

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN – PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 19, 2015
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CALL TO ORDER

Sean Askham called the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Subcommittee to order at 7:02 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 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, **Michael Berry**, Emergency Management, **Nicholas Boulter**, Captain, Simsbury Police Department, **Lucy Bowman**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Thomas Cooke**, Director of Administrative Services, **Michael Delehanty**, Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, **Lisa Heavner**, First Selectman, **Peter Ingverson**, Chief, Simsbury Police Department, **Burke LaClair**, Board of Education, Business Manager, **Mickey Lecours-Beck**, Director, Town of Simsbury Social Services, **Sarah Nielson**, Main Street Partnership, **Thomas Roy**, Director of Public Works, **Tony Uanino**, Chamber of Commerce and **Gary Wilcox**, President, Simsbury Fire District. Also in attendance were Jennifer Kertanis, Farmington Valley Health District, Nancy Scheetz, Visiting Nursing Association and 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 September 17, 2015

Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. UPDATES AND REPORTS

- **Ambulance** – Mr. Delehanty noted that they have added a third ambulance. He stated that they recently had an opportunity to purchase an “orphaned” ambulance that was for an organization that went bankrupt before they could take ownership. Mr. Delehanty stated that they are currently in negotiations to sign the contract. They are also working with the Department of Public Health for authorization for the third ambulance.

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- **Board of Education** –Mr. LaClair thanked the Police Department, Public Works any others that supported the safe route to schools held in the fall. He also thanked the same group for being part of the EOC drill exercise.
- **Civil Preparedness** –Mr. Berry thanked everyone who came to the drill last month. He noted that the Town proved that they are well prepared, as the State was impressed with the Town’s performance.
- **Fire** – Chief Baldis stated that a drill was held with Dyno Nobel fire company, Simsbury Ambulance and Police Department as a live exercise. He noted that a number of notifications were completed in the community. Chief Baldis noted that Dyno Nobel is agreeable to another drill in the spring with the Town.

Chief Baldis was happy with their Annual Open House and noted that it was well attended. He also was happy with the Fire Prevention program that was held at all the schools in October.

Chief Baldis is anticipating the delivery of a new set of self-contained breathing apparatus. He noted that these were provided with a combination of Grant money and Fire District funds. The current equipment is over fifteen years old and has exceeded their life expectancy.

Chief Baldis reminded the group of the upcoming Fire Truck Parade at Simsbury Celebrates to be held on Saturday, November 28th.

- **Farmington Valley Health District** –Jennifer Kertanis noted that they did have a review of their emergency preparedness plans by the government and it went very well. They do have some corrective actions they will need to work on. Ms. Kertanis noted that they do have to update their mass dispensing plans, which were never changed to address the mission of dispensing antibiotics or pills.

Ms. Kertanis discussed the Grant that was received that is focused on men/boy’s mental health, with a particular focus on Veterans. She noted that the first year is a community data collection planning phase. Ms. Kertanis noted that they are focusing exclusively on East Granby, because the East Granby Veterans group brought this issue to the FVHD’s attention.

- **Police** – Chief Ingvertson noted that they have finished up four hours of distracted driving with the help of funds from Social Services. He noted that the current coat drive is bringing in a number of coats. Chief Ingvertson stated that they did participate in the Fire Department exercise and received positive comments.

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Chief Ingvertson stated that Iron Horse Boulevard is once again open as of 5:00 yesterday, as it had been closed for several days for an investigation. He thanked Public Works for removing some brush to help in the investigation.

Chief Ingvertson noted that a new officer will be starting within a month, after he has completed his training.

Chief Ingvertson noted that he attended the Veterans remembrance celebration recently held in Town.

- **Social Services** – Ms. Lecours-Beck stated that they are accepting applications for energy assistance and noted that they usual get around 200 applications. She was happy to report that the Food Closet is well stocked and will only get better with the holiday season.
- **Public Works** – Mr. Roy noted that they have their portable generator on order, which is 200 KW units. It will be a back-up to the back-up generator and will be used in Town Hall if needed. This was purchased in cooperation with Water Pollution Control facility, who will be splitting the cost of the generator.

Mr. Roy stated that the Salt Shed should be completed later this month. He also noted that they have given keys to the Fire Department to the Old Bridge house to do some non-destructive drills.

Mr. Roy noted that they did work on Iron Horse Boulevard on a brush clearing operation for the investigation. He did note that they were working with an environmental team and will be filing a report.

- **Other Updates** –

Ms. Nielson reminded the group that next Friday and Saturday participating local business are doing \$50 gift cards for \$40.

Ms. Heavner noted that there were very few comments concerning the closure and investigation conducted on Iron Horse Boulevard.

Mr. Wilcox discussed the automated emergency warning phone call system. He discussed an issue that came up in another town where the recipient that received a call was not for the town she was in. He was suggesting clarification on these phones calls so that they recipient knows if the call pertains to them.

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Ms. Kertanis received a request from Aquarion water company to help them identify critical customers, health care facilities, dialysis centers, etc., that would need immediate notification if there were an issue with their water supply. She asked if anyone has any knowledge of this information to let her know.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing was discussed at this meeting.

4. EMERGENCY RESPONSE EXERCISE

Nothing was discussed at this meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cooke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Ingvertson seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Brigham