



Town of Simsbury

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SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Water Shortage Ordinance Subcommittee

Monday August 6, 2018

9:00 AM – Simsbury Town Offices – Main Meeting Room

Minutes

(Completed by member Chris Kelly)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. Present were Selectperson's Chris Kelly and Mike Paine, Town Manager Maria Capriola, Director of Public Works Tom Roy, Town Engineer Jeff Shea, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development Michael Glidden, and Secretary of Conservation and Inland Wetland Commission Don Rieger.

2. Minutes

There were no changes to the following minutes.

- April 12, 2017
- June 20, 2017
- May 2, 2017
- May 15, 2017
- May 21, 2018

The group did not review the minutes of June 5, 2018

3. Public Audience

No comments were made in public audience

4. Review Responses to Board of Selectmen's referral to community stakeholders, boards, and commissions.

The Town Manager and staff had distributed to a group of approximately 30 local organizations a communication outlining the intent and content of the Water Shortage Ordinance. The groups were asked to provide any feedback they may have on the ordinance. The responses from organizations are included in the meeting packet. Listed below is a summary of the discussion in relation to each group's feedback.

Organization	Summary of Feedback	Discussion Points	Agreed to Changes to Ordinance
Simsbury Fire District	Suggested clearer language stating that water used in firefighting and training would be exempt	Although the ordinance in its current form exempts firefighting activities the group agreed to alter the language to more clearly reflect the feedback of the Fire District	Edit 157-4 G (g) Using water from fire hydrants, <i>fire cisterns, dry hydrants or fire ponds, other than for health or public safety needs</i>
Farmington Valley Health District	Suggest that the FVHD should not be the body of authority for waivers Also want clarification as to how residential gardens would be covered in ordinance Possible need for exceptions for therapeutic pools and water cooled air conditioning systems Include FVHD as a group to be notified in Section 157-5	The group agreed that the FVHD should not be the body for waivers. Actually decided that the process should be for the Town Manager to make a determination of both the ordinance actions and waivers, with all appeals going to the B.O.S. Residential gardens are covered in the current language. Believe the current language allows for appropriate responses to needs for exceptions for therapeutic pools and air conditioning systems Group agreed to add the FVHD as a group for Section 157-5	Edited sections 156-5 and 156-6 and 156-7 to have the Town Manager be the authority to determine actions and waivers with the B.O.S. as the body of appeals. Added F.V.H.D. to Section 157-5
Culture Parks and Recreation	Approve of current language	None needed	None needed
Planning Commission	Sent a positive referral of the ordinance to the B.O.S.	None needed	None needed
Zoning Commission	Asked that attention be paid to getting input from constituencies in town on the ordinance. Suggested that there needed to be clarification on the enforcement process	The Town Staff has reached out to approximately 30 groups soliciting feedback and determined that a follow up communication with the final ordinance should be sent out. The group agreed that the enforcement process needs to be clearer	Similar to the process with other ordinances; a documented enforcement policy will be created by town staff and reviewed by the B.O.S. The policy will exist outside of the ordinance itself.
Hopmeadow Country Club	The Hopmeadow Country Club has specific and science based needs for maintaining the golf course and the ordinance needs to protect their business interest. Their water usage is heavily monitored and managed by the DEP already and the town should not be adding an additional layer independent of the DEP.	Made a determination not to exempt any golf course from the ordinance but make sure the language reflects that the process will respond to the needs of a facility and recognize the degree to which they are already being monitored and managed by the D.E.P.	Clarified language in a few areas in Section 157 -4 Stage 2 (a) and (b)

5) Discussion of Draft Ordinance and Next Steps

A motion was made by Mike Paine and seconded by Chris Kelly to approve the edits to the Ordinance as documented. The motion passed unanimously.

The group decided to:

- 1) Have the Town Attorney update the document
- 2) Distribute a final version to the groups originally contacted
- 3) Schedule a review and setting of the public hearing during the first meeting in September.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Paine, seconded by Chris Kelly, and passed by all to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM