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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Selectman Gerald Post was absent. Other interested parties in attendance were Thomas Cooke, Sean Kimball, Hiram Peck, Richard Sawitzke and Gerry Toner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Hiram Peck, Director of Planning and Development, gave an update on the Route 10 Corridor Study. The Steering Committee reviewed and ultimately endorsed a plan to preserve the two lane character of Route 10. Transportation options which received major consideration included biking and pedestrian areas with a dedicated bike lane on Route 10. Ms. Glassman added that the DOT is open to input from the Town including narrowing Route 10 and adding bumpouts. Information on this project is available on the CROCOG website and the Town of Simsbury website.

A Proclamation was presented to Mark Holowesko for his induction into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame.

Eileen Fielding, Executive Director of the Farmington River Watershed Association gave an update on the Spoonville Dam project. This Dam is a popular spot which was breached in 1955. The Farmington River runs through a narrow gap and the high velocity is a barrier to migratory fish. The

goal is to reduce the velocity of the water by removing the Dam. Engineering plans are complete for this \$1.1 million dollar project. The FRWA will apply for the many permits that are needed and they are working with Northeast Utilities, the DEP and others to complete this project. They will be receiving \$500,000 from the Connecticut license plate fund but are also looking for other sources of funding and they hope to complete the project by 2013.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda to move item d) to item b), seconded by Mr. Hampton. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2012-2017

Mr. Toner agreed that this plan meets the needs of the Simsbury Farms. A shower in the locker area could be added at a later date.

Mr. Hampton made motion to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2017 as presented. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$68,574.63 as requested by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Performing Arts Center

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the approval of the use of Iron Horse Boulevard for the Chamber of Commerce Home Show, September 9-11, 2011; the Hartford Marathon, June 5, 2011 and the Farmington Valley Trails Council, June 4, 2011 as requested by the Performing Arts Center Board. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion subject to each organization securing a Public Gathering Permit and providing requisite insurance. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$35,890 from General Fund Reserves to cover the shortfall and close Greenway and Modular Classroom capital projects

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$35,890 from General Fund Reserves to cover the shortfall and close Greenway and Modular Classroom capital projects. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve fees for the 2011 golf and pool seasons as recommended by the

Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Toner reported that the Commission had looked at other communities and their rates for different recreational activities. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the proposed rates with Mr. Toner and questioned him concerning the likely impact of the new rates on public use of the Simsbury Farms facilities. Mr. Toner stated that he felt confident that the rates were competitive with other options, that the rates were not likely to discourage usage and that they would help to improve Simsbury Farms' finances.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the fees for the 2011 golf and pool seasons as recommended by the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Approve resolution initiating the Charter Revision Commission process

RESOLVED, that Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury be and hereby is authorized to initiate on behalf of the Town of Simsbury a Charter Review process and require the Charter Revision Commission appointed on January 24, 2011 to submit its draft report to the Town Clerk no later than July 24, 2012.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the resolution initiating the Charter Revision Commission process. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

a) Accept the resignation of Ken Mason (D) as a full member of the Performing Arts Center Board effective January 27, 2011

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the resignation of Ken Mason (D) as a full member of the Performing Arts Center Board effective January 27, 2011. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 24, 2011

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 24, 2011 with corrections as noted. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman