



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:** February 21, 2013

2. **Date of Board Meeting:** February 25, 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:

Extend the term of the non-exclusive license agreement for the use of the Stoddard Reservoir between the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fish and Game Club, Inc. by four years from March 31, 2013 to March 31, 2017.

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.):**

Gerard G. Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation
860-408-4682
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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.):

The Simsbury Fish and Game Club, Inc. has had a non-exclusive license agreement with the Town for the Stoddard Reservoir Pond Fishing Program since 2000. Most recently, it was renewed in 2009 and is set to expire on March 31, 2013. The club wishes to extend the agreement for four more years with all the provisions in the existing license agreement.

The current arrangement has worked well over the years and allowed for a great opportunity for residents of all ages. The agreement allows residents to purchase fishing permits for use of the pond. The Fish and Game Club members have been excellent stewards of the property and have always been current in providing all required documents.

I recommend that Board of Selectmen approve extension of the existing agreement in a form revised by the Town Attorney.

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:

Letter of request from Fred Bonini, President of the Simsbury Fish and Game Club, Inc.
Board of Selectmen resolution for current license agreement.

**SIMSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RESOLUTION
SIMSBURY FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC. LICENSE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, since March 23, 2000, the Simsbury Fish and Game Club, Inc. has operated an annual fishing program on Town-owned land at the Stoddard Reservoir Pond; and

WHEREAS, the fishing program is an excellent passive use of open space land acquired through the State of Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Simsbury Fish and Game Club, Inc. desires to continue the program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Culture, Parks and Recreation recommend that the program continue; and

WHEREAS, the Simsbury Board of Selectmen finds it is in the public interests to continue the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the term of the License Agreement dated March 27, 2000 be extended for four years from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2013; and
2. That the First Selectman is authorized to execute an extension of the term for four years on a form as approved by the Town Attorney; and
3. That all other terms and conditions of the March 27, 2000 License Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

SIMSBURY FISH & GAME CLUB
P.O. BOX 252
SIMSBURY, CT 06070

November 2, 2012

Mr. Gerard C. Toner
Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation
Town of Simsbury
60 Old Farms Road
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Simsbury, CT 06070

Dear Mr. Toner

The non-exclusive license agreement with the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fish & Game Club for the use of the Stoddard Reservoir for the Simsbury Fish & Game Clubs fishing program expires on March 1, 2013. Please consider this letter a request from the Simsbury Fish & Game Club to continue the agreement for an additional four years until March 1, 2017 as per the terms of the current agreement.

The Simsbury Fish & Game Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the sport of fishing, conservation of natural resources and the promotion of outdoor activities in cooperation with the Town of Simsbury and the State of Connecticut. The Simsbury Fish & Game Club has been promoting sportsmanship and a fishing tradition in Simsbury for **seventy-four years**.

The current agreement between the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fish & Game Club has been an outstanding success that provided excellent fishing in the Stoddard Reservoir for members and their children. The annual Children's Fishing Derby has been improved and is a focal point of the club for continued upgrade in order to promote the sport of fishing and outdoor activities for kids. Please see pictures attached of the 2012 Children's Fishing Derby.

The October 2011 snow storm did a lot of tree damage at the Stoddard Reservoir. The club work crews pulled together to clean up the area with the help of the Simsbury Parks and Recreation to prepare and make the area safe prior to the 2012 fishing season. It was a cooperative job well done by all.

In accordance with the agreement with the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fish & Game Club we will continue to provide the Town of Simsbury the following information per the agreement:

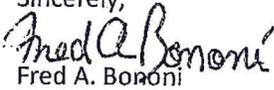
- . **Current Financial Statement**
- . **Budget Proposal for ensuing year**
- . **Copy of current Insurance coverage on Stoddard Reservoir**

. Copy of Stoddard Reservoir Fishing Regulations

The Simsbury Fish & Game Club is looking forward to continuing the Stoddard Reservoir fishing agreement with the Town of Simsbury. We look forward to working with the Simsbury Parks and Recreation to promote the fishing opportunity available through the Town of Simsbury and the Simsbury Fish and Game Club. We also plan to utilize the Town of Simsbury Parks and Recreation website to provide information on how to obtain Town Permits and increase members in the fishing program.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or I would be happy to meet with you if you require additional details.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Fred A. Bononi in cursive script.

Fred A. Bononi

President

Simsbury Fish & Game Club Inc.