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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2010

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Tom Herlihy, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner, and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included State Representative Linda Schofield, Sarah Nielson, Chief Ingvertsen, Hiram Peck, Greg Piecuch and other interested parties.

Presentations

a) State Representative Linda Schofield to discuss State Land Conveyance

State Representative Linda Schofield said that the bill for the Town's option to acquire two of the parking lots on Iron Horse Blvd. (not the commuter bus lot) was passed in special session. They have been a target for economic development for a long time. The State has offered it to the Town at market value. The Department of Transportation will get some appraisers to come up with a price and draw up an agreement. Then the agreement has to go to the State Properties Review Board. Then the Town or developer could purchase it.

Ms. Schofield said the Charrette said the people wanted development downtown in accordance with smart growth principles and mixed use opportunities. Therefore, this property is important to the Town. The land can also be parceled off. It is a win/win for the Town and State. Ms. Glassman said the Board appreciated all her hard work on this land option. Ms. Glassman, along with Ms. Schofield, also thanked Hiram Peck for all of his hard work.

Mr. Peck said other Towns have done this and have had design competitions and public/private partnerships. This presents a series of options for this property.

Ms. Glassman said that Mr. Peck will share the information with the Town's various committees and make recommendations to the Board.

b) Inventory of Eagle Scout Projects - Jay Jedlicka, Troop 76 Eagle Rank Advancement Chairman

Mr. Hensley said the Eagle Scouts had asked for projects to do for the Town. They mentioned the Gateway signs and have come to the Board to offer their services to the Town.

Mr. Jedlicka, the Eagle Rank Advancement Chairperson for Troop 76, and Scout Master, Dan Carr, addressed the Board. There are about 100 boys in their troop and 25 are in the process of Eagle Rank. One of the requirements is to accomplish a leadership service project. In the past they have worked with Culture, Parks and Recreation Department, the Housing Authority and the Friends of the Library.

Mr. Jedlicka said some of the Scouts have projects they think of and others need some help coming up with projects to do.

Mr. Jedlicka said they would love a Town project list that would help them and other troops and civic organizations help the Town. They are very much in support of the idea.

Ms. Glassman thanked him for the support. She said the next step would be for the Department Heads to make "wish lists" and publish them on the website. Also, the Social Services Dept. could ask the elderly if they need help.

Mr. Jedlicka said the Boy Scout requirements do have a specific list of criteria. Ms. Glassman said they will work on the list.

First Selectman's Reports

Ms. Glassman announced that she and Linda Schofield participated in a "Cook Off" for the benefit of Gifts of Love and that she won over Ms. Schofield.

Ms. Glassman said there is a free Family Day on July 15th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Simsbury Farms Recreation Complex. Dinner is \$2 per person.

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone to sign the No Phone Zone Promise. If you do, you will get a free ice cream cone at Fosters.

Ms. Glassman acknowledged the Wagner family who just donated 62 acres of land next to land owned by the Simsbury Land Trust. There are very few

parcels of land like it in the State. Mr. Hensley said the ceremony was very nice and it is a very beautiful parcel of land. Thank you.

Public Audience

Sarah Nielson, Executive Director of the Simsbury Main Street Partnership, said that Representative Schofield's news is huge and will help downtown so much. Hopefully this will keep the pressure on the land use boards to move forward with the zoning regulations.

Ms. Nielson had copies of the Washington Post that said that Simsbury is an amazing place to live or own a business. She feels the Town is doing the right thing and moving up.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street said there are a lot of problems with public financing. He spoke about spending in different campaigns. He thinks everyone spends too much on this.

Mr. Kalechman said there are 16,220 voters and of that Republicans have 5,289; Democrats have

4,810; Unaffiliated have 6,062; and the other parties have about 52 members. Not enough voters actually vote.

Mr. Kalechman said Parks and Recreation is charging too much for the kids to swim at the pool camp facilities. He suggested that the Board go to the pool to see what is going on. He feels the lifeguards don't make enough money; the DJ makes more than them. Ms. Glassman said she would refer this to Parks and Recreation.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about a Town Manager vs. a First Selectman. She spoke about Eno Farms Affordable Housing Complex and the litter there. No one seems interested in fixing the problems. Ms. Coe said the Acting Director of Administrative Services made a field trip to the Complex and called CHFA to report his findings of trash. Within one week everything was removed. However, there is still work to be done there.

Ms. Coe said one of the Selectmen was seen driving while using his cell phone after signing the No Phone Zone pledge. She asked if he was stopped and ticketed.

Ms. Coe spoke about DVD's in the Library being stolen. She said it is too easy to take the DVD out of the pocket and should have security straps on them so people can't remove the DVD from the pocket.

Ms. Coe spoke about curbing on certain streets and not on others. She said there is sand in the roads without curbing.

All of Ms. Coe's comments can be read on www.Simsbury.com.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 East Weatogue Street spoke again about PAD. She went to the meeting and said there was no actual motion to adopt the PAD. She would like this to be followed up on. Ms. Glassman said she would turn this over to the Zoning Commission.

Greg Piecuch, 3 Michael Road said the Planning Commission did a lot of hard work on the PAD and he thanked them.

Selectmen Actions

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the tax refunds requested and recommended by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,581.65. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Authorize the First Selectman to accept a Technology Grant to the Simsbury Public

Library and subsequent referral to the Board of Finance for appropriation

Ms. Wertheimer moved that the Board of Selectman accept a technology grant for \$29,997 to the Simsbury Public Library for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, for a part-time Floating User Experience Technician. She also moved that the Board of Selectman recommend a supplemental appropriation totaling \$29,997 to the Board of Finance from RESERVES pursuant to section 909 (c) of the Town Charter to the following line items:

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| a. 10048200 01020 (Part-time) | \$27,866 |
| b. 10048100 02200 (FICA/Medicare) | 2,131 |

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

c) Resolution pertaining to Latimer Lane School Roof Replacement assignment to the Public Building Committee

Mr. Hampton made motion; "Resolved, that, in accordance with Section 712 of the Simsbury Town Charter and Section 10-291 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen hereby charges the Public Building Committee with the responsibility for carrying out the design and construction oversight for the Latimer Lane School Roof Replacement

Project.” Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Fiscal year end budget transfers as requested by the Director of Finance

Mr. Herlihy made motion to adopt the budget transfers totaling \$623,271.00 and accept the budget transfers as recommended for \$305,575. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Appointments and Resignations

a) Accept the resignation of Scott Barnett (R) as a full member of the Zoning Commission effective June 28, 2010

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept the resignation of Scott Barnett as a full member of the Zoning Commission effective June 28, 2010 with our thanks. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept the resignation of Robert D. Pomeroy (R) as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission effective July 8, 2010

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept the resignation of Robert D. Pomeroy as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission effective July 8, 2010. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were

in favor and the motion passed.

c) Accept the resignation of Gary Faraci (D) as a full member of the Water Pollution Control Authority effective June 16, 2010

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the resignation of Gary Faraci as a full member of the Water Pollution Control Authority effective June 16, 2010 with our thanks. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Recommend the appointment of Robert D. Pomeroy (R) as a full member of the Zoning Commission replacing the vacancy left by Scott Barnett (R) with an expiration date of December 5, 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to appoint Robert D. Pomeroy as a full member of the Zoning Commission replacing the vacancy left by Scott Barnett with an expiration date of December 5, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

Acceptance of Minutes

a) June 28, 2010 Regular Meeting

Mr. Herlihy made motion to accept the minutes of June 28, 2010 with the changes made by Ms. Wertheimer. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Selectmen Liaison and Sub-Committee Reports

1. Personnel - Recommendation of the Police Commission regarding accrued vacation time for the Chief and Captain of the Simsbury Police Department

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the recommendations made by Personnel Sub-Committee regarding accrued vacation time for the Chief and Captain as presented. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Ms. Glassman abstaining as she is the Personnel Director, and therefore the motion passed.

Mr. Herlihy made motion that the 2010 Personnel Sub-Committee, with council, reconvene and reconsider the 2008 decision relating to the former First Selectman and his accrued time providing Tom Vincent would like them to reconsider this case again. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. Mr. Herlihy, Mr. Hensley and Ms. Wertheimer voted to approve, Mr. Hampton and

Ms. Heavner opposed and Ms. Glassman abstained. Therefore, the motion passed.

2. Finance

There was no report at this time.

3. Welfare

There was no report at this time.

4. Public Safety

Mr. Hampton said there was a meeting this Thursday. He thanked Chief Ingvertsen, Ms. Glassman and others for their help with traffic issues in Tariffville.

5. Board of Education

Ms. Heavner said the Yankee Institute of Public Policy utilized evaluated public high schools for lifetime cost of education per graduate to get a diploma and in comparison with 57 towns in the region in this state Simsbury ranked 8th lowest in cost to get the diploma.

Ms. Heavner also said there is a link for information on bullying on the website to help students, parents and the school system.

Adjournment

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman