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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Ed LaMontagne, , Thomas Cooke, Gerry Toner, Chuck Howard, Richard Sawitzke, Attorney Bob DeCrescenzo and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

Aging & Disability Commission Senior Service Award

Ed LaMontagne, Chairman, introduced the members of the Aging & Disability Commission. He said the Senior Service Award is presented to a deserving individual who goes above and beyond for the seniors and people with disabilities.

Mr. LaMontagne introduced Lynn Veith, Chairperson of the Citizen Award Sub-Committee. Ms. Veith awarded this years Aging & Disability Commission Arlene M. Bidwell Senior Service Award to Lina Wagner. Ms. Veith read the three nominations that were written and the award that was presented to Ms. Wagner.

Ms. Wagner said she was thrilled to be recognized for her years of service and said she was very honored to receive the award.

Journey Home Funding Solutions to Homelessness in the Region

Ms. Glassman introduced Matt Morgan, Director of Journey Home. She said

Journey Home is an organization designed to end homelessness in the capital region. Ms. Glassman will abstain from the discussion as she is on the Board.

Mr. Morgan said there are four goals of Journey Home to end homelessness. They will be presenting a "report card" on June 14th to show how much progress has been made in their plan.

Mr. Morgan gave a report, as attached, to the Board along with a request for \$3,800. After some

discussion, no motion was made.

#### PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, thanked everyone for helping the Veterans and said more information can be obtained through Dept. of Veteran Affairs in Rocky Hill or the VA in Newington.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about metallic slime on top of water in the public wetlands on Iron Horse Boulevard next to the Simscroft property about 200 yds. from the corner of Iron Horse and Hopmeadow St. going south. He would like the Board to look into this situation and would like an answer as to what the solution is.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about accountability of the Town and staff. She said the Performing Arts Center is not a business and therefore should not be selling alcohol.

Ms. Coe said there was no information at the budget referendum meeting May 7th and therefore no one could question any items.

Ms. Coe said the Board should vote no on agenda item F, "tobacco shed", as this project is not needed. The barn should be sold or demolished.

Ms. Coe asked why there is an application before the Design Review Board for a site plan to renovate and add to the main pool rink building. This is going before the voters on May 17th.

Ms. Coe spoke again about having a Town Manager form of government. All of her comments can be read on [Simsbury.com](http://Simsbury.com).

#### Amend Agenda

Mr. Hampton made motion to amend the agenda to discuss the prior Public Hearing issue on wood burning furnaces. Ms. Haase seconded the motion.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to move forward with the ordinance to ban wood burning furnaces. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. The vote was three for the ordinance and three against. Therefore, the motion did not pass.

The outdoor wood burning furnace issue will be brought up again after further information is obtained; information on the Agricultural exemption language and the Board receives notice of what the Legislature is going to do in their session. For more information it is Senate bill 830

and information is on line.

#### FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman reminded the voters that May 17th is the budget referendum. Henry James will be open from 6 am - 8 pm. The appropriation of \$3,061,000 to update the Simsbury Farms Facility and golf course improvement will also be on the ballot. Absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's office.

Ms. Glassman thanked Steve Mitchell and the Tourism Committee for hosting the East Coast

Greenway Alliance. It was a great weekend to host the spring meeting and there were more than 100 riders ride from New Haven to Simsbury.

Ms. Glassman also announced that the Town celebrated Town staff employees. Don Ross has been here for 40 years now. She also thanked Ms. Wertheimer and the Hometown Hero Committee for the 2011 Hometown Hero awards.

#### SELECTMEN ACTIONS

##### a) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,621.27 as recommended and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

##### b) Accept donation of \$17,095 from the Rotary Club for upgrading and renovation of The Rotary Park Boundless Playground at Simsbury Meadows

Ms. Heavner made motion to a gift from the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club in the amount of \$17,095 for improvements and equipment replacement at the Simsbury Rotary Park Playscape. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve extensions of agriculture ground license agreements

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the extensions of Agriculture ground license agreements for the 2011 /2012 season. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 from the General Fund Reserve for interior rehabilitation and restoration of Eno Memorial Hall and refer to the Board of Finance for approval

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$90,000 from the General Fund Reserve for interior rehabilitation and restoration of Eno Memorial Hall and refer to the Board of Finance for approval. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve a fee schedule change to reduce the fee of miscellaneous electronic items from \$1.00 per item to \$0.00; reduce the fee for televisions from \$2.00 per item to \$0.00

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve changes to Transfer Station fee schedule. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve repair of Firetown Road "Triangle" Tobacco Shed and transfer of \$36,750 from

General Fund Reserves to an expenditure account, as established by the Finance Dept.

Mr. Hensley made motion to authorize Town staff to seek grant funding to repair the Firetown Road "Triangle" Tobacco Shed. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve request to hold Special Town Meeting for Simsbury Land Trust Tulmeadow Woodlot acquisition

Mr. Hampton made motion:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND  
ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

A special Town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to

vote in Town meetings of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut will be held at Simsbury Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street, in the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

The special Town meeting will be held to consider and vote on the following resolution:

ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT AND ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION  
EASEMENT: TULMEADOW FARM WOODLOT

RESOLVED,

a) That the Town accept a \$1,415,000 First Legacy Grant from the United States Forest

Service for purposes of funding the acquisition of a conservation easement on 73 acres

of land known as the Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot, Farms Village Road, Simsbury, Connecticut.

b) That the Town of Simsbury accept an assignment from the Simsbury Land Trust and

acquire a conservation easement in 73+ acres of land located at Farms Village Road,

Simsbury, Connecticut known as the Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot.

Dated at Simsbury, Connecticut this 9th day of May 2011

Board of Selectmen

If the location is changed, a new Resolution will need to be signed, by all Board members, with the change noted.

h) PAC Board update of summer concerts

Ms. Glassman said there were an additional four concerts this year.

Attorney DeCrescenzo said there was a PAC meeting last Wed. that identified documents needed to follow through on all Board of Selectmen requirement for the concerts.

Attorney DeCrescenzo said there was a rider drafted. Events fall into one of three categories as presented. The agreements also took care of alcohol and non-alcohol events. The goal is to have all information and the application on-line.

No action taken

I) Approval of appointment of Special Town Counsel for Sand Hill Road matters

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the list of four attorneys: Kenneth Slater, Peter Alter, Chris Smith, and Mike Zizka; with one to be chosen to represent the Zoning Board of Appeals in connection with the Sand Hill Road matter. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. Four were in favor with Ms. Heavner and Mr. Hensley abstaining.

j) Approval of Waiver of fee for Theatre Guild use of Eno Memorial Hall

Mr. Hampton made motion to waive the \$180 fee for the Theatre Guild use of Eno Memorial Hall. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

\* Town Attorney opinion regarding sale of mulch at Bulky Waste Facility

Ms. Glassman noted that it is a little late in the season to discuss this subject. She feels they would be competing with the sale of mulch with local dealers. Ms. Glassman said she would ask Mr. Paine if he wishes to continue with this issue.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Approve the appointment of Jerry G. Sheehan (D) as a full member of the Water Pollution Control Board replacing the vacancy of Gary Faraci with an expiration date of January 1, 2014

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the appointment of Jerry G. Sheehan as a full member of the Water Pollution Control Board replacing the vacancy of Gary Faraci with an expiration date of January 1, 2014. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to amend the agenda to add the appointment of Cheryl Cook to the Housing Authority. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner made motion to appoint Cheryl Cook to the Housing Authority for a five year term. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

### a) Regular Meeting, April 11, 2011

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2011 with a change on page 9, 5th paragraph, to read: Ms. Haase announced that Carol and Rich Wagner received an award. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### b) Regular Meeting, April 25, 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 25, 2011 as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## 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. Hampton congratulated the Police Dept. For receiving their accreditation.

Mr. Hampton also thanked everyone involved in the Volunteer Expo. It was a huge success.

Mr. Hampton reminded everyone that there are two Memorial Day Parades - Tariffville starts at 9 am and Simsbury starts at 1 pm.

Mr. Hampton said the Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting for supplies for the troops (mostly requested are mac & cheese and pop tarts). There will be drop off boxes all over Town

### 5) Board of Education

Ms. Heavner said the Early Bird dinner on May 4th was a great success. The Robot team came and the girls lacrosse coach and players came.

Ms. Heavner said the Simsbury High School art exhibit, which is open to the public, is from May 24th - 26th. This is a great exhibit.

Ms. Haase said the Tariffville Pot Luck was a great event where Wanda Coleman was nominated President. Ms. Glassman congratulated Chet Matzak for being selected by the Chamber of Commerce for public servant of the year.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda to nominate Ms. Haase to the Steering Committee to replace Gerald Post. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to appoint Ms. Haase as the Board of Selectmen Representative to the Route 10 Corridor Study Team. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley reminded everyone of the Chamber Luncheon on May 16th. He also reminded everyone about Manhattan Transfer coming June 12th, where alcohol will be sold by the vendor. For more information, go on line to [www.CTfestival.org](http://www.CTfestival.org) or call 651-6329. Ms. Glassman said this will be noted again at the next Board meeting.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman