Elliot, 21 Lincoln Lane spoke about the rules and regulations being considered at Eno Memorial Hall. She represents the Farmington Valley Quilt Guild. They have been meeting there for 19 years. They are a not-for-profit guild and a good tenant. They do a lot for the community making quilts.

Ms. Elliot said about 34% of their guild is made up of Simsbury residents. According to the new proposed guidelines, there would need to be 50% of residents in their guild. She ask that they be grand-fathered into the use of Eno, or at least be given a grace period to increase their number of residents.

Mike Rinaldi, 32 Pinnacle Road spoke about the last budget meeting, which he found very distressful. He said the voters will vote for a 0% increase. He feels most of the problem is the Board of Education who wants to increase their budget again. He feels now is the time for change and vote some members out of their offices.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about having the residents decide

if they want a Town Management form of government. She also feels some Boards and Commission could be eliminated.

Ms. Coe doesn't understand why the Board of Education wants an increase of 2% this year, especially when residents are having a hard time making ends meet.

Ms. Coe spoke again about the Eno Farms Affordable Housing Program. She said many residents were evicted.

All of Ms. Coe's comments can be read on Simsbury.com/forum.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue said she filed an FOI complaint one month ago. To this date she is still waiting for one document on the PAD issue. Ms. Glassman asked that she let her know exactly what document she is looking for so it can be given to her.

John Lucker, 88 Blue Ridge Drive said the PAD is of great interest to everyone. He said there is a very strong undercurrent to jam this PAD threw. He said he went to the Town website and found it very hard to find information on the PAD. Mr. Lucker would like better linkage from the Town home page to find PAD information.

Ms. Glassman said that is a great suggestion. She also reminded everyone that the Public Hearing is March 15th at Eno Memorial Hall at 7 pm.

F. Hearings - None

G. Selectmen Action:

a. Resignations - None at this time.

b. Appointments - Review, discuss and possibly approve the re-authorization of Boards and Commissions and appointments

Ms. Glassman thanked all the volunteers for their interest on the Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Hensley made motion to authorize the appointment of the Boards and Commissions and the establishment of the Charter and move into Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the Republican and Democratic appointments as presented. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Glassman will double-check the Aging and Disabilities alternate position to be sure that it is filled.

2. Unfinished business - none

3. Other Business -

a. Review, discuss and possibly approve Park and Recreation Fees - Golf and Pool Fees

Mr. Toner said the Simsbury Complex Committee and Parks and Recreation approved the fees.

He said they Committees looked at comparisons with other facilities also. Also, the children fees were left alone. We are still very competitive.

After some discussion, MS. Heavner made motion to accept the 2010 golf and aquatic fees, as proposed by the Simsbury Farms Complex Committee and Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Review, discuss and possibly approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the tax refund requests in the amount of \$468.04 for the list of 2007 and \$1837.64 for the list of 2008 for a total of \$2305.68. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. Review, discuss and possibly approve a donation from Saint Catherine of Siena Church

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept \$5,000 from Saint Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church to assist low-income seniors for food purchases. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d. Review, discuss and possibly approve the Public Building Committee to oversee the Town Offices Lighting Efficiency Retrofit

Mr. Herlihy made motion, Resolved that in accordance with Section 173 of the Simsbury Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby charges the Public Building Committee with the responsibility for carrying out the construction oversight for the Town Offices Lighting Efficiency Retrofit and related improvements. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Bids - None at this time

5. Ordinances, Resolutions and Appointments for Introduction - Ordinance to Create and become a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority

Ms. Glassman said it was suggested that contract with CRRA be looked at again. This contract was to be put out to bid with CRCOG. They would like us to make an ordinance for this service. Mr. Sawitzke will give a formal presentation at a later meeting.

After some discussion, Mr. Herlihy made motion - Resolved to set a Public Hearing for March 22, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Simsbury Town Offices Main Meeting Room to hear comments on an Ordinance to create and become a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

6. Acceptance of Minutes -

a. February 17, 2010 - Budget Workshop

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2010 Budget Workshop with changes. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. February 22, 2010 - Regular Meeting

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of February 22, 2010. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. Five were in favor, with Ms. Wertheimer abstaining, and the motion passed.

c. February 22, 2010 - Budget Workshop

Mr. Herlihy made motion to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop of February 22, 2010 with corrections. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

H. Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - Mr. Hensley said they Personnel Sub-Committee held a meeting tonight, but no action was taken. They discussed a Fleet management study being done by Tom Roy. They also discussed the Water Pollution proposal and will report at a future meeting.

2. Finance - no report at this time

3. Welfare - no report at this time

4. Public Safety - Mr. Hampton said there will be a Public Safety meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room on March 18th.

5. Board of Education - Ms. Heavner announced that Dr. Anthony Wolfe, best selling author, will be speaking at the Simsbury High School on March 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Heavner also invited everyone to attend a dinner theater at the Simsbury High School on March 18th. This event will feature an Italian buffet, jazz and a murder mystery. Tickets are \$25 per person, with seniors paying \$20 per person. Reservations need to be made by March 12th.

I. Executive Session - Personnel Matters - Union Negotiations; Pending Litigation - Joseph Jurczak vs. the Town of Simsbury

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters - Union Negotiations; Pending Litigation - Joseph Jurczak vs. the Town of Simsbury. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner made motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Glassman, First Selectman