

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – JULY 16, 2015  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

**Christopher Kelly**, Chairman, called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 7:00a.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2015 in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices located at 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT. The following members were also present: **Chief James Baldis**, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, **Nicholas Boulter**, Captain, Simsbury Police Department, **Lucy Bowman**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Michael Delehanty**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Peter Ingverson**, Chief, Simsbury Police Department, **Kevin Kowalski**, Simsbury Volunteer Fire Department, **Mickey Lecours-Beck**, Director, Town of Simsbury Social Services, **Mark Massaro**, Eversource Town Liaison, **Sarah Nielson**, Main Street Partnership, **Thomas Roy**, Director of Public Works, **Tony Uanino**, Chamber of Commerce and **Kevin Witkos**, Eversource and State Senator. Also in attendance was Leslie Brigham, Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

No one spoke at Public Audience.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Approve minutes from Regular Meeting on May 21, 2015

Minutes were approved for the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2015.

**2. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

- Ambulance – Mr. Delehanty discussed the number of calls received in 2015 to date vs 2014 calls. He noted that they are working on the final plans for the EMT class that will start in October, 2015.
- Board of Education - No representative at meeting.
- Civil Preparedness – Mr. Kowalski noted that the FM Radio is currently under test mode and will be broadcasting a couple of hours a day. He stated that they will have a small committee set up for production once it is up and running. Mr. Kowalski noted that there will be a “grand opening” in October with an open house for the Simsbury Fire Department. He stated that they are still working on a date for a mass casualty drill.

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- Fire – Chief Baldis noted there is nothing to report.
- Farmington Valley Health District – No representative at meeting.
- Police – Chief Ingvertson discussed the recent food drive for the Simsbury Food Pantry by the Citizen’s Academy. He noted that another food drive is scheduled for the beginning of August sponsored by the Junior Police Academy. Chief Ingvertson also noted that they are working with Social Services on a Distracted Driver day. He also stated that the Police Department is currently working on a Speed Enforcement Grant from the State of Connecticut.
- Social Services – Ms. Lecours-Beck noted that Social Services is sponsoring a Family Day on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Simsbury Farms from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. She also thanked Chief Ingvertson and Kevin Kowalski for the food donations and stated that food is still needed for the Food Pantry.
- Public Works – Mr. Roy noted that the tree at the corner of Nimrod Road and West Mountain will be cut down in the next couple weeks. He also discussed the assistance Public Works is giving to the Parks and Recreation department to help clear the Bike Paths to help sight lines.
- Board of Education – No representative at meeting.
- Other Updates – No other updates.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

Senator Witkos stated that he and John Hampton did their annual session taping with SCTV and will be on television. He also noted that both John Hampton and himself voted against the State Budget and are concerned with the capping of the mill rate.

Senator Witkos noted that they had a meeting to discuss a staging site for a large storm area that would be able to store approximately 300 trucks. He stated that they decided on the backlots of Iron Horse Boulevard and this has been accepted by Eversource. Senator Witkos noted that Stratton Brook State Park can be used for a smaller scale storm and may be used for supervisors.

Mr. Kowalski noted that the Fire Department has been selected to receive a Firefighters’ Grant by the Federal Government FEMA to replace all of the department’s breathing apparatus. He stated that the cost is approximately \$500,000 and they will receive \$461,000 from the Grant.

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Chief Baldis stated that the initiative for the Grant came from Mr. Kowalski and thanked him for his work on this.

Mr. Kowalski noted that the ordinance for the fire hydrants has come back from the Town’s attorney and they are waiting for the Board of Selectmen to put on their agenda.

**4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE**

As discussed under Civil Preparedness.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lecours-Beck seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Brigham