

TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 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, Lisa Heavner and Sean Askham. Others in attendance included: Tom Roy, Hiram Peck, Tom Cooke and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

Fantasy on Ice Show presented by HartfordSkates.com at the International Skating Center

Ms. Glassman said Dave Roberts couldn't make the meeting, so she announced that Gifts of Love and the Town is sponsoring an ice skating show with Ekaterina Gordeeva, Ilia Kulik and their daughter on December 31, 2011 and January 1, 2012 at 2:30 p.m at the International Skating Center of Connecticut. Spectators are asked to bring some gently worn skates to benefit the Gifts of Love. Ms Glassman welcomed back this event as it hasn't been done in several years.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue spoke about land use planning. She was in Southington today and as she was on Queen Street she realized that Simsbury is starting to look like that. She said everyone keeps saying that public input is wanted for land use planning. She said she doesn't feel people know enough about the meetings and how to give their input. More press releases need to be done to help people come out.

Ms. Glassman noted that the Town is still soliciting the public for input in land use planning.

Mike Paine, 72 Holcomb Street asked if he could ask a few questions during the discussion on item a) of the agenda discussion municipal solid waste and recycling. No one had an objection to that.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said we are almost done with picking up the brush removal from storm Alfred. The Town ended up picking up more than 270,000 cubic yards of debris. She knows this has

been a long and frustrating process and she thanked everyone for their patience. If anyone still has any concerns, please call the debris hotline at 860-264-5581 or the Town Hall at 658-3230.

Ms. Glassman congratulated Jennifer Keohane, who was chosen as one of only 10 Librarians to receive the prestigious "I Love my Librarian Award". This award is given to those who make a significant improvement in the lives of people in their community and is sponsored by The Carnegie Corporation and the New York Times. There will be a reception on Wednesday from 5-7 pm at the Library Program Room and everyone is invited to come and congratulate Jennifer.

Ms. Glassman said the Town is beginning the budget process with a meeting on Thursday. Department Heads have to turn their budgets into the Finance Department by January 13, 2012 and then it will be presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Director of Finance on February 13, 2012. Everyone can see the budget materials on the website www.simsbury-ct.gov/budget. You can also call 860-658-3230 for a copy of the full budget and capital plan schedule.

Ms. Glassman congratulated Hiram Peck and the Zoning Commission for receiving an award from the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mr. Peck said it was for the 2011 implementation award for adopting the town center form base code.

Mr. Peck said they finished the low impact development study and gave the Board copies of this. He said this study has been picked up nationally.

Mr. Peck congratulated Sarah Nielson for going above and beyond for her article which will appear in the New England Real Estate Journal about Simsbury along with an ad for this. He appreciates all her hard work.

SELECTMEN'S ACTION

a) Consideration and possible action on proposal regarding contractual arrangements for handling of municipal solid waste and recycling

There was a presentation made by Tom Roy and Jennifer March showing options and fees on this issue. After some discussion, Mr. Askham made motion to enter into contract, for 5 years, with CRRRA municipal solid waste disposal Tier 1. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Consideration and approval of CRCOG shared services resolution

Resolution Approving the Town of Simsbury's Participation
in Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional Projects Proposals

Whereas, Section 5 of Public Act 11-61 (An Act Concerning Responsible Growth) passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

Whereas, the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

Whereas, on November 16, 2011 the Policy Board of CRCOG passed a resolution authorizing development and submittal of an application package to the State Office of Policy and Management for funding under the Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, on behalf of the Council's member municipalities, and municipalities of other regions, which are participating in Council initiatives; and

Whereas, the Chief Elected Officials and municipal staff of the Capitol Region have developed a list of service sharing project proposals that will be included in this application package, to the benefit of individual municipalities and the region as a whole; and

Whereas, the Town of Simsbury has expressed an interest in taking part in the projects proposals entitled Back Office Service Sharing Study, CAPTAIN 4G, GIS Expansion, IT Application Sharing and Development and Regional Assessment Study.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Town of Simsbury Board of Selectmen do hereby endorse the above referenced Regional Performance Incentive Program project proposals and authorizes the First Selectman, Mary A. Glassman to sign all necessary agreements and take all necessary actions to allow for the Town's participation in this program.

Duly Authorized: _____
Mary A. Glassman

Date: _____

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the CRCOG shared services resolution as presented and attached. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,546.41 as presented and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Accept a donation of \$3,800 for the Simsbury Food Closet and Keep Simsbury Warm from the Simsbury Newcomers Club

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the donation from Simsbury Newcomers Club, in the amount of \$3,800, for the Simsbury Food Closet and Keep Simsbury Warm program with our thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Accept a donation of \$1,098 from the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Services consisting of First Church of Christ, Simsbury United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Church, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, New Life In Christ Church, Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation and the Islamic Community

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept the donation of \$1,098 from the Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Services with thanks. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve a request for Gold Orluk and Partners, LLC to use the Performing Arts Center and the surrounding grounds for its annual Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride and Walk on June 9, 2012

Mr. Askham made motion to approve a request for Gold, Orluk and Partners, LLC to use the Performing Arts Center and surrounding grounds for its annual Jim Calhoun Cancer Challenge Ride and Walk on June 9, 2012. Ms. Glassman will look into having a security deposit made for any damages at events. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve a request from the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce to use the Iron Horse Boulevard parking lot behind Bank of America from Friday, September 7, 2012 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, September 9th for their Fifth Annual Home Improvement Show

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve a request from the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce to use Iron Horse Blvd. Parking lot behind Bank of America for their Fifth Annual Home Improvement Show from Friday, September 7, 2012 through Sunday, September 9th. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approve a request from the Simsbury Woman's Club to use the Iron Horse Boulevard parking lots for the purpose of holding their 43rd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 15th and Sunday, September 16, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve a request from the Simsbury Woman's Club to use Iron Horse Blvd. Parking lots for holding their 43rd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16, 2012. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Approve the request of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra to establish dates for the 2012 Talcott Mountain Music Festival

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the request of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra to establish the dates of June 22nd and 29th and July 6th, 13th and 20th, 2012 for the Talcott Mountain Music Festival. Saturday rain dates were also approved. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

j) Approve Senior Tax Relief Committee

Ms. Glassman noted that Mr. Hampton and Ms. Wertheimer agreed to co-chair this committee. The Committee will also include the Chairman of Board of Finance or designee; the Chairman of Aging and Disabilities Commission or designee; and also Mona Martinik to commence January 1, 2012. Mr. Askham made motion to approve the committee as named. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Liaison Appointments

Ms. Glassman gave the Board a list of all Liaison appointments, which they agreed to. Mr. Hampton asked about vice-chairs and secretaries. Ms. Glassman said that will be looked into.

b) CCM participant status in the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) investigation of public service companies' response to the 2011 storms

Ms. Glassman said the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities will be incurring costs of the storm. She will get more information on this issue and report back to the Board.

c) Route 10 Corridor Study approved by CRCOG

Ms. Glassman said she just wanted to inform the Board that the Route 10 Corridor Study was

approved by CRCOG so the Town is now able to apply for different grants.

d) Receipt of Aging and Disability report on Programs and Sub-committees

Ms. Glassman said she'd like to thank Ed LaMontagne and the Committees for all of their hard work. Mr. Hampton said this is just a great Commission who put a lot of effort into their work.

e) Bike Friendly Group next meeting to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m in the Barnes Room of the Simsbury Public Library

Ms. Glassman said she just wanted to thank all the volunteers who are helping to move the town from bronze to silver. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting on January 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Special Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2011

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the special meeting minutes of December 5, 2011. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel - Consideration and possible approval of (a) proposed salary ranges for full time unrepresented Town personnel and (b) proposed salary adjustments

Ms. Heavner said the Personnel Sub-Committee met tonight and one of the questions was about the market rate for salary ranges. She thanked Mr. Cooke for his great analysis on salary ranges.

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the recommendations from the Personnel Sub-Committee for full time salary range changes for unrepresented Town personnel. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner said the committee see that the Human Resource Manager position is below market value. They also expanded the job description for this position. They will be eliminating a part-time position as of January 1, 2012.

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Sub-Committee to expand the job description for the Human Resource Manager position along with increasing the

salary for this position. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Heavner made motion to approve the recommendation for a salary adjustment for the Director of Public Works position effective January 1, 2012. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner also reported that there was another senior citizen gathering. It was a jazz night with pizza for dinner. It was the biggest attendance ever and everyone had a great time.

2. Finance - no report at this time

3. Welfare - no report at this time

4. Public Safety - Mr. Hampton said there will be a Public Safety Forum on December 15th, to discuss storm Alfred, at 7 p.m. at Eno Memorial Hall.

Mr. Hampton said there was a great Meeting of America event this past weekend to honor Veterans.

Mr. Hampton also noted that the 7th Annual Veteran's Collection Drive begins on the 15th. The wish lists are on the Town website and available at Town Hall, with different collection sites around Town. Everything will be delivered to the Veteran's Home and Hospital in Rocky Hill.

Mr. Hampton said he and Ms. Heavner attended the Tariffville Village Association holiday sing along and everyone was asked to bring a food item to fill the Town gazebo

5. Board of Education - Ms. Haase noted that most of the members of the Board of Selectmen attended Civic classes and there were great questions from the students. She thanked the teachers and students for their interests.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hampton made motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman