

# **Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 04/13/2009**

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2009

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Leo Collins, Janet Goman, Ken Mason, Greg Piecuch and Adam Sharaf were present. John Paddock arrived at 7:10. Also in attendance were Gerry Toner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Distel, Venue Manager.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2009 MEETING**

Mr. Piecuch moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2009. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Sharaf abstained. Mr. Paddock was not present for this vote.

## **III. RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON PAC/IRON HORSE BOULEVARD USE REQUESTS**

There were no pending requests.

## **IV. DISCUSSION OF, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON, USING THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Piecuch stated that he believed that detailed quotes should be provided to the Board for discussion and vote before any expenditure from the Special Revenue Fund is authorized. Mrs. Goman questioned whether it was appropriate to make any capital expenditures this year given the financial climate. Mr. Sharaf stated that he believed that, to the extent action by the Board of Selectmen is required, the Performing Arts Center Board should act first, with a detailed proposal sent by the Performing Arts Center Board to the Board of Selectmen for ratification. After further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Distel and Mr. Toner would solicit bids for the three possible capital projects, and that these quotes would be provided to the Performing Arts Center Board for further discussion and possible action at a future special meeting.

## V. STATUS REPORT ON GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATION

An initial review of the three major concepts put forward by the Task Force—to wit, (1) governance by a Town Board, (2) governance by a special authority, and (3) governance by a non-stock corporation—had begun. It was agreed that a request would be made of the Town Attorney to prepare a legal memorandum detailing the mechanisms and consequences of each of these three options, as well as any other possible governance alternatives.

## VI. 2009 SEASON MARKETING STATUS REPORT

Mr. Distel reported that a performance to be promoted by Higher Ground Music date was unlikely to materialize. Discussions with Premier concerning a possible concert are ongoing. Negotiations with the REACH Foundation to promote one or two concerts in August have been positive and resolution is likely in the next few weeks. There was no report of any further contact with Live Nation.

## VII. DISCUSSION OF, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON, PROMOTION OF A CAPITOL STEPS EVENT

This matter was tabled.

## VIII. OTHER POSSIBLE 2009 CONCERT DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Distel distributed a listing of current dates. No further discussion or action was necessary.

## IX. REVIEW OF, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON, PAC POLICIES DRAFTED BY JOHN PADDOCK

The Board reviewed the draft Acceptable Use and Concessions policies. Suggestions were made for changes. Mr. Paddock agreed to amend accordingly and distribute revised drafts for possible action at a future meeting. No further action was taken.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sharaf moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch  
Vice-Chairman

