

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY – BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2018**

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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular 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 Selectman Eric Wellman; board members Cheryl Cook, Sean Askham, Chris Peterson, and Christopher Kelly. Selectman Michael Paine was absent. Others in attendance included Town Manager Maria Capriola, Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby, Director of Public Works, Tom Roy, Director of Planning and Community Development Michael Glidden, Director of Community and Social Services Kristen Formanek, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wellman asked the Board to add one item to the agenda – a Public Gathering Permit Application for Simsbury Celebrates under item H.

Ms. Cook made a motion to add Item H – a Public Gathering Permit Application for Simsbury Celebrates. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Helen Peterson, 20 Longview Drive, spoke about the upcoming elections and question 2. She said this question has to do with land preservation and the State selling, giving away, or swapping land without hearing from the public. She urged everyone to vote yes to change the constitution to make sure our voices are heard before getting rid of these lands.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke about a “hard stop” at the last Board meeting and the consequences for SCTV viewers, Gifts for Love and the Eno Trust, the mill rate, pickle ball and other issues.

Wilson Keithline, 39 East Weatogue, spoke about the Theatre Guild of Simsbury, and their November event “Hollywood in Vegas”.

Susan Masino, 41 Madison Lane, also spoke about question 2 on the ballot, the Grange workshop “Gardening 101” tomorrow night at 6 p.m., a Bee keeping workshop on November 19th, and other issues.

Nevin Christensen, Flamig Farm, 44 West Mountain Road, spoke about having an Air B & B at the Farm and his son now wanting to learn more on farming.

Julie Christensen, 44 West Mountain Road, said Flamig Farm is growing. She said she has left messages for Zoning about holding more events at the Farm and the Air B & B, but no one gets back to her.

PRESENTATIONS

a) Gifts of Love Barn Conversion Project

Mr. Wellman said this item is about the renovating of the barn at the Community Farm and is for informational purposes only.

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Executive Director of Gifts of Love Susan Pribyson, introduced the other members of the organization. She said they were founded 29 years ago. Her presentation gave the history of Gifts of Love and the Simsbury Poor Farm. She noted what their current services are to the Town. Ms. Pribyson showed the current barn structure and explained the current usage of the barn. She also discussed the scope of the barn renovation and use.

Donna Sennott, from the Theatre Guild of Simsbury, spoke about joining the Gifts of Love on this project. She gave the history of the Theatre Guild in the Town and feels they can expand their programs if the barn is renovated.

Ms. Pribyson also spoke about fundraising and trying to obtain grants for this project.

Lydia Tedone, who is on the Board of Directors of Gifts of Love and also on the Simsbury Board of Education spoke about what the Town Farm was and what it has become today. She feels the Farm is viable to the Town. She discussed revenue and services of the Farm.

Ms. Capriola said this issue has been brought to the Town Attorney for review.

FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

First Selectman, Wellman, reviewed his First Selectman report.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

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

SELECTMEN ACTION

a) Tax Refund Requests

Mr. Askham made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to approve the presented tax refunds in the amount of \$5,349.68, and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola, to execute the tax refunds. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Proposed Acceptance of Greater Hartford Transit District Dial-A-Ride Assistance Grant

Mr. Wellman said the Town annually contracts with the Greater Hartford Transit District for assistance with funding the operating costs of the Simsbury Dial-A-Ride Program. We have been awarded more than \$6,600 this year.

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective October 22, 2018, to accept the FY18/19 grant funds from the Greater Hartford Transit District to support our Dial-A-Ride program and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola to execute all documents related to the grant award. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Proposed Archdioceses of Hartford Donation

Mr. Wellman said the Archdiocese of Hartford has provided the Town with a financial donation of \$1,565 to support the Simsbury Food Closet for residents in need.

Ms. Formanek said the Town has four food programs for the residents of Simsbury including Cheese Day, Bread Day, the Food Closet and Mobile Food Share.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to accept the donation from the Archdioceses of Hartford in the amount of \$1,565 for the purpose of supporting our Food Closet Program. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Proposed Acceptance of Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant

Mr. Wellman said bulletproof vests are replaced every five years. This year, thanks to this grant, we will be able to replace seven vests.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to accept the FY 18/19 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant, and to authorize Town Manager, Maria E. Capriola to execute all documents related to the grant award. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Proposed FY 18/19 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Mr. Wellman said the Town annually submits a grant application to the State Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for an Emergency Management Performance Grant.

Ms. Capriola said the Board made a resolution on January 22, 2018 and she has been authorized to execute all documents related to the grant if it is awarded to the Town.

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to apply for the 2018/2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$12,179. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Public Gathering Permit for Simsbury Celebrates

Mr. Wellman said Simsbury Celebrates will take place on November 24th from 5-8:30 p.m. This event will be the same as all previous years.

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to approve the Public Gathering Application for Simsbury Celebrates 2018 as presented and to authorize the issuance of the Public Gathering Permit. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Economic Development Commission Work Plan

Mr. Wellman said the Board had an opportunity to arrange their priorities for the Economic Development Commission or Ms. Capriola to handle. The Board look at items ranked #5 and #4.

After discussion, Mr. Askham said this was a good exercise as the Board should give more guidance to other Boards and Commissions as well.

There was no action taken at this time.

h) Discussion on 2018-2019 Board of Selectmen Goals and Priorities

Ms. Capriola said her and Ms. Appleby further characterize the goals and priorities of the Board and report back to the Board at the November meeting.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Resignation of Robert Michael Gorman from the Board of Education

Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert Michael Gorman (R) as a regular member of the Board of Education effective November 30, 2018 with our thanks. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Resignation of Andrea Ericksen from the Juvenile Review Board

Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the resignation of Andrea Ericksen as a member of the Juvenile Review Board retroactive to October 1, 2018 with our thanks. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Proposed Appointment of Bryant Lishness to the Juvenile Review Board

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to appoint Bryant P. Lishness as a member of the Juvenile Review Board to the slot designated for the probation officer from the Juvenile Court. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Proposed Appointment of Brian Doonan to the Simsbury Housing Authority

Ms. Cook made a motion, effective October 22, 2018 to appoint Brian Doonan (D) as a regular member of the Simsbury Housing Authority with a term expiring April 2, 2019. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of October 10, 2018

There were no changes to the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2018 and, therefore, the minutes were adopted.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Personnel** – no report at this time.
- b) Finance** – no report at this time.
- c) Welfare** – no report at this time.
- d) Public Safety** – no report at this time.
- e) Board of Education** – no report at this time.

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Ms. Cook spoke about the Community for Care program on Anxiety in Children and Parents to be held on November 5th at Henry James Middle School. This program is for kids ages 13 and older. She said teachers will also be hearing about this program.

Ms. Cook said in the last budget cycle, lunches were approved at the Senior Center. These lunches will start on November 6th for eat in or take out.

COMMUNICATIONS

a) Letter from M. Capriola and N. Boulter re: Ely Lane, Dated October 10, 2018

There was no discussion at this time.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk