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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2010

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 Mary Glassman; Board members Tom Herlihy, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included: Police Chief Ingvertson, David Holden, Diane Ullman, Mike Goman, Mickey LeCours-Beck, Chuck Howard, Gerry Toner, and other interested parties.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations

a) Presentation by Social Services Director and Police Chief on Town of Simsbury initiative to make Simsbury a No Phone Zone

Mickey LeCours-Beck and Chief Ingvertsen introduced the Simsbury No Phone Zone initiative saying that using cell phones while driving quadruples your risk of having an accident. Four out of five accidents occur due to distracted drivers. Also, using a cell phone, hand held or hands free, delays a drivers reaction as much as having a blood alcohol level as .08. They are asking for everyone to fill out the Simsbury No Phone Zone promise.

There are three parts to this promise: 1) no texting while driving; 2) to use a hands free device; and 3) not to use a cell phone at all. Ms. LeCours-Beck said they are asking that you sign at least one promise. Everyone who signs the promise will receive a no phone zone magnet for the car; a no phone zone bracelet and they will also receive a free no phone zone sundae at J. Foster Ice Cream. They will also be at Family Day at Simsbury Farms on July 15th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. for people to sign or you

can stop by the Social Services Department. Everyone on the Board signed the promise and thought this was a great campaign.

Chief Ingvertson said the Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association, the Hartford Insurance Co., and Channel 3 have a state wide program that is call "I PROMISE", but they are trying to bring it down to a more local level at this time. They have been doing a lot of enforcement at the same time. A portion of the money from the infractions will come back to the Town.

b) Presentation by the Board of Education describing the process on the upcoming Board of Education certified negotiations

Dr. Ullman spoke about the negotiations process for the Board of Education. Much of this process is guided by statute and time-line. They also gave the Board a flow chart of teacher negotiations.

Mr. Holden said the Board of Education has five collective bargaining groups that they negotiate with. Three are governed by the Municipal Employee Relations Act, which is the same as the Town negotiates with. Teacher Negotiation Act is for teachers and administrators. This is all driven by the budget submission date: March 15, 2011.

Mr. Holden said negotiations commence 210 days prior to budget submission. If no settlement, a mediator is assigned. If mediation does work then arbitration commences. If a settlement is reached then it goes to the Board of Selectmen. The Board has 25 days to review the settlements and can reject them with a two-thirds vote. If no action is taken by the Board then the contracts will be in affect.

Mr. Goman explained how complicated the negotiations are and how many meetings need to be held to get through the process. There is also a staff attorney with them throughout the process. He said the Board of Education is very happy to explain to the residents what the process entails.

First Selectman's Report

Ms. Glassman said the State of Connecticut launched a reverse 911 system today. It's call the Emergency Notification System, which allows emergency updates to phone lines and devices. Their website is www.CTAlert.gov. She thanked everyone who got the Town up to speed on this system.

Ms. Glassman said the Federal Homeland Security has allocated approximately 3 million dollars for security initiatives, in which 1.1 million will hopefully go to our region. There will be a vote on this item later in the meeting.

Public Audience

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street spoke about the Act of War on 6/25/50 when the North Koreans invaded South Korea. He would like a resolution commemorating men and women for their honor and sacrifice. He showed different ribbon he received for the war.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about the land trust purchase of development rights at Tulmeadow Farm. He feels the vote should be no as the Town is in serious financial shape.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about a Town Management form of government. She asked again about a Charter Revision Commission to set Town policy - it has been 5 years since the last Charter Revision Commission.

Ms. Coe spoke about the "poor farm" again and feels they do not comply with the deed.

Ms. Coe showed a picture of blighted houses and asked about liens on the properties. All of Ms.

Coe's comments can be read on Simsbury.com.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue spoke about the PAD needing more details again. She said it applies to land, not open space and it needs to be looked at again and more details are needed in the PAD.

Selectmen Actions

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Herlihy made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,318.15 as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review and discuss request to use Eno Memorial Hall parking lot to December 1, 2010

Mr. Herlihy made motion to extend the agreement with Bruce Kaplan to use the parking lot at Eno Memorial Hall during Iron Horse Boulevard events; the term of the agreement would be until December 1, 2010. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Renewal of Technology Service Agreement for 2010-2011 - Town of Canton

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the extension of this information technology agreement with the Town of Canton for the next six months. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve a Resolution pertaining to the Hall Property - Conservation Easement - OSWA A-128

Mr. Herlihy made the following Resolution: "Resolution of Legislative Body -

RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury be and hereby is 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 Hall Property, Simsbury OSWA-128, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes." Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve a Resolution pertaining to the Ethel Walker Conservation Easement Open Space and Watershed Grant - OSWA -245

Mr. Hampton made the following resolution: "RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE BODY

RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Simsbury an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant agreement and an Assignment of Ethel Walker School Conservation Easement and Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire permanent interest in land known as Ethel Walker School, Simsbury OSWA-245, and to manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut State Statutes. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Review and discuss a request from the Simsbury Land Trust for a grant to purchase development rights on 73 acres at Tulmeadow Farm

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the allocation of \$280,000 for the Town of Simsbury to participate with the Simsbury Land Trust to acquire a Conservation Easement on the Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot with the option of using \$140,000 this year if the Board of Finance feels it is not palpable to use the full amount this year. Also, the \$280,000 won't be paid out unless the rest of the money is raised by the Simsbury Land Trust. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Review and discuss new fee schedule for Transfer Station Operation

Mr. Herlihy made motion to approve the new fee schedule with Paine's for the Bulky Waste Transfer Station, for 3 years, with the option for three one-year extensions. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Review and discuss a Memorandum of Agreement 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program

Mr. Herlihy made motion "CERTIFICATION: I, Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury do hereby certify that the following is true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on June 28, 2010, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Simsbury, Board of Selectmen, may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Simsbury and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Mary A. Glassman, now holds the office of First Selectman and that she has held that office since

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 28th day of June 2010.

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Review and discuss donation of trees to the Simsbury Farms Golf Course

Mr. Herlihy made motion to accept the donation, of Peter Prowda, of 28 Siberian Blue Spruce trees to be planted at the Simsbury Farms Golf Course. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

j) Review and discuss the use of the Simsbury Performing Arts Center for a Walkathon to benefit the Dravet Syndrome Foundation on September 26 2010

Mr. Herlihy made motion to approve the use of the Simsbury Performing Arts

Center for a Walkathon to benefit the Dravet Syndrome Foundation on September 26, 2010. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

k) Approve a Resolution pertaining to a Connecticut State Library grant for Historic Document Preservation - #128-PC-11, Cycle 1, FY 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion "RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant." Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Appointments and Resignations

a) Accept the resignation of Jonathan Yeisley (D) as a full member of the Insurance Commission effective June 11, 2010

Mr. Herlihy made motion to accept the resignation of Jonathan Yeisley (D) as a full member of the Insurance Commission effective June 11, 2010 with our thanks. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Other Business

Mr. Hensley brought pictures of the new Southern gateway signage. He said the caps will be the same as at the High School. All of the new signs will be put up and landscaped and decorated. He said there will also be a dedication soon.

Mr. Hensley said he received a call from Boy Scout Troop 76 who are looking for Eagle Scout projects to do. He thought about the East Coast Greenway project. Ms. Glassman said a list will be made and everyone thinks it's a great idea for them to help out.

Acceptance of Minutes

a) June 14, 2010

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectman Meeting of June 14, 2010 as presented. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - none at this time

2. Finance - none at this time
3. Welfare - none at this time
4. Public Safety - Mr. Hampton said the "numbers up" program is still moving forward. This is so residents place numbers on their homes in case of an emergency. The Eagle Scouts are willing to help with this initiative.

Mr. Hampton said the maintenance building is almost finished at the Simsbury Farms Complex.

Mr. Hampton said the Picnic in the Park will be held on Saturday, August 28th at St. Catherine of Sienna Church.

5. Board of Education - none at this time

Mr. Hensley said the PAC Board is continuing their research on the 501c3 documents. Ms. Glassman said she thinks there is a draft legal document ready for the Board to look at.

Mr. Hensley said he went to the Planning Commission Meeting and they had a presentation on a proposed project on Hop Brook/West Street development. This was very interesting and informative. Ms. Glassman noted that there is no application at this time.

Mr. Hampton said the Talcott Mountain Music Festival opening night was great. There is another event this Friday, 7/2/10 and something special to honor Edward Cumming.

Adjournment

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman