

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Lisa Heavner; Board members Sean Askham, Elaine Lang, Christopher Kelly, Michael Paine and Cheryl Cook. Others in attendance included: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services, Sean Kimball, Director of Finance; Sarah Nielson, Main Street Partnership; and other interested parties.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 76 lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Walter Banzack, 26 Westpoint Terrace, Tariffville and member of the Tariffville Water Commission, noted that item d) of the agenda should be Tariffville Water Tank, not water tower.

Steve Mitchell, 165 Old Farms Road and Bruce Donald, President of the Farmington Valley Trails Council, etc. spoke about the East Coast Greenway bike trails. Mr. Mitchell said he was representing the Tourism Committee and that Simsbury is an economic driver for the trails. He and Mr. Banzack spoke about the marketing for the East Coast Greenway and the trails. More information can be seen at Simsbury bike trails/biking. They spoke about having more available parking spaces for bikers.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, spoke about upcoming events at The Grange including Spring Cleaning and Electronic Recycling this Saturday at Andy’s Market from 9-12. She said Troop 76 will be helping out and a drive-up, drop off is available.

Ms. Masino also spoke about biking and the scheduling of buses to hopefully run during the weekends and at nights to bring in more tourists.

Mr. Askham made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) in connection with pending litigation – Gladney vs. Simsbury, USDC Case No. 3:13-cv-00646 (MPS). Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- **Memorial Day Parade Wounded Warrior Bake Sale**

Haley Latorre, from Simsbury High School, spoke about the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Wounded Warrior Project Bake Sale. She spoke about how she became a part of this project. The Bake Sale will be held on May 30, 2016 at Martocchio Music parking lot at 12:30 with all proceeds benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information or to donate baked goods visit: [www.woundedvetsstrong.com](http://www.woundedvetsstrong.com) or send an email to [simsburykidswwp@gmail.com](mailto:simsburykidswwp@gmail.com).

Ms. Latorre also spoke about a new project called “Wounded Vets Strong”, which was started this spring at the High School. This will help in the support of Fisher House and the Wounded Warrior Project. The Fisher House also helps Veterans and their families to find places to live and get medical attention if needed.

- **Quarterly Financials Update**

Mr. Kimball said the Town’s revenues are favorable. He went through the rest of the quarterly budget figures. Mr. Kimball said the State hasn’t approved their budget to date and is now having to go into a special session.

Mr. Kimball spoke about the Board of Finance asking for the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen to decrease their budgets. They have not yet approved the Simsbury budget either.

There was more discussion on the Simsbury and State budgets and when they will be approved. It was noted that the Board does not wish to reduce or change the Assistant Town Engineer position as they feel that department is understaffed.

Mr. Shea asked the Board to continue with the Town’s master plan study and not move it out four years. The Town staff has done a great job to help, but there is a lot of information to gather before the plan gets approved and the staff can’t do it all. He said it could possibly be put out one year, but four would be too long. There was also some concern from the Board about moving the plan out four years.

There was also some discussion on Eversource. Ms. Heaver said there are ongoing conversations with the Town and Eversource at this time.

Mr. Askham made a motion to amend the agenda to add First selectman’s Report after item e) Approve Tax Refunds. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**a) Budget Discussion and Possible Action**

Mr. Askham made a motion that the Town’s facilities mast plan be moved out of the current CIP Plan. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**b) Approve Appropriation from Reserve for Simsbury High School Turf Field Replacement in the amount of \$660,000**

Ms. Heavner introduced Burke LeClair to explain this issue. Mr. LeClair spoke about the proposed House Bill No. 5139 that seeks to “prohibit the installation of ground cover that contains shredded or ground rubber recycled...tires in municipal and public school playgrounds.”

Mr. LeClair said this project is very important and has been several years in the making. It needs to be completed before the start of the next school season. He highlighted some issues they reviewed in their consideration process. He also explained how they came up with the \$660,000.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation in accordance with Section 809(c) of the Town Charter in the amount of \$660,000 for the Simsbury High School Turf Field Replacement Project. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Lang made a motion to recommend, to the Board of Finance, the removal of this project (#51) from the Capital Improvement Program list of projects for 2016-17 funding. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**c) Approval of Main Street Investment Fund Grant Application**

Ms. Heavner said Main Street Investment Fund grant applications must be projects that are part of a plan previously approved by the governing body of the municipality to develop or improve a Town commercial center to attract small businesses, promote commercial viability and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access.

Sarah Nielson gave a power point presentation and thanked Ms. Heavner and Mr. Cook for all their help, along with all the Department Heads. She said the State is currently funding the Main Street Investment Fund.

Ms. Cook made the following motion:

**Certified Resolution of the Legislative Body**

The Legislative Body of the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut met on Monday, May 9, 2016 and adopted a resolution by the vote of 6 to nothing which:

- (1) Authorizes submission of the funding application – Simsbury Streetscape Project under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1; and
- (2) Identifies Lisa Heavner, First Selectman, as an individual authorized to sign the State of Connecticut Department of Housing Main Street Investment Fund application and administer the grant and the project. Such application is attached to and made part of this record.

Attested to by: (to be determined)

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

**d) Set Public Hearing Date for Proposal to Relocate the Tariffville Water Tank**

Ms. Lang made a motion to set a Public Hearing Date of May 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for proposal to relocate the Tariffville Water Tank. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**e) Approve Tax Refunds**

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$93.78 as recommended the approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT**

Ms. Heavner said there is a Medication Drop Box is located in the lobby of the Police Department.

She also announced that the Simsbury Farms Golf Course is one of six courses selected to receive pro-bono consulting visits and evaluations by the United States Golf Association and the American Society of Golf Courses Architects.

Ms. Heavner announced that the Department of Public Works received a pro-bono road safety audit of trail and street intersections through the Connecticut Department of Transportation’s Community Connectivity Program.

Ms. Heavner congratulated Captain Nick Boulter who was one of 230 law enforcement officers from across the country and beyond who graduated from the FBI National Academy Program in Virginia. This Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders.

Ms. Heaver said road paving will be in full swing in the next few weeks. For more information go to: <http://simsburytv.org/v/liQsDCrWBaA>.

Ms. Heavner thanked everyone who joined the Board on their ride May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Heavner said the Garden Homes is now under construction along with 272 residential units for rent by Land Works as part of the Highcroft Apartment Homes and Highcroft Townhomes along Powder Forest Drive. She said Berkshire Bank is working on interior fit-out and is not yet open.

Ms. Heavner congratulated and welcomed Andy and Mary Clair Whalen, owners of Maher’s Simsbury Paint Store as a new business to Simsbury.

Mr. Heavner reminded everyone that Simsbury’s Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Tariffville parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the foot of Winthrop Street and concludes at St. Bernard Cemetery. The Simsbury Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. at Owen Brook and concludes at Eno Memorial Hall. She thanked the many volunteers for all their time and effort to organize these parades.

Ms. Heavner went through the schedule for the Talcott Mountain Music Festival at the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business at this time.

#### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

- a) **Acknowledge the resignation of Philip J. Purciello, III (R) as a regular member of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency effective April 26, 2016**

Ms. Cook made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Philip Purciello as a regular member of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency effective April 26, 2016 with thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**b) Appoint Jason L. Levy (R) as a regular member of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency with an expiration date of January 1, 2020**

Mr. Paine made a motion to appoint Jason Levy as a regular member of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Agency with an expiration date of January 1, 2020. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**a) Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016**

Mr. Paine made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2016 as amended. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Amendment to page 1, Public Hearing, paragraph 4, It is a very fair Amendment and feels it is a very important gesture (change from “jester to gesture”).

**SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ms. Heavner said the Clean Energy Task Force are applying for an electric vehicle charging station at Town Hall.

Ms. Cook said the Community for Care has cancelled their June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and program as there was a conflict with the graduation ceremony. They will have a regular meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Askham said the Board received the Charter Revision Commission’s final report. Mr. Cooke said the Board now has 45 days to consider and hold a Public Hearing. He will email the Board members with the procedures.

- 1. Personnel** - No report at this time.
- 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** – No report at this time.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to amend the agenda to add more public audience. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, apologized for missing the first part of this meeting. She spoke again about the issue with her car bumper sticker, about furniture donated from The Hartford, the Charter Revision Commission’s final report changes and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke the High School turf replacement budget issue, The Hartford donation of furniture, the Charter Revision Committee’s final report, and other issues.

#### **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Cook made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) in connection with pending litigation – Gladney vs. Simsbury, USDC Case No. 3:13-cv-00646 (MPS) at 7:40 p.m.; to include Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Lang made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **ADOURN**

Ms. Lang made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk