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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 11, 2011

#### 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 John Hampton, Lisa Heaver and Robert Hensley. Absent were Moira Wertheimer and Nancy Haase. Others in attendance included Colleen O'Connor, Tom Roy, Hiram Peck and other interested parties.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

#### PRESENTATION

Route 10 Corridor Study Update - Accept Draft Report and begin 30-day public comment period

Ms. Glassman said the Route 10 Corridor draft report was being formally submitted to the Board. This document shows short term improvements and long with 10/20/30 year visions. There are a number of suggestions and a lot of information in this study. Once the Board accepts the draft the 30 day public comment period begins. Ms. Glassman said the drafts are also available at the Library and Town Hall for public review. She thanked everyone who worked so hard on this project.

Mr. Peck said the document maintains the two lane character of Rte. 10, which was very important to the residents. He said the first chapter is the vision of the Town; the second chapter is standard assessments; and chapter 3 is action and alternatives. He said it is very important for the public to know comment on the draft report. He also thanked everyone who worked so hard on this document. If anyone has specific questions they can contact Mr. Peck. Also, comments can be given on the Town website and CROCG website.

After further discussion, Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the Route 10 Corridor Study Document from the Steering Committee to begin the 30-day public comment period. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Mr. Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, said he went to the Library Saturday after 1 pm and found it closed. He can't understand why the Library closes at 1 pm in the summer as a lot of elderly residents could go there to get cool and relax.

Mr. Kalechman asked why the Tax payments are being sent to Mass. He doesn't think the Town money should be used in Mass.

Mr. Kalechman also doesn't like that the Town only uses Simsbury Bank. He feels the money should be spread out in different banks and this should be looked in to.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, asked why September Fest was moved to Simsbury Meadows. She feels this location is not really accessible to wheelchairs, strollers, etc.

Ms. Coe complained about signs at the new Dunkin Donuts at the South End. She said they went against the Town Sign Policy but putting up big signs for their opening.

Ms. Coe spoke again about allowing the public to vote for a Town Manager form of government. She asked that the Charter Revision Commission look into this further. She would also like Boards and Commission decreased in size and this should be looked at again.

Ms. Coe doesn't understand why Westminster School makes yearly donations for their tax exempt status and Ethel Walker doesn't even though they are tax exempt.

All of Ms. Coe's comments can be read on [Simsbury.com](http://Simsbury.com).

#### FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said the paving of Rte. 10 should be completed by the end of the week. She thanked Richard Sawitzke and the DOT for all their hard work on this project.

Ms. Glassman said the Town budget moves forward as proposed. After hard work by State Representative Linda Schofield, working with a coalition of other Legislators, the elimination of any cuts to municipal funding was saved.

Ms. Glassman encouraged everyone to join in the fight to save the Tariffville Post Office. There will be a rally tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Tariffville Village Green Gazebo and they could use everyone's support. Also, she asked everyone to continue to send letters to save this Post Office.

Ms. Glassman said that the "Receptionist" area will be filled with volunteers now. She thanked Mickey Lecours-Beck for her help in securing dedicated volunteers that will meet and greet people coming into Town Hall and help them to find their way to the correct office. She asked everyone to say hello to the volunteers and thanked Mary Donahue, Pauline Henderson, Jack Voorvart or

Ron Locandro and thank them for their volunteerism.

#### SELECTMEN'S ACTIONS

##### a) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. O'Connor noted that none of Simsbury tax money is going to Mass. Simsbury Bank has their processing center in Mass and they process all of the tax money and deposit it on the same day. This allowed the Town's Tax Dept. to only have to hire one employee for the summer instead of three. She also noted that the Town does use other banks.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,227.31 as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

##### b) Approve the contingent appointment of Mary Ann Harris as Director of Finance - Treasurer

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Harris to the position of Director of Finance-Treasurer subject to successful completion of pre-employment screening and approval of the Board of Finance. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

##### c) Authorize the First Selectman to execute a resolution for a Supplemental

## Government Grant Application

Mr. Hampton made motion:

RESOLUTION for

Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant  
Application

WHEREAS, Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Department of the Interior, and other Federal agencies; and is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Interior; and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants offer a new type of funding from the Community Investment Act to support local historic preservation programs in communities with the Certified Local Government designation from the National Parks Service; and

WHEREAS, a Historic Resource Survey is an example of historic preservation program providing archival research, fieldwork and photography of historic properties in the town; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Simsbury has resolved to support a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant by vote of this Board of Selectmen on July 11, 2011, based on its inclusion in the Certified Local Government in Federal Historic Preservation Program; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Simsbury will accept this grant, if awarded, and will remain committed to this project through its completion.

Signed; Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman  
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Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley made motion to amend the agenda to include the transfer of funds from reserves of \$25,365.00 to the accounts as presented by Tom Roy, Director of Public Works. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Accept FEMA Reimbursement of \$56,726.45 for costs incurred during the January 11-12, 2011 Severe Snowstorm Disaster

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept \$56,726.45 FEMA Reimbursement (Public Assistant Grant) for costs incurred during the January 11-12, 2011 Severe

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

Mr. Hampton made motion to transfer \$25,365.00 from reserves to accounts as presented by Mr. Roy in his June 20, 2011 memo for the Severe Snowstorm Disaster. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Accept Memorandum of Agreement regarding use of Federal Fiscal Year 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodian Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3 and execute Authorizing Resolution

Mr. Hensley made motion:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Simsbury 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, Mary G. 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.

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

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Acknowledge receipt of \$98,000 check from Westminster School honoring their long standing relationship with the Town of Simsbury

Ms. Glassman noted that this is not something the School has to pay, but always pays in lieu of their tax-exempt status.

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept the \$98,000 check from Westminster School with thanks. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

No appointments or resignations at this time.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes - June 27, 2011

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2011. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Ms. Heavner made corrections to Mr. Hampton's name spelling. 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 - no report at this time
5. Board of Education

Ms. Heavner noted the awarding of salary increases to some of the Board of Education staff.

Ms. Heavner said Social Services is holding their 11th annual Family Days Event July 12th at 5:30 - 8 pm at Simsbury Farms. There will be many activities and all are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Heavner said that she asked for donations for the Food Bank and the community responded

greatly. She thanked everyone for their donations and hoped that they will continue throughout the year.

Mr. Hensley said the concert last week was rained out and hoped that this Fridays concert will be held. He encouraged everyone to attend for the rest of the summer.

Mr. Hampton said that Paul Lanza is holding another food drive Sunday from 11-1 at Town Hall. He encouraged everyone to donate as best they can. They are also hoping to use Epstein's a permanent drop off spot.

Mr. Hampton said Dana Promfret will be performing July 21 at the Tariffville Green and there will be another concert on August 18th. All are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Hampton also showed everyone the new Historical Society flyer and said it holds a lot of information on events and activities for the Town.

ADJOURN

Ms. Heavner made motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman