

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: Deputy First Selectman Christopher Kelly; Board members Sean Askham, Michael Paine, Cheryl Cook and Chris Peterson. Absent was First Selectman Eric Wellman. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby; Culture, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Tyburski; Director of Planning Mike Glidden; Town Engineer Jeff Shea; and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about the possibility of the soccer field moving, the barn on the triangle, blighted structures, a Police investigation, Simsbury Farms, Simsbury Meadows, e-cigarette marketing, and solar panels, and other issues.

PRESENTATIONS

a) 1st Annual Tourism Committee Award

Ms. Avery, Vice Chairperson and Co-Secretary of the Tourism Committee said they began in 1994 and this is the first Town award they have given out. These people are being recognized for all their hard work in bringing in the amazing Johnson Sculptures. She awarded the First Annual Tourism Committee Award to Ferg Jansen and Lisa Gray.

Mr. Jansen said it is one thing to have a good idea, but it takes many others to make it happen. He and Ms. Gray thanked the Tourism Committee for this Award.

Mr. Kelly noted that both Ferg Jansen and Lisa Gray also won a Hometown Hero Award tonight.

b) Farmington Valley Health District Five-Year Strategic Plan

Mr. Kelly said the purpose of the five year strategic plan is to improve and expand the district's community health efforts, pursue national accreditation, and to align the services to meet the ten statutorily required mandates for local health departments according to Section 19a 207a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Ms. Capriola said this plan was discussed during budget season.

Mr. Kilbon, Chair of the Farmington Valley Health District Board and Jennifer Kertanis, Director of the Farmington Valley Health District made their presentation.

Mr. Kilbon spoke about what's changed since 2009 with statutory mandates and Connecticut Laws that were adopted in 2014. They want to be the premiere health district in the State. He said they cannot meet demands without organizational changes including additional staffing.

Ms. Kertanis spoke about essential services and what the FVHD needs to do now. The Board has chosen to be proactive in meeting statutory mandates, fiduciary responsibilities, accountability, aligning resources and strategic objectives, etc.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

Deputy First Selectman, Kelly, reviewed the First Selectman’s Report.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Town Manager, Capriola, reviewed her Town Manager’s Report.

Ms. Cook made a motion to amend the agenda to add an appointment to the Tourism Committee under Appointments and Resignations. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Tax Refund Requests

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective June 10, 2019, to approve the presented tax refunds in the amount of \$1,035.62 and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute the tax refunds. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Vacation Carryover Requests

Ms. Capriola noted that Mr. Roy’s time has changed from 8 days to 3 days now.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective June 10, 2019, to approve the vacation carryover requests, as amended in the table and requiring Selectmen action. Further stipulate that the approved excess vacation days must be used on or before December 31, 2019. Any unused approved excess vacation days still on the books as of January 1, 2020 will be forfeited. Should the employee leave service for any reason, including but not limited to retirement or resignation, they will not be paid out for the approved unused excess vacation days authorized by the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Delegation of Open Space Stewardship and Land Management Duties

Ms. Capriola said the Board of Selectmen reviewed the request from the Open Space Committee to delegate the duties for open space stewardship and land management to them. These duties are currently held by the Conservation Commission, and the Board voted to refer consideration of the Committee’s request to the Conservation Commission. The Board received a Town Attorney opinion on this issue.

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective June 10, 2019, to delegate advisory duties related to the supervision and management of open space, including but not limited to stewardship and land management, to the Open Space Committee and to rescind those responsibilities from the Conservation Commission. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Proposed Ordinance Regarding the Election of Alternates to the Planning and Zoning Commissions

Ms. Capriola said, due to a scrivener’s error, the text outlining the number of alternates elected to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission was omitted during the Charter revision. The Town Attorney drafted an ordinance to clean up any perceived ambiguity regarding these numbers.

Ms. Cook made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen’s Regular Meeting on June 24, 2019 to solicit public comment on the proposed Ordinance regarding the Election of Alternates to the Planning and Zoning Commissions. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Simsbury High School Roof Replacement Project

Ms. Capriola said this action is required to authorize the Board of Education to apply for a Connecticut school construction grant for the partial roof replacement project at Simsbury High School. Also, a referral of this project to the Public Building Committee and authorization of preparation of schematic drawings and specifications must be made.

Ms. Askham made a motion;

- a. **“RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town of Simsbury Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the Simsbury High School Partial Roof Replacement Project.”
- b. **“RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen hereby establishes the permanent Public Building Committee As the building committee to the proposed Simsbury High School Partial Roof Replacement Project.”
- c. **“RESOLVED** that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the proposed for the proposed Simsbury High School Partial Roof Replacement Project.”

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

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Resignation of Brian Doonan from Simsbury Housing Authority

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective June 10, 2019, to accept the resignation of Brian Doonan (D) as a regular member of the Simsbury Housing Authority retroactive to May 28, 2019 with thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Appointment of Sarah Summa to the Tourism Committee

Mr. Paine made a motion, effective June 10, 2019, to appoint Sarah Summa (R) to the Tourism Committee with a term to expire on December 2, 2019. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of May 29, 2019

There were no changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2019, and, therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **Personnel** – there was no report at this time.
- b) **Finance** – there was no report at this time.
- c) **Welfare** – there was no report at this time.
- d) **Public Safety** – Mr. Askham said there will be a Public Safety meeting Thursday, June 20th at 7:00 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room. Discussions will include bears and a traffic advisory update as well.
- e) **Board of Education** – there was no report at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

a) Connecticutmag.com, “A Day in Simsbury,” by Erik Ofgang, June 2019

The Board thought this was a very interesting article.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk