

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 17, 2016
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CALL TO ORDER

Christopher Kelly called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the Main Meeting Room located at 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. The following members were also present: **James Baldis**, Chief, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, **Lucy Bowman**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Michael Delehanty**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Peter Ingvertson**, Chief, Simsbury Police Department, **Burke LaClair**, Business Manager, Board of Education, **Mickey Lecours-Beck**, Director, Town of Simsbury Social Services, **Thomas Roy**, Director of Public Works and **Gary Wilcox**, President, Simsbury Fire District. Also in attendance Michael Berry, Civil Preparedness, Sarah Nielson, Simsbury Main Street Partnership, Michael Long, Police Commissioner, Nancy Scheetz, Visiting Nurse Association, Kevin Witkos, State Senator and Eversource and Leslie Brigham, Commission Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No one spoke at Public Audience.

Mr. Kelly congratulated Mr. Roy on his recent Richard C. Lee Innovators Award from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting on September 15, 2016

Changes to the minutes are:

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Second sentence should read “the home’s fire detectors did not go off because the fire was in the garage, which was above the home, not allowing the smoke alarms an opportunity to go off because the fire was above them. The neighbors alerted the homeowners of the fire before the fire broke through the ceiling.

Minutes were approved as amended.

2. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- **Ambulance** – Mr. Delehanty did not have anything to report.
- **Board of Education** –Mr. LaClair noted that they recently had a restroom fire at Simsbury High School that was put out quickly by the Simsbury Fire Department.
- **Civil Preparedness** – Mr. Berry reported that the Emergency Drill was held two weeks ago and stated that it went well. He discussed some issues that they would like to work on including communications.
- Mr. Berry noted that he would like to work with Department heads on coming up with 24/48/72 hour plans before a storm and explained why this needs to be done.
- **Farmington Valley Health District** –.No representative present at the meeting.
- **Fire** – Chief Baldis noted that they have had a busy fall with Fire Prevention in the elementary schools as well as daycare centers in Simsbury. He noted that they also had their Open House the first week of Fire Prevention Week and stated that it was very successful.

Chief Baldis discussed changing your fire alarm as well as noting the date it was changed. He also discussed replacing your fire alarms according to the manufacturer suggestions.

Chief Baldis reminded committee members that First Night is coming up, which include the parade. He noted that they are coordinating with the radio station and broadcasting holiday music during the parade. He would like to see participants and spectators come with their radios to play the music during the parade.

Chief Baldis discussed the fire at Simsbury High School and noted that the fire happened at the worst time, when school was being dismissed. He commended the school staff and police department on their assistance.
- **Police** –Chief Ingvertson noted the dedication of the Veterans Memorial Military Monument in front of the Simsbury Library. He stated that there were approximately 500 to 600 in attendance.

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Chief Ingvertson discussed the success of the Turkey Trot and stated that they had collected over 1,000 turkeys. He noted that the Simsbury Police department is currently working on their re-certification and should be ready by July, 2017.

Chief Ingvertson stated that they are in the process of hiring another police officer. He also noted that there have been several burglaries in Tariffville and that they have caught the person responsible. Chief Ingvertson stated that total amount of property stolen was around \$30,000.

- **Public Works** – Mr. Roy noted that Simsbury already experienced their first snow event, which included slippery roads.

Mr. Roy stated that the Town will soon be purchasing the street lights from Eversource and will be installing “yellow” LED lighting into them.

- **Social Services** – Ms. Lecours-Beck noted that they have started the energy assistance program for the winter. Ms. Beck also noted that they have started meeting with the architects to begin designing the expanded Senior Center at Eno Memorial Hall.

- **Other Updates** –

Ms. Nielson discussed the parking study, which will come before the Board of Selectmen. She also discussed the \$460,000 street scape improvements to be completed in the center of Town.

Mr. Witkos discussed the re-election and noted that January 4, 2017 will be the start of the new Legislative session.

Mr. Cooke thanked Mr. Berry on his handling of the Emergency Drill.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve Meeting Schedule for 2017

Chief Baldis made a motion to approve the Meeting Schedule for the Public Safety Subcommittee for 2017. Mr. Wilcox seconded the motion.

Ms. Bowman questioned the September 28th meeting and whether it should be September 21st

Chief Baldis amended the motion to change September 28th meeting to September 21st. Mr. Wilcox seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

No exercise was discussed at this meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Lecours-Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooke seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Brigham
Clerk