

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectwoman Lisa Heavner; Board members Michael Paine, Christopher Kelly, Elaine Lang and Sean Askham. Absent was Cheryl Cook. Others in attendance included: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services, Gerard Toner, Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation, Thomas Vincent, Manager of PAC, Adam Kessler, Project Engineer, Colleen O'Connor, Tax Collector and other interested parties.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about the Zoning Commission and SPAC events, the 2 Left Feet Blues Festival proposal with RV's and tents, and other issues.

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street, spoke about a Zoning meeting on the PAC Blues Festival event, Town Government, running for First Selectman, and other issues.

Karen Cortes, 17 Rosewood Drive, spoke about the security and other issues at the Tedeschi concert on July 9th, the crowds at Simsbury Meadows, the proposed camping at event, and other issues.

Larry Keel, on the Board of Directors of 2 Left Feet Blues Festival, spoke about the proposed concert and the way they approached this event. He said this is going to be a charitable event. The crowd will be an older crowd with camping on two nights. Once they found out about the camping not being approved, they didn't sell any more spots. They were not trying to create an issue and will accept whatever the Board decides to do with this event.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations at this time.

### **FIRST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT**

The First Selectwoman reviewed her report, which is part of the agenda packet.

### **SELECTMEN ACTION**

#### **a) Approve Tax Refunds**

Ms. O'Connor explained why that the tax refunds are so high. She said the largest refund is due to a double payment in connection with the foreclosure of a property.

Ms. Lang made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$81,061.97 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **b) Accept Gift of New Ticket Booth at Performing Arts Center with an estimated value of \$45,000**

Ms. Heavner said this ticket booth issue was brought before the Board a few times now, as there were some concerns about access for handicapped patrons.

Mr. Deming said the handicapped issues have been resolved and showed the changes in parking and the ticket windows.

Mr. Paine made a motion to accept the gift of a new ticket booth for the Performing Arts Center with an estimated value of \$45,000. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **c) Approve Public Gathering Permit Application for August & October 2017 Events**

Mr. Toner said Simstock 17 is being put on by two ladies from Simsbury High School. This is a non-alcoholic event, but water, soda and food will be sold by SMPAC approved vendors. There will be about 4-6 bands performing in a “Battle of the Bands” charity concert.

Mr. Toner said the Eric Jones – Pumpkin Canoe/Kayak Race begins at Curtiss Park. There is a 4 mile Recreational/Youth Race that goes upstream and a 7 miles Pro Race. This has been held since 2000. The event would be shut down if the water is too high.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Public Gathering Permit Applications for August 22, 2017 – SMPAC – Simstock 17 and October 8, 2017 – Eric Jones – Pumpkin Canoe/Kayak Race at Curtiss Park. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner said at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board delayed the Public Gathering Permit for the 2 Left Feet Blues Festival for camping and RV parking. These issues needed to go to Zoning before Board of Selectmen approval. At their meeting on July 17, the Zoning Commission approved a text amendment to the Zoning Regulations allowing camping of this type on Town owned property.

There were several conditions attached to their approval.

The event organizers also requested that campfires be permitted on the site. The Committee indicated that this decision would have to be made by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Vincent, Manager of the PAC, explained the process for this event. He said the sale of RV and tent spaces was shut down once it was realized that this wasn't approved. The issues of porta-lets, water, handicapped issues, security, etc. were all straightened out. The Board was given maps of where and how the sites would be set up.

There was a lot of discussion on allowing RV's and tents at this site. There was also a lot of discussion about allowing camp fires. Ms. Heavner said everyone acted in good faith. The Board agreed that there needs to be further review on the Public Gathering Permit process and changes need to be made so there isn't any more confusion on events.

Ms. Heavner said she this event would be a test case and would not set any precedent. This event was done in good faith, but the process actually failed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the 2 Left Feet Blues Festival camping, on August 25 – 27, subject to Public Gathering Permit requirements with the following changes: 25 RV spaces vs. 35 and 30 tent spaces vs. 45 along with the other conditions and no campfires. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. Mr. Askham, Ms. Heavner, Ms. Lang and Mr. Paine voted in favor with Mr. Kelly voting against. Therefore, the motion passed.

#### **d) Approve Public Gathering Permit Application for September 2017 Events**

Ms. Heavner said she asked Mr. Toner to go through the four events and give the Board copies of the Public Gathering Permits. On July 12, a Public Gathering Meeting was held to address the following four events.

Mr. Toner went through each event and explained how they would be run. Mr. Toner said the Fall into Fall Fair will be in their fifth year now. He said the wedding will have music and gave the Board a map of the event.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Public Gathering Permit Applications for the following events:

- September 1: PAC Concert- Echoes of Sinatra
- September 17: Trinity Church Fall into Fall Fair
- September 24: Run Back to School 5k and Fun Run
- September 30: PAC Event – Hollander Wedding

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

#### **e) Appoint Library Building Committee**

Ms. Heavner said the Town of Simsbury’s Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 includes two Library projects including the “Lower Level Interior Improvements” project. The Library has applied for State Library Construction Funds to help cover the costs of the project. If awarded, the grant requires that the project be overseen by a Building Committee to include Library Board representative members and the Library Director.

Ms. Lang made a motion to appoint a Library Building Committee to consist of the following members and with a term expiring upon the completion of the Library’s “Lower Level Interior Improvements” capital project:

Library Director – Lisa Karim  
Town Engineer – Jeff Shea  
Town Director of Public Works – Tom Roy  
Public Building Committee members – Two (2) members as designated by the Public Building Committee Chair  
Library Trustees and representatives of the Friends of the Library  
Marianne O’Neil  
Dave Blume  
Charmaine Glew  
Lauren Miller  
Bridgett Herzog

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**f) Update Deepwater Wind Proposed Solar Project and authorize requesting extension of Discovery Schedule**

Ms. Heavner said the Town has contracted with Zuvic, Carr & Associates, an Environmental Consulting Service, to read the Deepwater Wind environmental report and to assess the environmental impact of this project.

Mr. Kessler said Zuvic Carr will conduct a review of the documents and any historic documents of Phase I. He said he hopes they will have their assessment soon so this Phase can be reviewed by the Siting Council.

Mr. Askham made a motion to authorize the request of an extension of the Discovery Schedule for the Deepwater Wind Proposed Solar Project to the Siting Council. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Memo from Director of Planning & Community Development regarding State Lot on Iron Horse Blvd.**

Ms. Heavner said the Board received a memo from James Rabbitt, ACP about developing the Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI), which is being developed in order to explore a level of interest with the Redevelopment of existing surface parking lot (State Lot on Iron Horse Boulevard).

**b) Connecticut State Department of Education Youth Service Bureau Grant Application in the amount of \$14,000 with a local match of \$8,000 which has been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget – Informational Only**

Ms. Heavner said the Board has a memo from Mickey Lecours-Beck about the Connecticut State Department of Education Youth Service Bureau Grant Application which is done every year. She asked the Board to approve her signing the application, with no financial obligation, and to have further discussion at the next Board meeting. Everyone agreed to let Ms. Heavner sign the Grant Application.

**c) CASAC Grant Application in the amount of \$5,342 to Support Local Prevention – Activities – Informational Only**

Ms. Heavner said the Board also has copies of some Grant Applications that Social Services does every year.

In addition, Ms. Heavner discussed a memorandum from Tom Roy describing a CDOT Grant Project – Community Connectivity Grant Program. The Board agreed to allow Ms. Heavner to sign a grant that would cover the cost of installation of 9 ADA approved electronic signals at four critical road crossings. This would be at no cost to the Town.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

**a) Appoint Jacques Brignac (R) as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority with an expiration date of January 1, 2020**

Mr. Askham made a motion to appoint Jacques Brignac as a regular member of the Water Pollution Control Authority with an expiration date of January 1, 2020. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

**a) Regular Meeting of June 26, 2017**

There were no changes to the minutes of June 26, 2017 and, therefore, the minutes were adopted.

**SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Personnel** - There was no report at this time.

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2. **Finance** - There was no report at this time.
3. **Welfare** - There was no report at this time.
4. **Public Safety** – Mr. Askham said at the Public Safety meeting there was discussion on the funding of a second ambulance and staffing requirements. He thanked police and ambulance staff for doing such a great job in keeping Simsbury safe. There will be more discussion on this issue at the next meeting.
5. **Board of Education** – There was no report at this time.

Mr. Kelly asked the Board members to e-mail dates they are available, in September, to interview candidates for Town Manager.

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Ms. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sincerely,  
Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk