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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2010

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:13 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 Richard Sawitzke, Ed Lamontagne, Sarah Floroski and other interested parties.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Troop 175 lead the Pledge of Allegiance and were thanked for a good job.

C. Presentation - Disability Awareness Award Presentation by the Aging and Disability Commission

Ms. Glassman introduced Ed Lamontagne, Chairman of Aging and Disability Commission. Mr. Lamontagne said 2010 marked the 6th year that the Commission recognized a person from the Town of Simsbury for going above and beyond to help improve the lives of either seniors or persons with disabilities in the Town. This is the 3rd Arlene Bidwell Senior Service Award, sponsored by McLean Foundation. He introduced Lynn Veith, Chairman of the Award Sub-Committee.

Ms. Veith said Mr. Lowey nominated this candidate for this award. She read his nomination, which includes his services for the Town. This candidate listens to people and draws out opinions from people. He started a bi-weekly men's coffee group and a program called "Lets go to ...", showing his pictures from his travels. The recipient of this award is Frank Joslyn.

Mr. Joslyn said he is flattered and a little embarrassed by this award. He feels this is an extra bonus for him as he gains more than he provides. He

is happy that he has met new friends and learns a lot from them. He said he is thankful for the award.

D. First Selectman's Report

Ms. Glassman said there will be a Simsbury Main Street Forum on May 13th from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at The Riverview. This forum is of no cost to the Town, but will bring together many different companies who will offer information on opening businesses in Town.

Ms. Glassman said the Town received a small cities grant for Virginia Connelly project. She

thanked the Town staff for all their help on this project.

Ms. Glassman said Tuesday, May 4th there will be a Town Meeting at the High School. The budget referendum is May 18th. There will be voting at Henry James Memorial School.

Ms. Glassman said the Board of Selectmen and Public Safety Committee will be holding an emergency response exercise on Saturday, May 8th at 6:00 a.m. on Iron Horse Boulevard.

E. Public Audience

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive said she reminded the Board that this is the year for a Charter Review Commission. She spoke again about professional management.

Ms. Coe asked who is in charge of Town properties. She showed a picture of mold remediation at the Simsbury Farms House. She asked for asset management reports on all Town assets.

Ms. Coe gave Ms. Glassman a letter alleging violations of ethics on the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Board of Ethics violated the Freedom of Information Act by not having minutes in a timely manner.

Mr. Coe gave the Board another small tree for planting. She wants the Barndoor Hills to be kept in a natural state and not use it for farming

Mike Paine, 72 Holcomb Street spoke about agenda items to review correspondence from Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority for renewal of Simsbury's Municipal Services Agreement. He said garbage and recycling are really involved and the Town should get a lot of options before making a

decision. He would be happy to help the Town with any questions and will give them as much information as he can about this issue before the May 10th meeting.

Ms. Glassman said the Board will obtain as much information as they can before this issue is decided.

Sarah Floroski said she just came from the 1st Heritage Alliance Meeting which had over 40 people in attendance. She said that Main Street is working very hard to help existing Simsbury businesses and well as regional businesses. There will be a Business Capital Expo for the regional businesses. Also, the restoration grant for Eno Memorial for \$90,000, which the Selectmen will have to accept at the next meeting.

Ms. Floroski said there will be a Farmers Market Bash on June 3rd. For more information go to SimsburyFarmersMarket.com. There will be 21 weeks of special events.

G. Selectmen Action:

1. Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,127.81 for the period covering March 17, 2010 - April 21, 2010 as recommended by the Tax Collector. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Ordinances and Resolutions

a. Ordinance

1. Review correspondence from the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA) for renewal of Simsbury's Municipal Services Agreement

Ms. Glassman asked if anyone had any questions on this issue to please send them to her office.

2. Set a Public Hearing on May 10, 2010 for an Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority

Mr. Hensley made motion: "Resolve to set a Public Hearing for May 10, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Simsbury Town Hall Main Meeting Room to hear comments on an Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority." Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Resolutions

1. Approve a resolution pertaining to Whitcomb Drive - Water Pipe Extension

Ms. Wertheimer made motion: "Resolved, that, under Town Code Section 156, the installation of water pipes is approved to serve homes at, and adjacent to, 9 through 13 Whitcomb Drive." Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Approve a resolution pertaining to an Open Space Grant - DEP Application Invitation

Mr. Hampton made the following resolution: "WHEREAS, the Town of Simsbury wishes to obtain financial assistance from the State of Connecticut. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

1. That a request/petition for assistance be made to the Commissioner of the Department of
Environmental Protection for an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant

and/or a Resource Enhancement Grant for a municipal project know as Fee Simple
Acquisition of the Ethel Walker School property, Parcel B, west side of Bushy Hill Road
(Rt. 167).

2. That it is the intent of the municipality that, should its request/petition be selected for
funding by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and be provided funds
allocated by the State Bond Commission, that adequate funding be provided for assuring
forestry, agricultural or open space use of the property.

3. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file
such request/petition, and to act as authorizing correspondent.

4. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements,
contracts and execute all documents necessary for said grant with the State of
Connecticut.

5. That the proposed acquisition and/or enhancement is in accordance with the Plan of

Conservation and Development of the Town of Simsbury, and that should said grant

be made, said land will be retained in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 98-157 in perpetuity.

Adopted this 26th Day of April, 2010"

Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Approve a resolution pertaining to Laurel Hill Property (Gersten) Open Space Grant - OSWA -349

Mr. Herlihy made motion, "Resolved, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman, of the Town of Simsbury be and hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Simsbury an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and a Conservation and Public Recreation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire permanent interest in land known as Laurel Hill Property - OSWA-349 and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes." Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Approve proposals from local farmers for use of land on the east side of Barndoor Hill Road

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to table this item until the Special Meeting on May 4th after answers are received on an organic definition, homeowners correspondence and questions on

field usage. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

5. Tank Replacement Authorization

Mr. Herlihy made motion for the Town staff to move forward with the Tank Replacement Project, using available funding from the Buildings and Maintenance Administration and Highway Labor & Equipment Funds. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Appointments and Resignations

a. Accept resignation from Carol A. Cole (D) from the Planning Commission effective April 13, 2010

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation from Carol A. Cole (D) from the Planning Commission effective April 13, 2010 with many thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Recommend the re-appointment of Paul McAllenney (U) as a full member of the Pension Committee with a term to expire on December 5, 2011

Mr. Herlihy made motion to re-appoint Paul McAllenney (U) as a full member of the Pension Committee with a term to expire on December 5, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Unfinished Business - None

5. Other Business - None

6. Bids - None

7. Acceptance of Minutes

a. March 22, 2010 - Regular Meeting

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 22, 2010 as presented. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Herlihy abstaining, and the motion passed.

b. April 6, 2010 - Special Meeting

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 6, 2010 as presented. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Herlihy abstaining, and the motion passed.

H. Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - None

2. Finance- None

3. Welfare - None

4. Public Safety

5. Board of Education - None

Ms. Heavner said there was a preview of the Willy Wonka presentation given to the seniors. Also, there were golden tickets distributed to the seniors for free attendance to the production on April 7th.

Ms. Heavner said the seniors were also invited to attend the schools for their art exhibits. The Exhibit Hours are:

Latimer Lane School	April 7 & 8
Central School	April 14 & 15
Tootin' Hills School	April 28 & 29
Tariffville School	May 5 & 6
Squadron Line School	May 12, 13 & 14 (am)
Henry James Middle School	May 19 & 20
Simsbury High School	June 1, 2 & 3

Ms. Heavner thanked the Town and School for working together to work out a plan for parking and safety at Central School. Ms. Heavner thanked Paine's Trash Collection for working with the schools and Town for coming up with trash collection times that work with the school buses. This shows how working together can create solutions.

Ms. Heavner announced that Friday, April 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. there will be an interactive community dialog on racism called STAND AGAINST RACISM at the Simsbury Public Library. The event is free, but seating is limited. Reservations can be made on line at [simsburylibrary.info/\(library calendar\)](http://simsburylibrary.info/(library%20calendar)) or by calling 860-658-7663.

Ms. Wertheimer asked that the Board receive an update on the Attorney Generals review on the Community Farm. Ms. Glassman said nothing has been received to date.

Mr. Hampton reminded everyone about the Volunteer Expo on April 28th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall.

Mr. Hensley said the Performing Arts Board approved a fund raising event called River Run for the Simsbury/Granby Rotary Club. There was great attendance in spite of the weather. There were over 550 participants and it was a great afternoon.

I. Adjournment

Mr. Herlihy made motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman