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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 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 Gerald Post, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner, and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included: Hiram Peck, Ed LaMontagne, Gerry Toner, Thomas Cooke and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glassman announced that she received a letter from Ensign-Bickford about Simsbury being the first and only town in Connecticut named a National Distinctive Destination. They said that next year marks the 175th anniversary of Ensign Bickford Industries. Therefore, they are making up to a \$175,000 contribution to the Town of Simsbury to help make the Senior Center renovations a reality. Ms. Glassman thanked Mr. White from Ensign-Bickford and all the volunteers who helped with the Senior Center renovations.

PRESENTATIONS

Route 10 Corridor Study - Hiram Peck

Ms. Glassman said the Town received a grant from CROCG and the Federal Government, along with matching money from the Town to do a study of Route 10 through the Town. This is a very significant study and we will be able to tell the government what we want and don't want in Town.

Ms. Glassman said the meetings are open to the public and are included in the Charrette process. The more public information the better. Mr. Peck

said the consulting team is exceptional with great expertise. The kick off was December 7th, where a Steering Committee was formed. There will be Charrette meetings on February 7, 8, 9 and 10th. There is a link on the Town website for everyone to look at also. Mr. Peck said the study will take about 10 months.

Simsbury Farms Master Plan - Building Presentation

Ms. Glassman said the Board had authorized updates to the master plan, which hasn't been updated since 1998. Mr. Toner said Parks and Recreation and the Complex Committee members put in a lot of time on this.

Mr. Toner said the main building was only seasonal when it was built and is not handicap accessible. Also, there is no family locker room. The plan will bring all of the parts of the building together. There also needs to be a first aid room.

Mr. Hopper said they are focusing on three primary issues for this phase. There are code related issues, and consolidating issues along with detailing of systems. He showed everyone a model of the updates for the building.

Ms. Glassman said the Town is discussing the proposal. The goal is to make it totally accessible for all. This information is needed for the capital plan / budget process. There are also alternate plans in the proposal and the use of green items.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman announced that the Town won a Democracy Cup for the first time due to the highest voter turn-out in the State. There will be a presentation on December 21st at 11 a.m. in Town Hall.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue asked that the Route 10 corridor study include the Northern & Southern gateway study. Ms. Glassman noted that the State DOT is paying for the study.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street said the Route 10 study troubles him as there isn't any provision for rail transportation.

Ms. Kalechman also spoke about the flagpole at Eno Hall. He feels this is the shortest flagpole in Town and the flag hits the monument. This needs to be taken care of.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,325.68 as recommended and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Authorize the First Selectman to execute agreement documents for receipt of a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$115,000 for the Performing Arts Center

Mr. Hensley made motion "Resolution of Legislative Body
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4-66g of the Connecticut General Statutes the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial

assistance for economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Simsbury make an application to the State for \$115,000.00 in order to undertake the Band Shell Curtain System Project and to execute and Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Section 4-66g of the Connecticut General Statutes

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of

Simsbury in the amount not to exceed \$115,000.00 is hereby approved and that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revision thereto, and to act as authorized representative of the Town of Simsbury."

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

c) Authorize the First Selectman to accept a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the Cheese Day and Bread Day programs

Mr Post made motion to authorize the First Selectman to accept a grant in

the amount of \$3,000 from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for the Cheese and Bread Day programs. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Authorize the First Selectman to accept a donation in the amount of \$7,000 from the Simsbury Main Street Partnership for the purpose of replacing the gilding on the cupola dome at Eno Memorial Hall

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to authorize the First Selectman to accept a donation in the amount of \$7,000 from the Simsbury Main Street Partnership for the purpose of replacing the gilding on the cupola dome at Eno Memorial Hall. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar for 2011

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Calendar for 2011. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve extension of Technology Services Agreement with the Town of Canton

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the extension of the Technology Services Contract Agreement with the Town of Canton for six more months. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve the use of Iron Horse Boulevard for Walk MS in Simsbury on Sunday, April 10, 2011

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the use of Iron Horse Boulevard for Walk MS in Simsbury on Sunday, April 10, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approve the use of the parking lots on Iron Horse Boulevard for the Simsbury Woman's Club Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday September 18, 2011 and use of the center lot for set up on Thursday, September 15 and Friday, September 16, 2011.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the use of the parking lots on Iron Horse Boulevard for the Simsbury Woman's Club Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 17 and Sunday, September 18, 2011 and to use the center lot for set-up on Thursday, September 15, and Friday, September 16, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Possible appointment of members of the Charter Revision Commission

Mr. Hensley made motion to appoint Amy McLean Salls, Don Monroe, John O'Neil, Dave Cleming, Robert , and Darren Cunningham. Ms. Glassman noted that one more person would be added to this Commission. Mr. Post seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) November 22, 2010 Regular Meeting

Mr. Post made motion to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2010 regular meeting with a correction on page 3. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel - Consideration of Compensation Adjustment for Unaffiliated (non-union) Employees for 2010-2011

Mr. Hensley made motion to authorize a 2.25% one time payment, in lieu of salary increase, for administrators and unaffiliated employees, not including the First Selectman, for 2010-11. Mr. Post seconded the motion. Five were in favor with Ms. Glassman abstaining.

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 said there is a Town and School initiative. There will be a Senior Citizen Night at the High School on January 20th at 6 p.m. Seniors need to RSVP by January 17th. Everyone will be cheering on the Simsbury Boy's Basketball Team after a pizza dinner.

Ms. Heavner also noted that there was a Housing Authority program on December 7th where Middle School children went to the Senior Center to make 4 gingerbread houses.

Ms. Heavner also noted that the Annual Skate and Share Holiday Party will be held on December 23rd from 3-5 at the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink. This includes free ice cream and Santa will be attending. She asked that everyone please bring a canned food item for the Simsbury

Food Closet.

Ms. Heavner said there is a Just For You Exercise Class at the Senior Center on Wednesday December 29th from 12-1 at Eno Memorial Hall. The class is free.

Mr. Hampton said the Annual Holiday Collection for the Veteran's Home & Hospital is from December 15 - 31. They are only accepting new clothing items. There is a wish list on the Town's website.

Mr. Hampton said there is a group that has come together to start celebrating Martin Luther King Day in Simsbury on an annual basis. This year it will be held on January 17th at 1 p.m. at Eno to celebrate Dr. King and a movie will be shown.

Ms. Glassman said her office has received a number of phone calls about the Drake Hill Mall property. New plans have been approved near Fitzgerald's. If there are any questions, people can call Hiram Peck's office.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Post seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

