

Performing Arts Center Board Minutes 11/19/2008

SIMSBURY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER BOARD
NOVEMBER 19, 2008
SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dave Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. In addition to Mr. Ryan, Board members Leo Collins, Janet Goman, Ken Mason, John Paddock and Greg Piecuch were present. Also in attendance were Selectman Bob Hensley, BOS liaison, Gerry Toner, Director of Parks & Recreation, and Keith Distel, Venue Manager.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Piecuch moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2008. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Board reviewed the 2008 Financial Statement for the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows that had been prepared by John Wilcox. A letter submitting the statements to the Simsbury Board of Selectmen was also reviewed. The Board discussed to what extent other Boards and Commissions incorporated depreciation into their financial statements.

Mr. Mason moved to submit the letter and the Financial Statement

to the Simsbury Board of Selectmen after providing a separate line for the Depreciation Expense presentation in the Financial Statement and adding a paragraph explaining the depreciation expense in the letter. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. FY 2009 MARKETING REPORT

Mr. Distel presented a draft license agreement with the HSO. The TMMF dates are set and discussions are underway with the HSO on a contract. Mr. Piecuch expressed his opinion that Mr. Distel ought to be the primary contact point for negotiations with the HSO. To the extent that either Mr. Distel or the HSO believes that there is a need for town officials to be involved in the process, a bipartisan contingent of Board members ought to assume that role, rather than the First Selectman. Mr. Distel also discussed the effort to bring new major entertainment events for 2009.

V. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF POTENTIAL CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS

The Board continued its discussion of possible capital project requests. In response to questions from the Board, it was agreed that Mr. Distel would conduct further research and study, and would present further information at the December meeting. Mr. Toner said that the submission of capital requests should be made in December.

VI. 2009 SEASON PLANNING DISCUSSION

Due to the lateness of the hour, this matter was tabled.

VII. DISCUSSION OF, AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF, JOHN PADDOCK'S REVISED POLICY STATEMENTS

Due to the lateness of the hour, this matter was tabled.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paddock moved to adjourn at 8:36 a.m. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory W. Piecuch