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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members, Sean Askham, Lisa Heavner, John Hampton, Moira Wertheimer and Nancy Haase. Others in attendance included Sean Kimball and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eagle Scout Candidate Cole Starrett lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about a Town Management form of government. She said Ms. Glassman has delegated her duties to a manager, Tom Cooke, Director of Administrative Services, who has no public service. She said this position was never advertised, eliminating any qualified people to apply for it. She wants Ms. Glassman's salary decreased, even though she hasn't had a raise in many years.

Ms. Coe is concerned about the sale of The Hartford. She said there are a lot of Town residents who are employed at The Hartford who will be affected. Simsbury's revenue will be greatly reduced if residents become unemployed.

Ms. Coe spoke about an all day kindergarten. She said there will be significant cost to the Town residents for this all day class. It isn't presented properly to the residents.

Ms. Coe spoke again about the Ethel Walker property. She said this is on aquifer property and this needs to be looked into further. She feels the

price is highly inflated and should be voted down.

Robert Kalechman, 781 Hopmeadow Street thanked the Board for the ceremony held today for the remembrance of the Bataan Death March. He said the Marine Color Guard was very sad as they are burying the Marines every week.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about the parking lot at Town Hall. He feels this lot needs a lot of upkeep and is not a good example of money that is spent by the Town.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about the Charter Revision Commission. He doesn't think there should be a vote on it tonight as the Lawyer isn't coming until the next meeting.

Mr. Kalechman feels there was a conflict of interest on the Charter Revision Commission. He doesn't understand who represented the people. He doesn't understand why the Constables are being taken away. He also doesn't understand why the Charter won't be looked into now for another 7 years.

Ms. Glassman said there the agenda item on the Charter is to set a date for a Public Hearing at the April 23, 2012 meeting. There will be no vote on the Charter tonight.

## PRESENTATIONS

Eagle Scout candidate Cole Starrett - presentation to clean up Simsbury Library grounds

Ms. Starrett gave the Board his proposal to clean up the Simsbury Library grounds between the Library and the Boy Scout Hall. He said he wants to clean up the area and install three benches so people can sit and read outside. He said the funding is coming from Friends of the Simsbury Public Library and he has an Inland/Wetlands permit and permission from the Library to do this project.

Ms. Glassman and the Board thanked him for his presentation of this complete project. He presented this project very professionally.

Ann Marie Potter and Vincente Garcia - bike sculpture presentation

Ms. Potter said Mr. Garcia has spent a lot of time in the schools showing students the art of pottery. She said Mr. Garcia has built a one of a kind bicycle sculpture for Simsbury. They are currently fund raising and hope to raise over \$8,000. The land has already been approved by the Town. The

sculpture will be unveiled on May 19th during Art Walk Simsbury at the ABC House. She handed out the May schedule of the bike activities.

Mr. Garcia showed the audience a video of how he actually made this huge bicycle sculpture. He said the sculpture is made of all recycled metal. It was made behind his art studio in his yard. He also showed a piece of the metal he uses. He loved working with this Committee as they gave him freedom to show what he can do.

The Board thanked Mr. Garcia for this beautiful sculpture.

#### FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

\* Update of The Hartford's announced business plan

Ms. Glassman said The Hartford's business will affect everyone in the Town. She said they have

asked that the Town be kept updated on all of the activity and they have been very cooperative. She said the Town is very willing to work with The Hartford and any new buyers. The Hartford reassured the Town that they will work with the Town on this project. The State is also willing to work with The Hartford and Town of Simsbury to make sure everyone understands what is going on through the process. She said the Town will keep residents informed.

\* Budget update: Board of Finance meeting April 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Hall; the 2012 Town Meeting on May 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Simsbury High School and a Special Town Meeting immediately following for Capital Projects and a Town wide Referendum, May 15, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Henry James Memorial School

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone of the Town Meeting on May 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Simsbury High School and a Special Town Meeting immediately following that for Capital Projects. There are changes from the Public Hearing. The Board of Finance did decrease the debt number to 0.04% and the draft was handed out.

Ms. Glassman said the Town Referendum will be on May 15, 2012 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Henry James Memorial School. This is for the Ethel Walker purchase and the District Network Infrastructure.

Ms. Glassman said the 70th Anniversary Remembrance was held today and she thanked Mr. Crowley for his service.

Ms. Glassman said the Town received a gift, a picture of Peg Donahue, who was the first elected female member of the Board of Selectmen from 1970 - 1978. The family and staff will find a place to hang this beautiful picture.

#### SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve the request of Cole Starrett to clear Town land between Boy Scout Hall and the Simsbury Public Library as his Eagle Scout project

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the request of Cole Starrett, Eagle Scout candidate, to clean Town land between Boy Scout Hall and the Simsbury Public Library as presented. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve tax refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,625.06 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and

the motion passed.

c) Set a date for public hearing on April 23, 2012 on the proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 141, Article VIII, Section 141-29 (A), Tax Credit for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the Public Hearing date of April 23, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., on the proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 141, Article VIII, Section 141-29(A); Tax Credit for Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Acceptance of Charter Revision Commission report and set April 23, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting for presentation of report by Town Attorney

Mr. Askham made motion to accept the Charter Revision Commission report and set April 23, 2012 for a presentation of the report, by the Town Attorney, at the Board of Selectmen meeting. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Approve the use of Simsbury Meadows for a fund-raising event for the Lions Club Journey for Sight on May 5, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the use of Simsbury Meadows for a fund-raising event on May 5, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the Lions Club

Journey for Sight. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve the use of Town property located at Rotary Park/Performing Arts Center for the annual River Run Road Race sponsored by the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club on April 29, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the use of Town property located at Rotary Park/Performing Arts Center for the annual River Run Road Race sponsored by the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club. This event is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, 2012 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Appoint the Hometown Hero Selection Committee (accepting Hometown Hero nominations until April 20, 2012)

Ms. Heavner made motion to appoint the members of the Hometown Hero Selection Committee in accordance with the Hometown Hero Guidelines: The committee includes First Selectman Mary Glassman, Board member Moira Wertheimer, Roger Spear, Bryan DeVoe, Pam Lacko, and Len Lanza. Deadline for nominations is April 20, 2012. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All

were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Approve the request of Bruce Kaplan for Eno parking permission

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the request of Bruce Kaplan, for permission to use Eno parking lot for all Iron Horse Boulevard events and all concerts from May 1, 2012 to December 1, 2012. The parking lot will not be used when there is an event at Eno Memorial Hall. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Pass a resolution setting a date for a Special Town Meeting to consider proposed amendments to the Eno Farms Ground Lease

Ms. Glassman recused herself during the discussion and vote due to a possible conflict. Mr. Askham made motion to approve a resolution setting a date for a Special Town Meeting on May 14, 2012, to consider proposed amendments to the Eno Farms Ground Lease. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Ms. Glassman rejoined the meeting.

#### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Accept the resignation of Alan Needham as a full member of the Recycling Committee effective March 29, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the resignation of Alan Needham as a full member of the Recycling Committee effective March 29, 2012 with our thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept the resignation of John Pendergast as a full member of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission effective March 15, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation of John Pendergast as a full member of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission effective March 15, 2012 with our thanks. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Appoint Gerald Post as a full member of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission effective April 9, 2012

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Gerald Post as a full member of the Culture, Parks and Recreation Commission effective April 9, 2012. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Announcement of 2012 Memorial Day Parade - May 28, 2012 - march off onto Winthrop Street in Tariffville at 9:00 a.m. and march off onto Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury at 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Glassman announced the 2012 Memorial Day Parade for May 28, 2012. March off onto Winthrop Street in Tariffville will be at 9:00 a.m. and march off onto Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury will be at 1:30 p.m. If any groups wish to join the parades they are to call Bob Gauthier.

Mr. Hampton made motion to add discussion time at this meeting to discuss the CNR budget. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham asked if the Board need to re-visit the CNR budget before their Board of Finance meeting on Thursday. Ms. Glassman noted that there was an error of \$53,000 in the number due to a double calculation.

Ms. Glassman noted that she doesn't want to reduce the number by taking out the equipment like the dump truck as our equipment has been heavily abused especially after the October storm. She feels that the only things that they could take a second look at is the bike friendly initiative and Tariffville driveways and parking. However, the Board does feel that everything in the CNR is needed now. Mr. Glassman feels they have cut as

much as we can at this point.

Mr. Hampton suggested that the Board of Finance look at the Tariffville issue before they make any kind of decision. Ms. Heavner asked for another risk assessment from the Finance Board if they decide not to do the Tariffville project.

Ms. Glassman said she will send an e-mail to the Board of Finance that this Board has looked at and discussed possible reductions to the CNR and feel, very strongly, that we want to preserve the equipment. This Board is willing to work with them on the Bike Initiative to reduce that line item and they should look at the Tariffville project if there's going to be further reduction.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

##### a) Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2012 as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

##### b) Special Meeting of March 27, 2012

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2012 as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Ms. Haase recused herself, with everyone else in favor. Therefore, the motion passed.

#### SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel - no report at this time
2. Finance - no report at this time
3. Welfare - no report at this time
4. Public Safety - Mr. Hampton said Mickey Lecours-Beck is finishing shelter operations training after the disasters of this year. This is free training at Enos for volunteers and staff being taught by the Red Cross.

Mr. Hampton noted the Tariffville Pot Luck Dinner on March 31st and it was a great turn-out. He also noted the upcoming Kayak races.

Mr. Askham made motion to approve extra time for Public Audience again. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Coe said she was surprised to hear that Mr. Ryan wrote the wording for the motion to include the Design Review Board in the Charter. She feels he

should have recused himself from the issue as he is on the Zoning Commission. Land Use Boards should be free of controls.

Ms. Coe said she feels the Board needs to go to the Attorney General before voting on the ground lease agreement of Eno Farms.

Mr. Kalechman feels the bicycle issue is out of control. He doesn't understand how they could sell bricks at the sculpture site and who will be held accountable for the money. He doesn't think this is a good idea at all and feels this will open up a can of worms.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Askham seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman