



# Town of Simsbury

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*Thomas F. Cooke - Director of Administrative Services*

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Date of submission:** May 22, 2013
  
2. **Date of Board Meeting:** May 29, 2013
  
3. **Individual or Entity making the submission:**  
  
Gerard G. Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation
  
4. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen (Acceptance of gift, creation of reserve, approval of contract, information only, etc. Be as specific as possible with respect to the desired action of the Board.):**  
*The Individual or Entity making the submission requests that the Board of Selectmen:*  
  
Approve the proposed Eagle Scout project of Daniel Gerardi. The project involves the clearing and re-landscaping of the area in front of the Simsbury Farms Apple Barn.
  
5. **Individual(s) responsible for submission (Please include complete contact information. The identified individual(s) should be prepared to present information to the Board of Selectmen at the Board Meeting.):**  
  
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6. **Summary of Submission** (Include in your summary (i) relevant dates and timelines; (ii) parties involved; (iii) a description of financial terms and conditions specifically identifying the financial exposure/commitment of the Town of Simsbury; (iv) whether or not contracts, licenses and other legal documents have been reviewed by the Town's counsel; and (v) other information that will inform the Board of Selectmen's consideration of your submission. Include any additional information in an attached memorandum.):

As part of his Eagle Scout requirements, Daniel Gerardi is proposing a landscaping project for the flagpole area in front of the Simsbury Farms Apple Barn. As detailed in his proposal, Daniel will utilize a crew of volunteers to clear out underbrush, invasive species, and diseased shrubs. Department staff will assist with the tree cutting and disposal. He will then landscape the area as described.

Daniel met with Bruce Powell, a local arborist, Susan Prentice of the Simsbury Garden Club, and me to discuss and revise the project. He also presented his proposal to the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission at their 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Commission unanimously endorsed the project.

This will be a tremendous improvement to a very visible area. We look forward to working with Daniel on this project.

7. **Description of documents included with submission** (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):

*The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:*

Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Daniel Gerardi

## Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Daniel Gerardi, Troop 76

My proposed project concerns the area in front of the Simsbury Apple Barn. Right now, there is a flagpole and a stone monument, which is dedicated to a WWI veteran, Orin P. Kilbourn. His family sold the land on which the Apple Barn sits to the town of Simsbury. The landscaped area around this monument, which measures approximately 30 feet by 55 feet, is terribly overgrown. I have consulted with Mr. Bruce Powell, a local arborist, who said that some of the trees are diseased and recommended removing the four trees and most of the shrubs in this area. There is also a lot of underbrush, including invasive species, which would need to be removed. My idea is to remove the trees and most of the bushes. There are 3 rhododendrons, as well as two burning bushes, which I will try to salvage and prune. I would like to plant perennial flowers around the flagpole and monument and add some flowering shrubs to the area. I would like the shrubs to be flowering in spring and summer, with others having fall interest. I would also like the shrubs to be no more than 4 to 5 feet high when they mature so they will not block out the view of the meadow and ridge across the street from the benches in front of the Apple Barn. I would then cover the area with at least 5 inches of mulch.

I have met several times with Mr. Toner to discuss this project. He has said that he could provide someone from the town to cut down the trees and a chipper and truck to remove the debris. I will be using volunteers to help me with the work and will be seeking donations from local nurseries and businesses to fund my project.

If possible, when my project is complete, I would like to have a re-dedication ceremony, inviting the Kilbourn family (if they can be located) and/or some members of the local American Legion.