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TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 27, 2009

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Simsbury Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton and Richard Hogan. Absent were: Robert Hensley and Michael Long. Others in attendance included: Tom Roy, Hiram Peck, Ed Lamontagne and other interest parties.

#### Public Audience

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street congratulated the Hometown Heroes.

Mr. Kalechman said he made his Memorial Day tribute to his comrades. He spoke about having a street name change to honor a hometown comrade.

Mr. Kalechman is not pleased about the controversy about the farming of the triangle property. He saw the name of Private George Hall, on the plaque of War heroes, who died for his country in World War I and he feels that the triangle property should be farmed by his family because of this.

Mr. Kalechman is very upset about the Performing Arts Center Committee wanting to sell liquor at one of the concerts. He feels this is just wrong for the Town to do and it would be a great liability to the Town. This idea should be stopped now. He read part of the agreement that the Performing Arts Center wants to have change.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive once again asked that the Board convene a Charter Revision Commission to approve capital expenditures. She said the Referendum vote for budget items and the capital expenditures should be done the same way so everyone has a chance to vote, not just those who attend the Town Hall Meeting.

Ms. Coe said that now that Attilio's Restaurant has received their liquor permit she would like an ordinance to eliminate the possession of all alcoholic beverages in Town parks and buildings. She asked that the "alcohol road" be examined for safety and she showed a picture of the road.

Ms. Coe also showed a picture of the Tariffville Park, where she played tennis recently, where she was concerned about standing water near the playing area.

Ms. Coe showed picture of the Meadowood Triangle which showed large patches of the land where no grass was growing. It was alleged that Round-up was sprayed on the property for potato planting. She feels he need to plant grass to repair the land. She feels goats should be grazing on the property.

Ms. Coe also spoke about the Eno Farms affordable housing, which she feels is a failed experiment.

All of Ms. Coe's comments can be read on [Simsbury.com/forum](http://Simsbury.com/forum).

#### First Selectman Reports

Ms. Glassman thanked the Board members and Town staff for all their hard work on the budget. The mil rate was increased by .5% with the budget decrease of 3%. This is due to lower state grants, lower grand list, etc. We are still awaiting the State budget figures.

Ms. Glassman said there will be a Farm Day on June 6th sponsored by the Simsbury Land Trust. All farms will be open to the public.

#### Hometown Hero Award Ceremony

Ms. Glassman said Betty Lou Magil nominated Barbara Rosen for a Hometown Hero Award. Mr. Rosen should be thanked for the immaculate appearance of Bushy Hill Road from Stratton Brook Road to Route 10 to Bushy Hill Road. Mrs. Rosen picks up the litter thrown on the side of the street.

Mrs. Rosen is a long-time member of the Garden Club, she has dedicated herself to beautifying the scenery of the Town. She has also found the time to teach yoga, free of charge. She also saved the home of one of her neighbors from a gas explosion. Ms. Glassman introduced Barbara Rosen as a Hometown Hero.

Mrs. Rosen said she has done this work for about 7 years now and is interested in teaching children and adults to do more. She is hoping to set up a kids program to teach them about plastic items also.

Mr. Hampton said it was a great pleasure to introduce Bill Ketchabaw as a Hometown Hero. He was nominated by Harmon Poole. He has served with Mr. Ketchabaw on the Public Safety Sub-Committee since 2003. For the past 39 years Mr. Ketchabaw has been a pillar in the community by exemplifying the timeless truth of service over self.

Mr. Hampton said Mr. Ketchabaw served his hometown by founding the Simsbury Youth Hockey League, moderate numerous elections, and has been an elder of the First Church of Christ. He has also been a servant as a member of the Town Public Safety Sub-Committee and Chamber of Commerce, while also working as Vice President of the Fire District.

Mr. Hampton said he was proud to honor Mr. Ketchabaw as a Hometown Hero for his tireless efforts for the community of Simsbury.

Mr. Ketchabaw said he was very impressed with all the volunteers in Simsbury and it just motivates him to do more.

Ms. Wertheimer said Lisa Stevenson nominated Linda Johnson for the Hometown Hero Award. Ms. Wertheimer said "Simsbury Celebrates" draws thousands of residents to an evening of family fun. She is driven by different Town projects as well.

Ms. Wertheimer said Ms. Johnson has been a resident for over forty years and has served on Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission, and fund-raising ideas such as the "SIMS" bumper stickers.

Ms. Wertheimer said Ms. Johnson has worked for her community for decades and her latest project is organizing the efforts for the creation of a Dog Park in Simsbury where pets and owners can socialize and exercise. Ms. Wertheimer introduced Linda Johnson as a Hometown Hero.

Ms. Johnson thanked everyone and said she loves volunteering. It is an incredible way to meet people and she is very proud to receive this award.

#### ACTION ITEMS

- a) Review, discuss and possible approve minutes of the following meetings:  
\* May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hogan made motion to adopt the May 11, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

\*May 12, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes - Chamber of Commerce and

Board of Selectmen

Mr. Hampton made motion to adopt the May 12, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

\* May 18, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hogan made motion to adopt the May 18, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to send a letter to the Friends of the Simsbury Library acknowledging gifts to the Library to date.

Mr. Hogan made motion to authorize the First Selectman to send a letter to the Friends of the Simsbury Library acknowledging gifts totaling \$690,971.40 to date. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the purchase of full size plow truck as included in the '08/09 Town budget.

Tom Roy, Public Works Director, said they have had good luck with Nutmeg International Trucks and would like the approval on this bidding of this truck.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to authorize the purchase of a Nutmeg International full size plow truck as included in the 08/09 Town budget and to transfer \$4,225 from the Highway Equipment/Parts account. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possibly approve a supplemental appropriation of funds in the amount of \$49,900 for Incentive Housing Zone Program.

Ms. Glassman noted that the contract has already been approved and this is the appropriation of the money from the State.

Mr. Peck said this is to pay Concord Square for their first invoice so they can continue working on the study. All of the information is posted on the Town website.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the request for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$49,900 to receive grant funds and pay the consultant for the Incentive Housing Zone Program. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All

were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly authorize tax refunds as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to authorize tax refunds in the amount of \$897.25 as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Neighborhood Assistance Act Update

Ms. Glassman said the Board needs to receive requests from non-profit groups and this will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

No action taken.

g) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to sign a Conflict Waiver with Robinson & Cole consenting to their representation of Friends of Town Farm Dairy, Inc. in a real estate matter.

Ms. Glassman said that Attorney DeCrescenzo did approve this conflict waiver.

Mr. Hampton made motion to authorize the First Selectmen to sign a Conflict Waiver with Robinson & Cole consenting to their representation of Friends of Town Farm Dairy, Inc. in a real estate matter. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with Code Studio for a Charrette.

Ms. Glassman thanked everyone for their hard work on this issue. Mr. Peck said the original work proposal from 3/31/09 hasn't changed. He said the Charrette will run from September 11-16 and asked that everyone participate. There will also be at least three Public Sessions on the Charrette.

Mr. Hampton made motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with Code Studio for a Charrette. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Personnel - no report at this time.

b) Finance - no report at this time.

c) Welfare - no report at this time.

d) Public Safety - Update of UConn Paramedic Contract

Ms. Glassman said a letter was received on May 12, 2009 stating UConn Health Center will no longer provide paramedic intercept services for the Town. However, they are willing to work with the Town, due to late notice, for a transition period so the Town can prepare for this change in service to another paramedic service.

Mr. Hampton made motion to enter into an extension of the agreement with UConn Back-up Service for six months with the option to extend it for not more than one year. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Review, discuss and possibly accept the resignation of William Tyszka from the Board of Ethics.

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the resignation of William Tyszka from the Board of Ethics with many thanks. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Correct appointment term for Kenneth Feder on the Historic District Commission to reflect an expiration date of January 1, 2013 to correct a clerical error.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to correct the appointment term for Kenneth Feder on the Historic District Commission to reflect an expiration date of January 1, 2013 to correct a clerical error. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Correct appointment term for David Freitas on the Historic District Commission to reflect an expiration date of January 1, 2010 to correct a clerical error.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to correct the appointment term for David Freitas on the Historic District Commission to reflect an expiration date of January 1, 2010 to correct a clerical error. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possible appoint Oliver Dickins as a full member of the Simsbury Housing Authority replacing the vacancy of John Pasquenza with an expiration date of April 1, 2013.

Mr. Hogan made motion to appoint Oliver Dickins as a full member of the Simsbury Housing Authority replacing the vacancy of John Pasquenza with an expiration date of April 1, 2013. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly appoint Todd Burrick as a full member of the Board of Ethics replacing the vacancy of William Tyszka with an expiration date of January 1, 2011.

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Todd Burrick as a full member of the Board of Ethics replacing the vacancy of William Tyszka with an expiration date of January 1, 2011. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Hampton said he, Ms. Wertheimer and Mr. Hensley went to the Farms for the official unveiling of the signs and they look great. He thanked everyone for their efforts.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following:

Discussion of pending claim of Capt. Peter Sevetz.

Mr. Hampton made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending claim of Capt. Peter Sevetz at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There was no discussion or no action.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hogan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman  
First Selectman