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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton and Lisa Heavner. Mr. Askham was absent. Others in attendance included Emil Dahlquist, Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo, Rob Heagney and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Emil Dahlquist, Chairman of the Design Review Board along with several other members of this Board, spoke about the proposed revised Charter, Section 617. He said the Board put in a request at the first Charter Revision Commission meeting asking that the Design Review Board be changed from a temporary board to a permanent board in the Charter.

Mr. Dahlquist said the latest proposed revised Charter changes does grant the request for the Design Review Board to become a permanent Board. He has a question about the language in the new document. The Design Review Board would like the revised Charter to be sent back to the Charter Revision Commission to be changed. He said there are three aspects of the revised Charter that don't adequately allow for the best contribution of the Design Review Board. He said there are: 1) Appointment by the Zoning Commission; 2) No stipulating qualifications with respect to experience and expertise, and 3) Limited involvement and restricted purview.

Mr. Dahlquist is requesting that the Board of Selectmen return the revised Charter, Section 617, to the Charter Revision Commission for modifications.

Ms. Glassman said the Design Review Board's comments will become part of the file.

John Carroll, 31 Terry's Plain Road, a member of the Design Review Board, said there are two versions of the Design Review Board may be in the future. One is from the Charter Revision Commission and one from the Design Review Board. He feels their revision is an appropriate description of what a Design Review Board should be. This wording has been researched thoroughly.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke about conflict of interest forms not being filled out properly.

Ms. Coe feels the Board should vote no on the revised Charter as presented. She spoke again about a Town Manager form of government.

Ms. Coe spoke about the Fire Department being dispatched to the Police Dispatch room due to a Clorox reaction and fumes. She said Police calls had to be forwarded to the town of Granby.

Ms. Coe spoke about the bike sculpture and feels it is a dangerous piece of sculpture. She feels the Town is liable if someone gets injured by the sculpture.

Ms. Coe spoke about the hiring of a Performing Arts Center consultant for \$24,000. She said the Performing Arts has never paid for all expenditures as he never has enough in revenues. She feels the Town should charge the PAC for all of the town employees work there also.

Mr. Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street, gave the Board a handout. He said he attended most of the Charter Revision Commission meetings and he thinks they should not change the 5 years to possible changes to 7 years. He also doesn't understand why they are taking out the Constables. He feels the proposed Charter Revision should be rejected.

Mr. Kalechman also feels collecting for the bike sculpture isn't right. He feels children and veterans need the money more than a sculpture does.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue St., said she feels two things need to be put into the Charter:

1. Public Audience at all meetings, including Board of Finance and,
2. Calling for a Referendum even without big dollars attached to it.

Ms. Bednarczyk spoke again about land use. She said the Zoning Commission was concerned about the affective housing zone. There were very concerned

about bonding, but didn't seem to have concern about bonding for commercial zones. They once again changed the sub-division regulations without any public hearing or output.

Ms. Bednarczyk spoke about property that has buildings on them that are 50ft from the road instead of 500 ft. This issue needs to be addressed further.

Rick Wagner, 152 Old Farms Road offered his comments on the Design Review Board and the Charter Revision Commission. He is representing land owning interests and wants to congratulate the Town on how far it has come in updating land use practices and codes.

Mr. Wagner feels that the Design Review Board should continue to report to the Board of Selectmen as this will help preserve its strength and quality of work. Not many towns have their Design Review Board report to Zoning Commissions. Mr. Wagner feels that Simsbury is very fortunate to have design professionals who keep this Town whole.

Mr. Wagner would like the Board to reject the revised Charter, Section 617, and ask that the language be changed.

PRESENTATION -

Recognition of Kaitlyn Tarpey, Miss Greater Simsbury

Ms. Glassman introduced Kaitlyn Tarpey, Miss Greater Simsbury to the audience.

Ms. Tarpey said she is 20 year old honor student and resides in Manhattan. She is the first ever Miss Greater Simsbury and is very honored. She spoke about the Miss America organization. She asked Simsbury for their support. She needs sponsors and volunteers to help her with her path. In competing for Miss Connecticut, she could win a \$10,000 scholarship. If anyone wants more information they can go to www.MissGreaterSimsburyCT.org. or Miss Greater Simsbury @ hotmail.com. Her personal platform is Veterans awareness and she does Irish step dance for her talent.

Ms. Glassman introduced Elliott Russman, CEO of the Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation and Reese, a Fidelco Dog. Reese is a 2 year old, female. Mr. Russman said they are a 50 year old non-profit institution that was founded and headquartered in Connecticut. They have placed over 1300 guide dogs in North America. They have placed 6 guide dogs in Simsbury. Mr. Russman said it takes \$45,000 and 2 years to produce a guide dogs. They would like to move one of their premiere events to Simsbury, which is on the agenda for approval.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said that “Linda’s Litter Lugging Day” was another success. She thanked everyone who participated, including Linda Schofield, for this wonderful initiative. Ms. Glassman said the day provides everyone an opportunity to come together and help Simsbury to look its best. She also thanked Paines for donating dumpsters and barrels for the event.

Ms. Glassman thanked the Simsbury Community TV and all of its volunteers who were honored at a special reception last Thursday. She said these volunteers work very hard to ensure that programs like meetings can be broadcast to the residents which helps keep them informed.

Ms. Glassman congratulated Ken Picard, the first winner of the “Buzz Holmes Volunteer Award”.

Ms. Glassman said she and Town staff have been meeting with representatives of natural gas companies to see about increasing the number of residents with access to natural gas lines. This would increase the number of fuel options available to residents. She said residents who are interested in the current availability of natural gas can call Connecticut Natural Gas at 1-855-

7CNGGAS or can visit their website at www.CNGCORP.com

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Action on adoption of ordinance on Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program

Mr. Hampton made motion to adopt the Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners Program as presented. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve First Selectman signing Memorandum of Agreement regarding monitoring by a third party of a conservation easement and restriction acquired using Forest Legacy Program funds for Tulmeadow Farm

Ms. Glassman said the document will require the Town of Simsbury perform the following functions:

1. Notify the DEEP and SLT of any information obtained regarding a change or potential change (e.g pending real estate sales, etc.) in ownership of the property.
2. Notify the DEEP and SLT , and provide all pertinent information regarding any reports of possible violations during the term of this MOA.
3. Review the “Annual Monitoring Report” submitted by SLT to DEEP and the Town of Simsbury on the Premise.

4. Coordinate with DEEP regarding any alleged Conservation Easement violations, as necessary. This document was approved by the Land Trust and Town Counsel.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the First Selectman signing the Memorandum of Agreement regarding monitoring by a third party of a conservation easement and restriction acquired using Forest Legacy Program funds for Tulmeadow Farm. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Budget Update: Town Meeting May 1, 2012 at Simsbury High School at 7:30 p.m. and review of Board of Finance action on Board of Selectmen Budget

No action taken

d) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$455.00 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Presentation of proposed Charter Review Commission changes and set date for Public

Hearing

Mr. Hampton made motion to set a Public Hearing on the Final Report and Recommendations of the Simsbury Charter Revision Commission on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to amend the agenda to discuss item h at this time. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approve request of Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation to utilize the Performing Arts Center/Simsbury Meadows to conduct a "Share the Vision" Dog Walk Fundraising Event and Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 23, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the request of Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation to utilize the Performing Arts Center/Simsbury Meadows to conduct a "Share the Vision" Dog Walk Fundraising Even and Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 23, 2012. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approval of Consultant for Performing Arts Center Manager

Mr. Hampton made motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a

contract with Webb Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,500 for a study and recommendations concerning the Performing Arts Center's governance, operations, programming and overall sustainability. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve extensions of ground license agreements with George Hall Pharos Farm, Anthony Napolitano, Barndoor Hill Road, George Hall, Barndoor Hill Road and Rosedale Farm-Baker Property S. Drake Hill Road for the 2012-2013 agriculture seasons

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the extensions of ground license agreements for the 2012-2013 agriculture seasons for the following entities:

George L. Hall - \$1,920.00	Pharos Farm, Quarry Road	32 acres
Anthony Napolitano - \$ 300.00	Barndoor Hill Road	5 acres
George L. Hall - \$1,020.00	Barndoor Hill Road	17 acres
Rosedale Farms - \$ 375.00	Baker Property S. Drake Hill Road	3 acres

Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Adoption of Budget Newsletter

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adopt the budget newsletter after some updates and corrections are made. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Ms. Heavner abstaining.

The motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda to include a request of the Paw Meadow Dog Park Committee event to use the Performing Arts Center and clean up after use. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the request of the Paw Meadow Dog Park Committee to use the dog park and the Performing Arts Center Stage for their grand opening /fundraiser event on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a rain date of May 20, 2012, subject to obtaining a public gathering permit and clean-up agreement if deemed necessary by Town planning staff. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

There were no appointments or resignations at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

There is not other business at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of April 9, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Minutes of April 9, 2012. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. Corrections were made on pages 3, 4 and 5. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB=COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel - No report at this time.
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.

Mr. Hampton thanked the Friends of the Simsbury Library for the Night of 1000 Stars event. It was a great even for all.

Mr. Hampton reminded everyone that the Tariffville Kayak races will take place this weekend at the gorge. Everyone is invited to attend this great event.

Mr. Hampton said the Annual Land Trust Dinner will be held Wednesday, April 25th. People still have time to register for the event.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda for further Public Audience. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Joan Coe said she is concerned about money being appropriated for the Tariffville Park road. She feels the money should be spent on the tennis courts, bench and pavilion that really need repair. She said there are a lot of trees down which make the road impassable.

Ms. Coe spoke about a sign in front of the Simscroft building, which states they are selling top soil. She feels this is in violation of the zoning regulations and should be looked into further.

Mr. Kalechman passed out an application and donor for paralyzed veterans.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about rushing to approve the revised Charter. He feels the proposal should be given back to the Charter Revision Commission for review and changes.

Mr. Dahlquist said he listened to everyone who spoke tonight about the Charter. He did attend three Charter meetings and just feels that some of the language still needs to be changed. He urges the Board to send the proposed revision back to the Charter Revision Commission for further review.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman