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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2010

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman, Board members Moira Wertheimer, Tom Herlihy, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner, and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Sue Mazurski, Robert DeCrescenzo and other interested parties.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Troop 175 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Presentations

Proclamation honoring Graham and Carol Cole from Westminster School

Ms. Glassman said Graham and Carol Cole have had a great relationship with the Town and it is a great pleasure to give them this award for all their service to the community.

Ms. Heavner read the following proclamation:

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Graham and Carol Cole have been residents of Simsbury for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, During this period Carol served the Town for 10 years on the Planning Commission and also devoted many hours of volunteer service to organizations in the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Graham lead Westminster School through nearly two decades of successful, record-setting development and achievement, accomplishing for Westminster and therefore Simsbury increased prominence at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Graham and Carol were instrumental in guiding the outreach and community service agenda at Westminster, ensuring that students and teachers alike take part in their community; and

WHEREAS, Because of the Coles' leadership the students of Westminster are looked upon by

the community as an impressive group of young people; conducting themselves as well mannered, well behaved and respectful youths; and

WHEREAS, Graham and Carol are known to many for their good nature, smiles and commitment and will be missed by all in the community who knew them; and

WHEREAS, On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Simsbury we express our appreciation and gratitude to Carol and Graham for their contributions to the town of Simsbury during the years they spent at Westminster.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that I, Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, do hereby proclaim Monday, May 10, 2010 as

CAROL AND GRAHAM COLE DAY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and cause the seal of the great Town of Simsbury to be affixed hereto on this 10th day of May, Two-Thousand and Ten.

Signed by Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman.

Mrs. Cole said this is a great community to live in and they feel very privileged to be going back to where they used to live. Simsbury will always be a special part of their lives and she and Mr. Cole thanked the Town for this proclamation.

Hometown Hero Presentation Ceremony - Carol Brown, Stephen G. Noble, Albert "Buzz" Holmes

Ms. Glassman thanked the Committee for all their hard work and all the volunteers who help save money for the Town. These three people stood out the most.

Ms. Wertheimer said it was Carol's mom and Linda Johnson who nominated her for this award.

Ms. Brown said it is an honor and she feels very touched that her mom, Mary Lou, and Linda Johnson nominated her for this award. She feels they are both Hometown Heroes and the biggest volunteers. She hopes that the rest of her family will volunteer and receive this award again.

Mr. Hampton said that he is thrilled that a Tariffville person is receiving this award. He said that Mr. Holmes is a pillar to his community, who always inspires people to do better. Mr. Holmes volunteered to be part of SCTV at age 76 and has produced over 238 SCTV shows to date.

Mr. Holmes gave credit to those who volunteer, especially the volunteers at SCTV. He also commended the host of SCTV for her hard work. Mr. Holmes also thanked his wife and the

people who started him off on raising funds.

Ms. Glassman said that Carol McAllister nominated Stephen Noble, who generously donates time to the Town and SCTV. He also serves on the board of "Friends of the Library" and has been a great advocate for Rails to Trails for over 18 years. Ms. Glassman said Simsbury has been designated to be the first town to be a bike friendly community and this wouldn't have happened without Steve and Chris Noble.

There was a 20 minute break for a Hometown Hero Celebration and pictures.

D. First Selectman's Reports

Senator Kevin Witkos said he and Linda Schofield have worked hard on the State budget, but voted no on the final version. There are no major initiatives. They did vote yes to the Bradley enterprise zone and bonding for the UConn partnership. Also, the municipalities don't need to post minutes on line. Additionally, the real estate conveyance tax wasn't passed, as it was held until the last minute. They will go back into session before June 30th to discuss Citizen's Election Fund and the real estate conveyance tax.

Ms. Glassman said Moody's gave Simsbury a triple A bond rating, which is their highest rating. She thanked everyone who made this possible. This will save Simsbury a lot of money.

Ms. Glassman said the Town received another reward for financial reporting and thanked Kevin Kane for all his hard work.

Ms. Glassman said Simsbury has been designated a "Bike Friendly" Community.

We are the third Town to receive this award. She thanked Steve Mitchell and Chris and Steve Noble for all their hard work on this.

Ms. Glassman said the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony will be held on May 13th and she hopes everyone will attend.

E. Public Audience

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive said on May 4th the Board of Finance presented the budget for 2010-11 at a Town Meeting, where about 50 people attended. She feels this meeting is a total waste of time and should be abolished. She spoke again about having a Town Manager form of government.

Ms. Coe asked what the replacement process would be if Ms. Glassman wins her bid for Lt. Governor for the State.

Ms. Coe said she wanted an update on the Community Farm as she feels the entity hasn't been

approved by the Attorney General yet. She is also worried about the planting on the east side of the Barndoor triangle. She is worried about the water supply and feels more testing is needed.

Ms. Coe showed a picture of the park being closed at Memorial Field. She asked why the pole is in such disrepair. She wanted to know when the Board would receive a plan on maintenance issues of parks.

She feels the budgets should be rejected by the voters because tax increases are unacceptable during this time.

Mr. Rinaldi, Pinnacle Mountain Road, said he feels bad that the conveyance tax wasn't passed. This has an effect on the mil rate. We usually have a great tax collection rate. He feels that tax increases are not needed at this terrible time just because the conveyance tax wasn't received.

Ms. Sue Bednarczyk, 118 E. Weatogue Street spoke about the Community Farm and Barndoor Triangle farming. She would like updates on both.

Greg Piecuch, 3 Michael Road said that there will be a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, May 12th at Eno Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. for Republicans who are running for Congress. Everyone is invited.

F. Hearings - Receive public comment regarding a proposed Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority

Mr. Herlihy made motion to open the Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m. Ms.

Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Michael Paine, President of Paine's Inc. gave the Board a letter and said he would encourage that the Board go forward in creating and approving an ordinance to create and become a member of the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority.

He feels that competition will keep prices reasonable and affordable for the residents. This will also bring out quality providers who provide a value to their customers.

Mr. Paine said he would be happy to provide assistance to the best of his ability seeing as he is in the waste industry himself.

Mr. Paine said he is currently in negotiations with CRRRA for his hauling contract and can't give any more details at this time. He doesn't want to cross a thin line during this time.

The Board appreciated his honesty and the position he is in right now. Mr. Herlihy asked for his time-line. Mr. Paine said his hauler agreement is due 7/1/10. He would be happy to sit down to discuss the issue further after that time.

Ms. Glassman said this Board had authorized a \$500 contribution to begin researching and studying what happens after CRRRA.

Lyle Wray, Executive Director of CRCOG, gave the Board a handout on the issue. He said the variation of one billion dollars is huge and that is why they want to go out to bid. There is a lot of information on the web now.

Attorney DeCrescenzo said if this ordinance is approved there would be about 70 towns joining together to let the market place look at it. Also, a benchmark can be put in the RFP. He feels the ordinance should be approved as there are a lot of resources to discuss this further as there is a way to get out of it. This is just a seat at a table to discuss this subject further, you can always back out of it.

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that the two options are to renew the contract with CRRRA or to allow the bidding process, where CRRRA can still bid, and move forward. The deadline is 2010 and we are just trying to get a jump start on this process.

After further discussion, Ms. Heavner made motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:45 p.m. after receiving comments. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

G. Selectmen Actions:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed Ordinance to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority

Mr. Herlihy made motion to adopt an Ordinance pursuant to Section 12 to Create and Become a Member of the Central CT Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$576.55 for the period covering April 21, 2010 - May 4, 2010 as approved and recommended by the Tax Collector. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Approve request from Simsbury Community Television for approval of equipment to be permanently installed in Town Hall Main Meeting Room

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the donation of the equipment to be permanently installed in the Town Hall Main Meeting Room. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Authorize the First Selectman to accept an Historic Restorative Fund Grant contract in the amount of \$90,000 for the rehabilitation and restoration of the interior of the Eno Memorial Hall with the State of CT Commission on Culture and Tourism

Ms. Wertheimer made motion, RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, who is the First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury is empowered to execute and deliver in the name, and on behalf, of the Town of Simsbury an Historic Restorative Fund Grant contract for the rehabilitation and restoration of the interior of the Eno Memorial Hall with the State of Connecticut, Commission on Culture and Tourism, and to affix the corporate seal, if any. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2. Ordinances and Resolutions - None

3. Resignations and Appointments

a. Recommend the appointment of Barbara O'Connor (D) to serve as a full member of the Tourism Committee with a term to expire on December 5, 2011.

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Barbara O'Connor (D) to serve as a full member of the Tourism Committee with a term to expire on December 5, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Accept the resignation of Candace Fitzpatrick (R) as a full member of the Board of Finance effective May 19, 2010

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation of Candace Fitzpatrick as a full member of the Board of Finance, with regret, effective May 19, 2010. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda to approve a new Board of Finance member to replace Candace Fitzpatrick. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to appoint Barbara Petitjean (R) to the Board of Finance to fill the

vacancy left by the resignation of Candace Fitzpatrick. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

4. Unfinished Business - None

5. Other Business - Community Farm of Simsbury update and possible action

Ms. Glassman said no correspondence has been received from the Attorney General. She said the lease agreement was approved and a certificate of insurance was received.

Ms. Glassman said Bessie Spears reported that there are 100 campers registered for summer camp. There are also two grants that have been received and others are being worked on. Ms. Glassman said there have been a number of improvements at the Farm as well.

Tim Goodwin, Manager of the Community Farm, said he is excited about the 100 campers for a 6 week period already signed up. They have three incubator farmers on the land as well. This is going to be an educational facility. Also, produce donations have been made already and records are being kept as to how many donations can be made. All produce is certified organic and incubator farmers must sign contracts for organic as well.

Ms. Heavner said she was there Wednesday and everyone was excited to receive produce from the Farm. Mr. Hampton thanked everyone on the Farm board and the volunteers for all their help and commitment.

Attorney DeCrescenzo said he met with the Assistant Attorney General about the charitable trust. The Town has agreed with the Attorney General's office that the deed benefit the poor of Simsbury. There was a letter received from PRIA outlining the program on April 20th and everyone will cooperate. Attorney DeCrescenzo will meet again and come back to the Board about new comments and concerns. All letters can be shared with the public.

Ms. Heavner asked about scholarships. Mr. Goodwin said they will offer as many scholarships as possible. They will also make students aware of the Deed and what it means. Ms. Heavner said to discuss scholarships with the Social Workers of the schools so they can help find students who deserve scholarships. Mr. Goodwin said they are also working with the Town Social Services Department for services.

6. Bids - None

7. Acceptance of Minutes

a. April 26, 2010 - Regular Meeting

Mr. Herlihy made motion to approve the April 26, 2010 Regular Meeting minutes. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b. April 26, 2010 - Special Meeting

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the April 26, 2010 Special Meeting minutes. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c. May 4, 2010 - Special Meeting

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the May 4, 2010 Special Meeting minutes. Mr. Hensley seconded. Mr. Hampton said the spelling of Gault is Galt. All were in favor, with the correction, with Mr. Herlihy abstaining, therefore, the motion passed.

H. Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - none at this time

2. Finance - none at this time

3. Welfare - none at this time

4. Public Safety

Mr. Hampton said there was a Public Safety exercise on Saturday where there was a mock plane crash. This exercise was very impressive and he thanked everyone for the great team work.

Ms. Glassman said there were over 250 people who participated in this exercise. She also thanked everyone for their assistance.

5. Board of Education

Ms. Heavner said on May 13th over 400 students, faculty and parent volunteers from Henry James Memorial School will be cleaning up litter around the Town. She thanked Principal Sue Lemke, Patricia Peters, Vice Principal, Mary Maher Vice President of the PTC and Gerry Toner for their efforts in coordinating this massive volunteer effort. This is an excellent example of the school's commitment to giving back to the community.

Ms. Heavner said that on May 14th and 15th the High School will be performing "The Children's Hour" by Lillian Hellman. Everyone is invited to attend performances which begin at 7:30 p.m. She noted that this play contains adult topics and may not be appropriate to young children.

I. Adjournment

Mr. Herlihy made motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman