

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: Deputy First Selectman Christopher Kelly; Board members Cheryl Cook, Sean Askham, Michael Paine, and Elaine Lang. First Selectman Lisa Heavner was absent. Others in attendance included: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services; Sean Kimball, Director of Finance/Treasurer, and other interested parties.

Mr. Kelly said Ms. Heavner was not in attendance as she is at a ceremony for a Town employee who is receiving an award tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Boy Scouts.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about changing to a Professional Town Manager form of government, moving SCTV out of Eno Memorial Hall to make more room for the Senior Center, a Police Department grievance, the Land Use Commissions, and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about the Republican Party in Simsbury, Mr. Elliot’s resignation, and read part of a WWI poem.

Richard Anderson, Woodhaven, from the Simsbury Theatre Guild encouraged everyone to see *Beauty and the Beast* at their three performances this weekend at the High School.

Mark Orenstein, 82 Old Meadow Plain Road and from SCTV spoke about SCTV’s matching grant for \$35,000.00 they received to increase video capabilities and studio upgrades. He said they are in their final stages of raising money and urged everyone to donate. For more information, visit SimsburyTV.org.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Proclamation –National Bone Marrow Awareness Month**

Alan Brandt said his son donated bone marrow to an 18 year old boy in PA. They now want to bring attention to how easy it is to be tested to donate bone marrow. Unfortunately, the young man, Brandon, passed away a few weeks ago. The website for more information is www.bethematch.org and they look for donors between the ages of 18-45.

Mr. Kelly said everyone was very impressed by the presentation Alan and his son did previously. We are sorry to hear about Brandon and they would like his family to know how much they are appreciated. Alan said he would be sure to give a copy of the Proclamation to the family.

Mr. Askham read the Proclamation from the Town of Simsbury.

- **Annual Recycling Award**

Mary Turner, 11 Barnard Drive, Chairman of the Simsbury Recycling Committee said the George Hall Farm has provided the local community with organic and naturally grown produce since 1966. She said the Farm is committed to expanding its use of compost and mulching techniques. She said there are also many activities at the Farm. The Recycling Committee unanimously voted to present the Annual Recycling Award to the George Hall Farm.

Ms. Turner said Ashley Lane would be accepting the award for the George Hall Farm as Darren Hall, manager, was not available this evening.

Mr. Lane accepted this award on behalf of Darren Hall and the Hall Family members who are operating the farm. He thanked the committee for this award.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Mr. Kelly gave an overview of the report. He said Ms. Heavner and Tom Roy were not at this meeting tonight as they are at an awards ceremony for Tom Roy, Director of Public Works. He is receiving the Richard C. Lee Innovators Award from Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. He said this award is an individual award for municipal leaders who have developed unique and creative projects and programs to increase the effectiveness of local government. He asked everyone to congratulate Mr. Roy the next time they see him.

Ms. Cook said Community for Care would be holding a presentation “Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention” on November 15th at the Simsbury Public Library Program Room at 6:30. There will be a lot of information about signs and symptoms and how to respond to certain situations. For more information, contact Simsbury Social Services at (860) 658-3283 or email Ms. Cook on the Town website.

Mr. Kelly said many people came to the Veteran’s Memorial yesterday. He thanked everyone who made that Memorial happen and Terri Hahn of Landscape Architectural Design Associates.

He said this Memorial will honor the 98 residents of Simsbury who died while in service to their country since the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Kelly asked everyone to join in welcoming Adam Kessler, to the Engineering Department as a new Project Engineer. He has over 10 years of consulting experience in land development.

For all other updates, please check the Town website.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve FY16 Board of Selectmen General Funds Budget Transfers

Mr. Kimball spoke about FY16 budge transfers. He said the Town is coming in favorably by over \$64,000 on the expenditure side and revenues were favorable over \$1,380,000.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Intra-Departmental transfers for FY16 as recommended by the Finance Director/Treasurer. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to recommend, to the Board of Finance, the Inter-Departmental transfers as presented by the Finance Director/Treasurer. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Lang made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,823.73 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Authorize the First Selectwoman to execute a Dial-A-Ride Operating Assistance Grant Contract with the Greater Hartford Transit District in the amount of \$6,517.00

Ms. Lang made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Operating Assistance Grant Contract between the Greater Hartford Transit District and the Town of Simsbury in the amount of \$6,517.00. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Acknowledge the resignation of Bruce H. Elliott as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission effective November 20, 2016

Ms. Lang made a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Bruce H. Elliott as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission effective November 20, 2016 with our thanks. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Appoint Joe Buda (D) as a regular member of the Tourism Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017

Ms. Cook made a motion to appoint Joe Buda as a regular member of the Tourism Committee with an expiration date of December 4, 2017. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of October 24, 2016

No changes were made to the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2016 and therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Personnel** – there was no report at this time.
2. **Finance** - there was no report at this time.
3. **Welfare** – there was no report at this time.
4. **Public Safety** – there was no report at this time.
5. **Board of Education** – there was no report at this time.

Ms. Cook said the Public Building Committee did take up their new charge on Eno Memorial Hall, after the last Board meeting, and have referred it to an architect who is working with the Historical Society. We are looking for their new recommendations.

Ms. Lang spoke about the Tourism Committee and holiday shopping. She spoke about *Simsbury Celebrates* on November 26th. She said there will be new features this year including a European style holiday market. There is also a Black Friday/Small Business Saturday event as well.

Mr. Paine said the Clean Energy Task Force met about purchasing street lights, They have recommended the use of 3000 watt LED lights.

Mr. Askham said the Tri-board meeting is tomorrow in the Board of Education Room.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk