

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town of Simsbury. Present were: First Selectman Lisa Heavner; Board members Sean Askham, Michael Paine, Cheryl Cook, Nancy Haase and Christopher Kelly. Others in attendance included Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about the Marine Corp. and their saying that they will never leave a Marine behind whether you or injured or deceased. He spoke about a Marine who was buried in a mass grave in 1944 and whose remains were finally returned 70 years later, so he could be buried in his hometown of Southwick.

Mr. Kalechman also spoke about a grant requested for more bike trails. He feels the Town needs better roads before new bike trails.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about her candidacy for First Selectman and a Town Management form of government. She also spoke about the concert encouraging the use of marijuana, the Senior Center, and the dangers at the 4th of July fireworks and concert.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this time.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Ms. Heavner said the Aging and Disabilities Commission and the Simsbury Special Education Parent Teacher Organization were going to hold the Picnic in the Park on August 22, 2015 at St. Catherine of Siena Church from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. The deadline for RSVP to Diana Yeisley is August 7th at Yeisley 2@comcast.net or by calling the Simsbury Senior Center at 860-658-3273.

Ms. Heavner said the Simsbury Social Services Department is once again offering its Back to School Program for Simsbury families. To be eligible, families must be enrolled in a state or local Social Service program. Eligible families will receive a Walmart gift card to purchase school clothes or supplies. Residents can set up an appointment or get further information by calling the Social Service Department at 860-658-3282.

Ms. Heavner said Friday, July 24th would close out the Talcott Mountain Music Festival at the Performing Arts Center. The Hartford Symphony will feature the Music of Queen. She said the Town has been very fortunate to have the Hartford Symphony as summer guests for over two decades and she encouraged everyone to attend. For tickets or more information, please visit the Simsbury Meadows Performing Arts Center, Inc. at www.simsburymeadowsmusic.com.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$16,112.54 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Public Gathering Application Events

Ms. Heavner noted that the Fly-in is also monitored by the FAA.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Public Gathering Applications for the September 20th Simsbury Fly-in and October 4th Shred Kids Cancer Rock the Run 5K contingent upon Health District approval. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase made a motion to approve the Public Gathering Applications for the 2nd Annual Latimer Lane PTO Road Race and Fun Run on September 13th and the Simsbury Chamber of Commerce Halloween Festival/Celebration – SMPAC- October 31st. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Potential Action on Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions for Powder Forest Business Park

Ms. Heavner said this went through Zoning and received unanimous support. She said this request is from Ensign-Bickford Realty Corporation to terminate the Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions at Powder Forest Business Park pending sale of the property.

Mr. Paine made a motion to consent to Termination of the Declaration of Easements, Covenants and Restrictions at Powder Forest Business Park subject to review of the Town Attorney. Also, the submission date should be July 23, 2015 instead of June 23, 2015. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Mitigations Assistance (FMA) Grant Application for Demolition of existing structure at 1 Old Bridge Road

Ms. Heavner noted that this really doesn't need to come before the Board of Selectmen, but she wanted to keep everyone informed. There is a quick deadline, August 5th, for this application. The actual recommendation will come from the Open Space Committee.

Ms. Haase made a motion to authorize the submission of a grant application for the demolition of the existing structure on Town owned property located at 1 Old Bridge Road. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Update on Senior Community Center Project

Mr. Cooke said they met with a programmer. He toured the property and met with the staff and some seniors as well. He has also met with the Library staff and Culture, Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Cook said he will be a valuable asset and feels it is great that he also spoke with some of our seniors.

Ms. Heavner said he will be back and he is one of the leading experts in the nation. Hopefully, he will come before this Board with more information.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Appoint Jeffrey E. Tindall (D) as a regular member of the Board of Education with an expiration date of December 7, 2015

Ms. Haase made a motion to appoint Jeffrey E. Tindall as a regular member of the Board of Education with an expiration date of December 7, 2015. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Appoint Charter Revision Sub-Committee

Mr. Kelly made a motion to appoint Jeffrey E. Tindall, Mary Glassman, Melissa Osborne, Anita Mielert, Paul Henault, Lydia Tedone and Thomas G. Benneche, and Ed Pabich to the Charter Revision Sub-Committee. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner said they still need to appoint an unaffiliated member to the Charter Revision Sub-Committee and Board of Ethics Sub-Committee.

c) Appoint Board of Ethics Sub-Committee

Ms. Cook made a motion to expand the Charter Revision Sub-Committee to include appointing the unaffiliated member of the Board of Ethics, which include Sean Askham and Christopher Kelly. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Accept the resignation of Nancy M. Haase (R) as a regular member of the Board of Selectmen effective July 24, 2015

Ms. Heavner said it had been an honor to have worked with Ms. Haase and wished her much luck.

Mr. Askham said he would not approve, but acknowledge the resignation of Ms. Haase as a regular member of the Board of Selectmen effective July 24, 2015. Mr. Paine seconded the acknowledgement. All were in favor, with Ms. Haase abstaining, and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase said it was an honor to serve with everyone on her long journey. She thanked everyone on the Boards, Committees and staff for all their hard work. She thanked the voters who voted for her three times. She also recognized Hiram Peck, who is also leaving his position. She thanked her boss, at her regular job, and especially her husband and family.

e) Appoint Nancy M. Haase (R) as a regular member of the Economic Development Task Force with an expiration date of December 7, 2015

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Nancy M. Haase as a regular member of the Economic Development Task Force with an expiration date of December 7, 2015. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Mr. Haase abstaining, and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- a) **Special Meeting of June 22, 2015** – no action was taken and therefore, the minutes were adopted.
- b) **Regular Meeting of June 22, 2015** – no action was taken and therefore, the minutes were adopted.
- c) **Special Meeting of June 29, 2015** – no action was taken and therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel:

a) Approval of WPCA Engineering Inspector Job Description

Mr. Kelly said the Personnel Sub-Committee met last week to discuss the job description, title and salary range for the position of WPCA Engineering Associate to the position of WPCA Engineering Inspector. He said the key changes were broader responsibilities and expansion of the Associate duties.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve job description, title and salary range changes for the position of WPCA Engineering Inspector to Grad A3+ as recommended by the WPCA. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Ms. Cook, the liaison to Aging and Disabilities, said the Picnic in the Park is a great opportunity for everyone to socialize with families of disabled people. It is a great, joyous event and she encouraged everyone to attend.

Ms. Haase reminded everyone that the next Task Force meeting will be on August 11th at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Paine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board of Selectmen moved into Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

- a) Hop760, LLC vs. Town of Simsbury**
- b) Darlar, LLC v. Town of Simsbury**

In addition to the Board of Selectmen, Director of Administrative Services Thomas Cooke was present.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Haase made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Mr. Askham seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

Possible Action

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the proposed settlement of Hop760, LLC v. Town of Simsbury in the amount of \$9,000 subject to submission of a site plan acceptable to Town Staff and Town Counsel. Ms. Haase seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the proposed settlement of Darlar, LLC v. Town of Simsbury in the amount of \$9,000. Mr. Askham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Ms. Haase made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Askham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathi Radocchio, Clerk