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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Sean Askham. Others in attendance included Chief Ingvertsen, Tom Cooke and other interested parties.

PRESENTATION

Installation of Drug Lock Box in Police Department - Chief Peter Ingvertsen

Chief Ingvertsen announced a new initiative that they have been working on for several years.

He announced that there will be a drug drop box located by the elevator. The box is on the way and should hopefully be available by the middle of February. The Town had to present to the State and Federal government so they could see how this box would be handled.

The Drug Lock Box needs to be under 24 hour camera security. Two people must take the drugs out and they are sealed and verified. They will then be stored under lock and key and alarmed before sending to be burned.

Chief Ingvertsen said the funds for this project come from the drug asset forfeiture fund, from an arrest several years ago. Therefore, there is no cost to the tax payers.

Ms. Glassman said this will be of great service to the community and thanked the Chief for his efforts.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street said he was at the meeting between

the Performing Arts Center Board and Board of Selectmen. He said he is reading the Kane Mutiny and he read a few lines from it.

Mr. Kalechman feels the Town shouldn't dip into reserves for the PAC Board as they always say they will stay even in their budget, but always go over budget. He feels the taxes shouldn't go up because the PAC Board doesn't work properly.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 E. Weatogue said she also sat in on the PAC Board meeting. She feels they should hold off on paying the manager until we find out how to do things. Shouldn't double pay on one thing.

Ms. Bednarczyk spoke again about land use. She feels a master plan is needed for a whole piece not little pieces at a time. She feels electric vehicle charging stations should be looked in to not another gas station. She feels a visionary master plan is needed for the Town. Ms. Glassman told Ms. Bednarczyk she should also be speaking to the Zoning Commission.

Jeff Tindall, 47 Owens Brook Blvd. thanked the Town of the med box as he feels it will be a great benefit to everyone. He said, as Chairman of the Democratic Town Committee, they might consider combining Clean Energy and Recycling together for better efficiency.

Robert Hensley, 21 Cedar Hill Road said that the discussion at the PAC Board meeting wasn't asking for funding for their expenses, they have funds for their budget. They do want to be cash flow positive. The funding is about the consultant. There was a RFP sent out and they need help planning for the future of this incredible facility.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said there was a great Martin Luther King Day Ceremony last Monday. The High School students have been working hard to raise funds to erect a statute to honor Dr. King and Cigna has now donated \$20,000.

Ms. Glassman said there were two events that focused on steps that can be taken to better prepare for an emergency. The Public Safety Committee is working very hard and specific initiatives have been identified and will be implemented.

Ms. Glassman thanked the Public Safety Committee, employees, and dedicated public servants and residents for helping with this process.

Ms. Glassman said the Department Heads have submitted their budgets to the

Director of Finance. The Town staff is taking the opportunity to do some goal-setting as part of the budget process. As budget information becomes available, it will be posted on the Town's website budget page.

Ms. Glassman said CL&P informed residents that it is resuming work on the repair of Town's electric transmission structure. This work will hopefully be completed by late March 2012. If anyone has any questions about the work, please call CL&P Transmission Info Line 800-793-2202 or send an e-mail to TRANSMISSIONINFO@NU.COM.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$44,853.92 as requested and

approved by the Tax Collector. Mr. Askham recused himself from discussion and voting. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor, with one abstaining, and the motion passed.

b) Consideration and possible appointment of a Pension Committee

Mr. Askham made motion to appoint a Pension Committee consisting of two Board members (Ms. Heavner and Ms. Wertheimer); two representatives from the Board of Education (Michael Goman and Mike Wade); two representatives from the Board of Finance (Paul Henault and Nick Mason); two citizen members (Paul McAlenney and Phil Schulz). Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Adoption of 2012 Budget Workshop Calendar - all meeting in Main Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adopt the 2012 Budget Workshop Calendar as follows:

February 15 - Review of Capital Improvement Plan
February 27 - Review Library, Social Services, Land Use/EDC
February 28 - Review Parks and Recreation, Public Works
February 29 - Review Public Safety, General Government
March 1 - reserved if needed

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

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Appoint the members of the Public Safety Sub-Committee co-terminus with the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint the members of the Public Safety Sub-Committee members - Burke LaClair, Geoffrey Giddings, Peter Ingvertsen, James Baldis, John Hampton, Kevin Kowalski, Mickey Lecours-Beck, Lucille Bowman, Mark Massaro, Michael Delehanty, Mike Long, Richard Matheny, Richard Sawitzke, Sean Askham, Tom Cooke, Tom Roy, and William Ketchabaw co-terminus with the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept the resignation of Jeffrey Blumenthal (D) as a full member of the Library Board effective December 12, 2011

Ms. Heavner made motion to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Blumenthal as a full member of the Library Board effective December 12, 2011 with our thanks. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Accept the resignation of William Fiske (R) as a full member of the Board of Assessment Appeals effective January 14, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation of William Fiske as a full member of the Board of Assessment Appeals effective January 14, 2012 with our thanks. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve the appointment of Stephen Nocera (R) as a full member of the Board of Assessment Appeals effective January 16, 2012

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the appointment of Stephen Nocera as a full member of the Board of Assessment Appeals effective January 16, 2012. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Democrat appointments to Boards and Commissions

Ms. Heavner made motion to appoint the following Democratic Boards and Commissions:

Aging & Disability Commission: Alternate members; Arlene Zappile and Mark Orenstein.

Regular member; Mona Herman

Board of Ethics: Regular member; Dave Moore

Building Code Board of Appeals: Alternate members; Samuel Ziplow and Steven

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Clean Energy Task Force Committee: Regular members; Edward Cosgrove and Susan VanKleeef

Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency: Alternate member; Patrick Kottas

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission: Regular members; Bill Mullen and Francis Salls

Design Review Board: Alternate member; Rita Bond. Regular members; Charles Stephenson, Emil Dahlquist and Kevin Gray.

Economic Development Commission: Regular members; Shannon Knall, Charles Minor and Allan Raphael

Historic District Commission: Regular member; Kenneth Feder

Insurance Committee: Regular members; John Sennott, Nicholas Mason and Peter Peterson

Library Board of Trustees: Regular member; Lydia Chiapetti

Open Space Committee: Regular member; Helen Peterson

Performing Arts Center Board: Regular members; Cathy Barnard, Jerguson Jansen, and Ross Herlands

Public Building Committee: Regular members; Francis Kelly, Richard Ostop, and Lawrence Boardman

Recycling Committee: Regular members; Alan Needham, Elizabeth Melvin, Lonni Schulz, and Lori Fernand

Simsbury Farms Complex Committee: Regular members Antonio Braz, Dennis Fallon, Marc Lubetkin, and Maribeth Mortillaro

Tourism Committee: Regular members; Barbara O'Connor, Dominique Avery, Elizabeth Banco, Laurie Matczak, Patricia Carbone, Steven Mitchell, and Paulette Clark

Water Pollution Control Authority: Regular member; Warren Coe

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

f) Republican appointments to Boards and Commissions

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to appoint the following Republican members to Boards and Commissions:

Aging and Disability Commission: Alternate member; Margaret Shanks.
Regular members; Victor Bible and Grace Comeau

Building Code Board of Appeals: Regular member; Paul Holland

Clean Energy Task Force: Regular members; Patrick Boeshans and Robert Beinstein

Conservation Commission/Inland and Wetlands Agency: Regular member; Margery Winters

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission: Regular member; David Bush

Design Review Board: Alternate members; Anthony Drapelick and John Carroll.
Regular members; John Stewart, Mark Naccarato, Richard Schoenhardt, and William Gardner.

Economic Development Commission: Regular member; Kris Barnett

Historic District Commission: Regular member; Elizabeth Woollacott

Housing Authority: Regular member; Ronald Zappile

Insurance Committee: Regular members; Angela Campetti, Edward Sparkowski, Paul Mikkelsen, and Madeline Gilkey

Performing Arts Center Board: Regular members; Robert Hensley, Janet Goman, Leo Collins, and Sharon Lawson

Public Building Committee: Regular member; Richard Derr

Recycling Committee: Regular members; James Ray, Nancy Thoma and Mary Turner

Simsbury Farms Complex Committee: Regular members; Chuck Ford, David Dell, Gerald Post, Ronald Patterson and Sarah Cramer

Tourism Committee: Regular members; Gina Cadorette, Terry Boulton, Joyce Howard and Katherine Oakes

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Board of Education Capital Improvement Plan

Ms. Glassman said the Board of Selectmen has received the CIP Capital Plan from the Board of Education, which was adopted. She said Town staff is now calculating and formatting all of the requests to form a spreadsheet. The Debt limit is still at 7%.

Ms. Glassman said the action that the Board of Selectmen took to refinance the debt has gone a long way in lowering the debt costs.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting of January 9, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the regular minutes of the Board of Selectmen of January 9, 2012. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion and made spelling corrections on page 2 and 4. All were in favor with corrections and the motion passed.

SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liaison Report

Ms. Glassman thanked everyone who worked on entering into contract for a consultant for the Hartford Symphony and Septemberfest.

Mr. Hampton spoke about the Martin Luther King Ceremony. He said they hope to build on the event every year. They already met today to discuss plans for 2013.

Mr. Hampton said the Senior Tax Relief Committee is meeting Thursday, January 26th at 6pm to discuss extending the current program. The public is welcomed at this meeting.

Ms. Heavner said there will be another Senior Citizens Sports Night on Jan. 27th at 5:30 which will highlight basketball.

The student production of West Side Story will be held February 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th and 12th at the High School.

1. Personnel - no report at this time
2. Finance - no report at this time

3. Welfare - no report at this time
4. Public Safety - no report at this time
5. Board of Education

ADJOURN

Ms. Heavner made motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman