

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2009

First Selectman Mary Glassman convened the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 4:45 p.m. In attendance were Glassman, Deputy First Selectman John Hampton, Selectman Rich Hogan, Selectman Moira Wertheimer and Selectman Robert Hensley.

There was no public audience. Mrs. Glassman reported that she received a phone call from resident Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, urging the Board not to approve any pesticide use that could contaminate the river.

Mrs. Glassman thanked the board for making themselves available for the special meeting. She stated there were only two items on the agenda. The first item is to authorize the First Selectman to execute license agreements for agricultural use, including Tulmeadow Farm and Rosedale Farm. She stated that her understanding is that the new Community Farm group at Town Farm will work with the Ryan Flower Farm to accommodate his farming needs.

Mrs. Wertheimer asked if the Case Circle area has been farmed in the past considering this is a neighborhood area. Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, said Tulmeadow Farm has hayed the area in the past and this is a renewal of the agreement. Mr. Sawitzke also said the farmers agreed that no pesticides would be used. Mr. Hampton asked that if the leasing of the land would have any impact on a future decision to require organic farming. Mr. Sawitzke said the lease is only for this growing season and would not have an impact since no pesticides would be used. Mr. Sawitzke said the town will be advised as to what if any fertilizers are used.

Mr. Hampton moved to approve the leases with Tulmeadow Farm at Case Circle/Harvest Hill; Great Pond Laurel Lane Corner and Rosedale Farm at land northeast of the waste water treatment plant. The motion was approved 4-0.

Mrs. Glassman said the second item of business is to authorize the First Selectman to sign the DOT Project Close Out form regarding the West Mountain Road project. Mr. Sawitzke stated this is a 1997 project that needs authorization to close out but all the work has been done. Mr. Hensley noted the project is 12 years old. Mrs. Glassman asked why the project has taken so long. Mr. Sawitzke said a close out of a project is not a top priority.

Mrs. Wertheimer moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the DOT Project Close Out Form. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

Mr. Hampton moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Wertheimer seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman