

# Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 02/18/2010

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2010

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Leo Collins, Janet Goman, and Greg Piecuch were present. Also in attendance were David C. Bell, Venue Manager, Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Kristen Phillips, Executive Director of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra.

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This agenda item was passed temporarily.

## III. HSO PLANS FOR 2010 SEASON

Ms. Phillips stated that the HSO was issuing a press release on February 19 to announce the 2010 Talcott Mountain Music Festival. The dates and themes of the concerts are as follows:

6/25 - Edward Cumming conducting Vivaldi, Pachelbel, Handel, with Fireworks

7/2 – Edward Cumming conducting Celebrate America, with Fireworks

7/9 - Spectrum presents A Tribute to Motown and R&B

7/14 – Victor Vanacore conducts Classic Rock Under the Stars

## 7/16 – Classical Mystery Tour – with original Broadway Beatlemania Cast Members

Ms. Phillips expressed an interest in seeing the Board move forward to consider further capital improvements to the facility. The Board discussed the need for the Board of Selectmen to consider and act upon the Board's recommendations concerning governance and the formation of a charitable foundation.

## IV. ATC REPORT ON 2009-2010 PLAN – MARKETING, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET

Mr. Bell presented his report. He has downloaded the software necessary to update the PAC website. He has met with town staff to discuss capital maintenance and improvements to the facility. He has reached out to MassConcerts, Premier Concerts, Live Nation and others. Mr. Bell also stated that he has had discussions with the HSO concerning the upcoming TMMF season. He has also discussed with Ms. Phillips a possible shift to a percentage-based (rather than per-ticket) facility management fee. A proposal will be given to the PAC Board to consider at its next regular meeting. Fireworks have been booked for the June 25 and July 2 shows. The Board of Education reports that it wishes to hold commencement on June 18 (subject to change if there are additional snow days).

## II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Piecuch moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2010, special meeting. Mrs. Goman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## V. RECOMMENDATIONS ON REQUESTS TO USE THE PAC OR ADJACENT AREAS

The Board reviewed and discussed a request by St. Mary's Church to hold its annual Spring Carnival on a portion of the Iron Horse Boulevard parking lots on June 16-19, 2010. Mr. Bell noted that the Simsbury High School graduation ceremony is currently scheduled for June 18, which may pose parking challenges.

Mr. Piecuch moved to inform the Board of Selectmen that the request does not propose to use the Performing Arts Center, but may conflict with the Simsbury High School graduation ceremony currently scheduled for Friday, June 18th. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request by Amir Sheybani to hold a concert to benefit the Canton High School music department. Mr. Bell stated that he is waiting to hear back from Mr. Sheybani with more details concerning the proposed concert.

Mr. Piecuch moved to table the proposal pending the receipt of more information from Mr. Sheybani. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request by the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce to use a portion of the Iron Horse Boulevard parking lots from September 10-12, 2010, for its Home Improvement Show.

Mr. Piecuch moved to inform the Board of Selectmen that the request does not propose to use the Performing Arts Center and is not in conflict with any other scheduled event. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION TO THE TOWN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Ryan circulated a proposed submission from the PAC Board for the Town's Annual Report.

Mr. Piecuch moved to approve the proposed submission for the Town's Annual Report as drafted. Mrs. Goman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Piecuch moved to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Mrs. Goman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch  
Vice-Chairman