

SITE VISIT (Entrance to the Performing Arts Center on Iron Horse Boulevard)

a) Site Visit for LGBTQ+ Pride Trail Art Installation

At 8:00 a.m., the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager Maria Capriola, Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby, Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation Tom Tyburski, and Parks Superintendent Orlando Casiano met at Rotary Park to review the plan for the proposed installation. The group walked to the portion of the multi-use path where the walk will be painted. Ms. Capriola described the proposed design. Mr. Tyburski also reviewed the design submitted by a local artist, which would be printed on banners to be hung from the light posts to draw visual interest to the installation. The group discussed possible sponsorships to fund the cost of the banners. The group left the site at 8:13 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER (In the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall)

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:20 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Hall. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Deputy First Selectman Christopher Kelly; Board members Michael Paine, Sean Askham, Chris Peterson, and Cheryl Cook. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby; Director of Culture, Parks, and Recreation Tom Tyburski; and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) LGBTQ+ Pride Trail Art Installation Discussion

Mr. Wellman opened the discussion of the proposed pride trail art installation. Ms. Cook noted that the design is available to the public online, included with the special meeting packet materials. Mr. Askham said that he has received positive feedback from those that he has shared the design with. Mr. Wellman said that the design was posted to the LGBTQ Facebook page, and that there was positive feedback there, as well.

Ms. Capriola noted that this project will be funded partially by Public Works and partially by Culture, Parks, and Recreation. In regards to the banner design, the group expressed interest in having the artist sign her artwork. Mr. Askham suggested that each of the Selectmen sponsor one of the six signs. Mr. Kelly suggested that the word “Simsbury” be incorporated into the banner design.

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Mr. Paine asked the Board to remain open minded on this concept, as it may lead to other groups requesting to do something similar.

The group briefly discussed the community event that will take place on October 11, National Coming Out Day, to paint the installation. The event will take place from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective September 30, 2019 to approve the installation of the proposed design for the LGBTQ+ Pride Art on the trail near the Simsbury Performing Arts Center entrance along Iron Horse Boulevard and to print light post banners with the submitted original artwork. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 a.m. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Appleby
Deputy Town Manager