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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 30, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Sean Askham, Lisa Heavner, John Hampton, Moira Wertheimer and Nancy Haase. Others in attendance included Sean Kimball, Tom Cooke, Ed LaMontagne and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Glassman said the Board just completed the Hometown Hero Awards Ceremony and congratulated all the heroes.

PRESENTATION

Aging and Disability Commission presenting the Disability Awareness Award

Ms. Glassman introduced Ed LaMontagne, Chairman of Aging and Disability Commission.

Mr. LaMontagne had the Aging and Disability Commission members stand and thanked them for all their hard work. He said the Town of Simsbury has designated the month of June 2012 as handicapped parking awareness month. He said Aging and Disability and the Police Department will be working together to ensure that the handicapped parking spaces are being used appropriately and within the letter of the law.

Mr. LaMontagne said this is the 10th year for the Aging and Disability Awards. He introduced Katy Fallon to present the awards.

Ms. Fallon said this year's awards go to "Top Soccer" coordinators of the past 7 years by Dan Carr and Megan Lucker. This is a program for the physical and mentally challenged. The ages range from 4 - 21. She said Mr. Carr and Ms. Lucker gather in Curtis Park every Saturday during soccer season to help teach 45 team members.

Ms. Fallon introduced Dan and Megan. She read the plaques they will be receiving.

Mr. Carr said the "Top Soccer" program is a great program and there are great mentors who help out every week. The Soccer Club is a great supporter and he thanked everyone for this award.

Ms. Lucker said they are very proud of all of the mentors who get up every early on Saturday mornings.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke again about rejecting the revisions of the Charter as written as she feels it creates more problems.

Ms. Coe asked why there are bikes and helmets at Town Hall that people can get for free. She feels this is a liability to the Town and the Town shouldn't be giving out bikes for use.

Ms. Coe said the bikes have hijacked the walk on Iron Horse walkway. She feels this is very dangerous and the bikes should be rejected from the walkway.

Ms. Coe spoke about the geese making a mess on the fields. This is very dangerous and someone is going to get hurt.

Ms. Coe said she asked Superintendent Diane Ullman for a 2010-11 year-end report. She said this report had five categories and was a lot of paper. She asked for a summary sheet, but was told there wasn't one.

Ms. Coe spoke again about the bike sculpture. She doesn't think this project was brought to the Land Use Commission. She feels this is open for vandalism and feels it is a hazard; someone is going to get hurt.

Ms. Coe spoke about the Eno Farms lease being rejected by the residents. She feels the Town should work with the Attorney General for compliance on the Eno Trust for the poor of Simsbury.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue Street, spoke again about land use planning. She said she attended the Zoning Commission meeting, where they approved

the PAD for the Giorgio property. She said the Commission didn't go through the 18 page document page by page, and it only took them 8 minutes to approve the document. She feels this is wrong and the entire document should have been gone through page by page.

Ms. Bednarczyk feels the PAD process needs to be looked at again for better ideas.

Mr. Kalechman, 791 Hopmeadow asked again why the Constables are being taken out of the Charter. He feels they should remain there as they can be very helpful. He still feels very strongly about having Town meetings also.

Mr. Kalechman feels the Town shouldn't subsidize the bike group. The residents don't have money to spend on bike groups, Charrettes, etc.

Mr. Kalechman said there were some flags around Town that were not displayed properly. He

feels that's where the Town should spend money as the Veterans deserve that much.

Mike Paine, 72 Holcomb Street, said he did hear complaints about the flags around Town. His dad and others donated and started placing the flags around Town and have tried to keep them up. They take them out of storage and clean them up every year. He asked that people call him if they see a bad flag and let him know where it is so they can be replaced/repared. Mr. Paine said also 10 flags were replaced on Sunday.

Ms. Glassman thanked Mr. Paine for the flag donation and said we are all sorry for the loss of his dad this year - it was a big loss for the community.

Ms. Heaver noted that each flag costs about \$50, which is a great donation to the Town. She said this is a volunteer group that goes around and takes care of them. The Town and volunteers will work together to make sure the flags are taken care of.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said the VFW & American Legion did a great job on the parades and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Ms. Glassman announced that Simsbury has been named the Top Town in Connecticut by Hartford Magazine. We celebrate all the volunteers. The article recognized the vibrant Town Center, top Library, Restaurants and other businesses.

Ms. Glassman said the Main Street Center also received a Main Street Award of excellence for their code. It awards great projects throughout the State and she is very proud of the staff for all their hard work. Hiram Peck was recognized for his leadership.

Ms. Glassman said the Town staff collects funds to donate to worthy causes. This year they collected \$1,479 for keep Simsbury Warm. They will wear a heart shape sticker and will have "casual day" on Friday.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Adopt the amendment to the Town of Simsbury Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy

Ms. Heavner made motion to adopt the attached Amendment to the Town of Simsbury Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Askham made motion to adopt tax refunds in the amount of \$6.01 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Accept the offer of the Simsbury Farms Men's Golf Club to donate up to \$5,000 toward the completion of a master plan for continued improvements at the golf course

Mr. Askham made motion to accept the offer of the Simsbury Farms Men's Golf Club to donate up to \$5,000 toward the completion of a master plan for continued improvements at the golf course contingent on the Town going forward with the plan. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Accept the gift of a Simsbury Bike Sculpture

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the gift of the Simsbury Bike Sculpture (location of the sculpture on Town owned land has already been approved). Location of the sculpture is at the corner of Route 10 / Hopmeadow Street and Winslow Place. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve resolution authorizing the First Selectman to submit, sign and carry out related items for a DEEP Grant for Open Space Acquisition. The Grant is proposed to be for the final parcel acquisition of 42 acres of the

Ethel Walker Open Space in FY 14/15.

Mr. Hampton made motion:

RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WHEREAS, the Town of Simsbury wishes to obtain financial assistance from the State of Connecticut. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen as follows:

1. That a request/petition for assistance be made to the Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental protection for an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant and/or a Resource Enhancement Grant for a municipal project know as Fee Simple Acquisition of the Ethel Walker School property, Parcel C, west side of Bushy Hill Road (Rt. 167).
2. That it is the intent of the municipality that, should its request/petition be selected for funding By the Commissioner of Energy & Environmental Protection and be provided funds allocated by the State Bond Commission, that adequate funding be provided for assuring forestry, agricultural or open space use of the property.
3. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such request/petition, and to act as authorizing correspondent.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts And execute all documents necessary for said grant with the State of Connecticut.
5. That the proposed acquisition and/or enhancement is in accordance with the Plan of Conservation and Development of the Town of Simsbury, and that should said grant be made, said land will be retained in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 98-157 in perpetuity.

Adopted this 30th Day of May 2012

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

f) Authorize the First Selectman to sign an Easement Agreement for drainage at 15 Canaan Way

Ms. Heaver made motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign an Easement Agreement for drainage at 15 Canaan Way. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Announcement of a distribution from CIRMA of Members' Equity in the amount of \$7,162.00

Ms. Glassman has been notified by CIRMA that the Town will be receiving \$7,162.00 after July 1st for an equity distribution based on the Town's risk management practices. She congratulated the staff for all their hard work.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

There are no appointments or resignations at this time.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting - May 14, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2012. Ms. Haase seconded the motion and made a correction on the last page. All were in favor with the correction 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 - Mr. Hampton said there was a great crowd at the May Senior Summit. There was a great panel discussion on issues like Medicare and the new drug deposit box.

Mr. Hampton thanked Representative Linda Schofield and her Committee for the great Art Walk and said this was an amazing event that will hopefully continue next year.

Mr. Hampton said the Chamber luncheon celebrated the Ladies Auxiliary who was nominated for Public Servant of the Year.

5. Board of Education - Ms. Heavner said there was another Senior Night last night at the High School. There was a light dinner served and then a tour of all the art displayed at the High School. It was a great event.

Ms. Heavner said the Town hosted an Economic Development night with Ron Angelo on May 17th. This discussion was on a Business Express Program and spoke about grants. He actually gave Mr. Handyman a tax credit that day.

Mr. Askham said the Eno Farms Ground Lease Sub-Committee, which was formed at the last meeting, will be meeting on June 5th at 3:30 pm here in the Main Meeting Room.

6. WPCA Liaison Report

Ms. Haase said the WPCA has not meet since the last meeting. She thinks the Chairman signed the agreement with Landworks.

She said there will be a special meeting tomorrow night for the Sand Hill project. The FCC charge will be in place and there might be some different wording in the document.

Ms. Haase, who is the Liaison of the Zoning Commission, said there was a discussion on the IHC zone. There is now a better understanding of the IHC. There are still some concerns and property value questions to discuss.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of open space acquisition offer

Mr. Askham made motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman

First Selectman