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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 26, 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 Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton and Lisa Heavner. Absent was Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Tom Cooke, Hiram Peck and other interested parties.

PRESENTATION

Safe Routes to School Program/International Walk to School Day - Susan Masino

Ms. Glassman introduced Susan Masino, Chair of Tootin' Hills Schools Route to School Committee. She is an advocate to help kids get healthy and fit.

Ms. Masino said the Committee has been working hard to make sure kids can walk and bike to school safely. She said Wednesday, October 5th is International Walk to School Day and they have organized a big effort to let kids walk and bike to Tootin' Hills School safely. She gave out a brochure with the safe route mapped out on it. Ms. Masino said Latimer School is also trying to start a walk safely project. Hopefully, this effort will continue and grow to other schools.

Ms. Masino said the Committee has pending grant on behalf of Henry James and Tootin' Hills to help communities get kids to schools more safely.

Ms. Masino said if anyone wants to walk on October 5th, they will be meeting at 7:30 am at the Flamig Farm parking lot. If biking, they will be meeting at Mountain Park on West Mountain Road. There are other little neighborhood places to meet as well.

The Committee was thanked for their efforts in keeping the children safe.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street said he appreciated what Ms. Masino was doing for the children. He said more street lights, sidewalks, and sewers are needed in Town and all the residents get are Charrettes.... the kids need to get to school safely. However, he doesn't feel the Town should sponsor the October 5th walk as if anyone gets hurt that day, it is the Town's responsibility.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about favoritism in Town towards the Red Stone Pub. Why are the Selectmen promoting this Pub over all the other places in Town?

Mr. Kalechman credited Ms. Glassman for speaking up about the Performing Arts Center giving away free tickets to concerts. He also feels that this issue should be brought before the Board of Selectmen before the PAC Board approves free tickets.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about having a Town Manager form of government. She also feels the First Selectman's salary should be cut in half.

Ms. Coe said the PAC Board is "bleeding in red ink" and still haven't turned in their financial statements. She feels this Board should be disbanded.

Ms. Coe doesn't understand why the Board of Selectmen have no authority over the Board of Education and feels this should be changed.

Ms. Coe also spoke again about the Hoskins Road contamination issue when removing the soil there. She felt there was a lack of information at the September 12th meeting.

Ms. Coe said there are paddle tennis tryouts from November - March.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue Street spoke again about land use planning. She doesn't feel the Planning and Zoning Commissions should be made one in the Charter. We should be economical development friendly. She would like to save the developers money if all Commissions came together for projects.

Robert Wise spoke about a contract he thought he had with the Town in 2002. He feels this matter needs to be resolved and wants the Board to accept the August 2004 terms of his agreement.

Ms. Glassman said the Town has received a legal decision by the courts

stating the issue is over and there is no further discussion required by the Town.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said the Simsbury Free Bike is turning out to be a great hit. There have been over 100 riders in the first 9 weeks, with riders exploring the Town on the free bikes, which is a not-for profit group.

Ms. Glassman said the Town hosted more than 400 bicyclists who participated in Tour DaVita to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease and to raise money for the trust.

Ms. Glassman said the Simsbury Land Trust held its annual membership celebration and the Town is grateful for all they have done. It was a wonderful event.

Ms. Glassman said "Showcase Simsbury" was also a great event. This was hosted by the Economic Development Commission, Main Street Partnership and Chamber of Commerce, and was attended by developers, Realtors and property owners who provided everyone with a preview of the new form-based zoning code.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve tax refunds

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$2,812.08 as recommended and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Receive a revised Blight Ordinance, Chapter 123 of Town Code and set a date for a Public Hearing for same

Mr. Hampton made motion to receive Blight Ordinance, Chapter 123 of Town Code and set a date of Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7 p.m. for the Public Hearing. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve the use of Town property for the purpose of the David Vidal Memorial Road Race to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the use of Town property for the David Vidal Memorial Road Race to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Ms.

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

d) Approve a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute a Grant Agreement and an Assignment of Conservation and Restriction as required by the DEEP to complete the purchase of the Tulmeadow Woodlot

Mr. Hampton made motion: "RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, of the Town of Simsbury is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Simsbury a Grant Agreement and an Assignment of Conservation and Restriction. That the execution of these two documents fulfills the grant requirements of the financial assistants received by the Town of Simsbury through the United States Department of Agriculture, under Title XII of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation

and Trade Act of 1990 (16USC 2103c) known as the Forest Legacy Program and the State of Connecticut through the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program to acquire permanent interest in a parcel of land known as Tulmeadow Farm Forest OSHA 398 and to manage said land as open space land pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Mary A. Glassman was elected First Selectman and that her term of office began on December 7, 2009 and will continue until December 5, 2011. As the First Selectman serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Simsbury and is duly authorized to enter into agreement and contracts on behalf of the Town of Simsbury."

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

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Appoint two new members to the Juvenile Review Board per the attached memorandum from the Director of Social Services with an expiration date of June 30, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to appoint Scott Sagan, Simsbury Youth Officer and Meredith Brockbank, Simsbury High School Social Worker to the Juvenile Review Board with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Appoint seven student members and four adult members to the Youth Services Advisory Board per the attached memorandum from the Director of Social Services with an expiration date of June 30, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Meghan Keegan, Walker Lohrey, Anna Lauchnor, Gennie Stimpson, Julia Jones, Andrew Keene, Jessica Ferrigno as

students members along with Meredith Brockbank, Regina Battaglia, Brad Chase and Taryn Rea as adult members of the Youth Services Advisory Board with an expiration date of June 30, 2012. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2011

Mr. Hampton made motion to approved the regular meeting minutes of September 12, 2011 with a correction of the spelling of Greg Piecuch's name on page 2. Ms. Haase 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 said the Gifford's Green conversation will be held this Thursday from 6:30 - 8 at the Library. This is a free session.

Mr. Hampton said on September 30th from 8-5 at Central Connecticut State University there will be a Veteran's Resource Expo, which is free for all Veterans. This will help them network with different agencies for help.

Mr. Hampton said the Simsbury Historical Society is having a family day celebration on Saturday, October 15th. There will be a chili cook-off and many other activities.

5. Board of Education - Ms. Heavner said last Friday was the Senior Citizen football night where seniors had pizza and salad and met with coaches and some players. It was a great event.

Ms. Heavner said the Simsbury Social Services Department is hosting a "help your neighbor" fundraiser. There are mason jars that could be filled with loose change. It's a wonderful way to give back.

Ms. Heavner said she met with the Police Chief and Public Safety Committee about the safety issue on West Street. Now they are waiting for the State

engineer to come up with recommendations on safe crossing there.

Ms. Haase congratulated the Simsbury High School Choir for their concert at The Bushnell. It was a great time for all.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Heavner made motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman