

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2017
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CALL TO ORDER

Sean Askham called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017 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, **Thomas Cooke**, Director of Administrative Services, **Michael Delehanty**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Chief Peter Ingvertsen**, Simsbury Police Department, **Kevin Kowalski**, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, **Burke LaClair**, Business Manager, Board of Education, **Mickey Lecours-Beck**, Director, Town of Simsbury Social Services, **Kevin Clemens**, Highway Superintendent, Public Works, **Nicholas Boulter**, Captain, Simsbury Police Department and **Gary Wilcox**, President, Simsbury Fire District. Also in attendance were Michael Berry, Emergency Management, Sarah Nielson, Simsbury Main Street Partnership, Karan Stewart, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance, Tony Uanino, Chamber of Commerce, Kevin Witkos, State Senator and Eversource, Leslie Brigham, Clerk and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No one spoke at Public Audience.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting on January 19, 2017

The January 19, 2017 minutes should be amended as follows:

Page 1, Updates and Reports, A. Ambulance, the portion of the last sentence that reads “....Karen Stewart....” the correct spelling should read, “....Karan Stewart....”

Page 1, Updates and Reports, B. Board of Education the portion of text that reads “Mr. Wilcox reported that the Board of Education...” should read “Mr. Kowalski reported that the Board of Education...”

Kevin Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes as amended for the Public Safety Subcommittee on January 19, 2017. Chief Ingvertsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- **Ambulance** – Mr. Delehanty thanked the Public Safety SubCommittee and the Board of Selectmen for their support of their funding request. Mr. Delehanty noted that they had double staffing during the recent snow storm and that it was quiet during the storm but picked up afterwards.

Mr. Delehanty stated that they are concerned about radio coverage in certain areas of Town. He explained that they are working on a dispatch relay system that will send to individual phones by text.

- **Board of Education** –Mr. LaClair thanked the Public Works department for the work in clearing the schools during the recent snow storm.
- **Civil Preparedness** –Mr. Kowalski noted that, during the recent snow storm, everything was pretty calm, as far as cars and pedestrians. He noted that the day before the emergency responders did work out a plan.

Mr. Kowalski was happy to say that WSIM was up and running all day with live music and a person on the radio providing information and receiving calls. He noted that calls were also coming in from Granby and Avon.

Mr. Kowalski announced that Michael Berry is now the Program Manager at WSIM and will be running several meetings to enhance the station. He noted that, within the next month, they hope the station will be streaming so that people can listen from their computers.

- **Farmington Valley Health District** – There was no one in attendance to report.
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- **Fire** – Chief Baldis reported that they had stations manned during the recent snow storm and did respond to two calls during the storm. One call was for a vehicle fire and the second was a house fire. Chief Baldis discussed access to areas that are very difficult to get to during a snow storm. He noted that one of their pumpers is an all-wheel drive vehicle and all of their vehicles have chains on the wheels.

Chief Baldis noted that their focus right now is clearing the fire hydrants and encouraged everyone to get the word out. Mr. Cooke stated that he will send out a reminder to the Town residents.

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Chief Baldis stated that they have contracted a replacement of Rescue 15, which is housed in Tariffville. He stated that it will be about nine months before it comes in.

- **Police** – Chief Ingvertsen noted that April 22nd will be Shred Day for the Town. He stated that this is being sponsored by the Police Department and Social Services outside Town Hall.

Chief Ingvertsen noted that the CALEA Accreditation team will be here from Monday, March 20th to Thursday March 23rd to inspect the Police Department for re-accreditation. He stated that there will be a public hearing at 4:00 on Tuesday, March 21st or residents can call in between 1:00 and 3:00 at 860-658-3158.

Chief Ingvertsen stated that the Citizens Police Academy will be having a guest speaker on April 25th. Captain Boulter noted that this speaker does familial DNA and is a very rare association for DNA through family borders.

Captain Boulter reported that, during the recent snow storm, Officer Gray and Officer Russell videotaped the road conditions from the cruisers and posted them on Simsbury Police Facebook page.

Captain Boulter noted that one homeless person came into the department looking for shelter and he stated that he was set up with Social Services to receive temporary shelter and food.

- **Public Works** – Kevin Clemens noted that his staff was asked to come in at 5:00 a.m. the day of the snow storm. He stated that one of their front line trucks did break down and they had to wait till after the storm to get it back to the yard.

Mr. Clemens noted that they were listening to the scanner to stay ahead of the Police and Fire Departments. He stated that, as soon as the travel ban was lifted, residents were trying to get out with still a lot of snow on the roads.

Mr. Clemens stated that today they are concentrating on clearing sight lines and fire hydrants and noted that another shipment of salt is coming in tomorrow.

- **Social Services** – Ms. Lecours-Beck discussed the struggle of emergency shelter with inappropriate individuals showing up and they have nowhere to send them. She was happy to report that, as of yesterday, they have signed a written agreement with the McLean Home and that they will accept all of Social Services inappropriate individuals for the shelter, i.e. those with medical needs. These individuals will not be admitted to McLean but will be housed in the Adult Daycare area for as long as the need is there.

- **Other Updates** – Kevin Witkos reported that Eversource had most of their employees working on the day of the recent snow storm. He noted that they had minimal power outages.

Regarding the Senate, Mr. Witkos noted that the committee’s deadlines are approaching this week and next week for all the bills that can be passed out for varying different topics. He discussed the recent ambulance bill that recently came out which has to do with the department of Public Health. It pertains to what ambulances have to respond to and what they do not have to.

Mr. Witkos stated that main topics going on now are casinos, crumbling foundations and the budget. He noted that the budget committees will be coming out April 27 and April 28.

Sarah Nielson reported that they are gearing up for May, which is bike month. She noted that there will be events going on. Sarah stated that she would also like to do a pedestrian event and receive some feedback from the Public Safety SubCommittee members.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approve Meeting Schedule for 2017 (Revised)

Mickey Lecours-Beck made a motion to approve the Revised Meeting Schedule for 2017. Mr. Kowalski seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

- a. Table Top Training Exercise

Mr. Kowalski reviewed the following Simsbury Emergency Management Table Top Exercise with committee members:

Scenario:

During the July 4 concert, a motor vehicle operating erratically, strikes several people going into the concert and 12 people are involved

Objectives

Preparation

1. People protection, show barriers, work with PAC
2. Emergency Vehicle placement – show working vehicles on the layout
3. Determine and discuss First aid assets

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Resources

1. PD
2. FD
3. EMS

Emergency response / action plan – vehicle into crowd with many injured

1. Initial size up
2. PD contain threat
3. FD to establish IC open an incident
4. FD to work on extrication
5. EMS on site personnel to start triage
6. SVAA to establish triage center and will notify Cmed of Mass Casualty incident
7. PD – scene control, initiate investigation
8. Notify PAC to have audiences stay in the concert area.

Conclude

5. ADJOURNMENT

James Baldis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooke seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Brigham
Clerk