

**Town of Simsbury Board of Finance
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:45PM
Simsbury Board of Education – Conference Room
933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Connecticut**

PRESENT: Barbara Petitjean, Jeff Blumenthal (6:03PM), Kevin Prell, and Linda Schofield, Moira Wertheimer.

ABSENT: Robert Pomeroy, Jr.

Chairman Barbara Petitjean called the public hearing to order at 5:45PM.

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Paul Tourtillotte of 733 Miller's Way spoke in opposition of the \$100K allocation to the Veteran's Memorial, noting that this was supposed to be constructed through private donations.

Ms. Joan Coe of 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke in opposition of Board members participating in meetings via telephone. She was also opposed to allocations to the golf course, Open Space, Veteran's Memorial, as well as the purchase of the golf cart for the Simsbury Performing Arts Center. Ms. Coe also questioned why more priority is not being given to the tennis courts at the high school.

Mr. Leonard Lanza of 2 Firebrick Lane spoke in support of the Veteran's Memorial that is to be constructed to the left of the driveway at Simsbury Public Library, near Eaglewood Lane.

Mr. Mike Rinaldi of 32 Pinnacle Mountain Road addressed the Board of Finance regarding the Board of Education's budget, noting the decreased enrollment over the past couple of years.

Mr. Thomas Frank of 19 Banbury Drive, noting that his comments reflect his opinions as a private citizen, opined that some of the remarks made at this hearing should not go unchallenged.

Ms. Schofield sought more information from Ms. Coe regarding her comments that the tennis courts were unsafe. Ms. Coe explained that there are cracks and as the cracks are filled and repaired, the resulting surface presents lips which could cause a player to trip. Mr. Blumenthal recollected that the repairs would be made as weather permits. Simsbury Public Schools Business Manager Burke LaClair confirmed.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Pamela A. Colombie
Commission Clerk**