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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 8, 2011

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 Town of Simsbury. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members; Robert Hensley, Lisa Heavner, John Hampton, Moira Wertheimer and Nancy Haase. Others in attendance included: David Ryan, Hiram Peck, Gerry Toner, Chief Ingvertsen, Lt. Boulter and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

Acknowledgment of Simsbury Little League's 60th Anniversary

Ms. Glassman congratulated Mike Penacore and Simsbury's League on their 60th Anniversary.

Mr. Penacore introduced some of the children with him tonight and he said it was an honor to be there. He said everyone worked very hard to keep the fields in great shape. He said there are over 750 little league players with 642 families represented. He gave the Board a shirt & hat representing their 60th Anniversary.

Update on Route 10 Corridor Study - Final Draft Available

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that the final draft report is available on line. She noted that the formal public comment period ends tomorrow.

Mr. Peck said the meeting of the joint Land Use Commissions, Charrette Sub-Committee and Board of Selectmen was well attended. The consultant presented the report along with large printouts that are displayed in the Main Meeting Room. They also added bike routes on these maps as well.

Mr. Peck said there was a lot of discussions on all different ideas. There ended up being about 13 meetings total. After approval it will then go to CROCG for approval as well. If people still have comments, they can go on the Simsbury web-site to get to the CROCG website or they can contact Mr. Peck. There are copies of the report at the Library and Town Hall as well.

Announcement of CALEA National Accreditation for Simsbury Police Department
- Chief Peter Ingvertsen, and Lt. Nicholas Boulter

The Police Commission thanked the Board for their interest and support. Chief Ingvertsen said the accreditation process started in 2002. They received a tier one accreditation with the State in

2002, then received the seconded tier in 2005, and received the complete accreditation in 2007. It was always the intent to achieve national CALEA Accreditation.

Chief Ingvertsen introduced Lt. Boulter who attended the conference with him in Ohio. Lt. Boulter explained work that goes in to this accreditation. They had to look at 317 mandatory standards and then added 73 optional standards. All of these standards have to be maintained yearly. The assessors were very pleased with the work Simsbury has accomplished and this is why they were awarded the CALEA National Accreditation.

The Board congratulated the Police Department for this great accomplishment.

Mr. Hensley made motion to move Item f of the agenda up, about the radio tower, and add two nominations to the Appointment and Resignation part of the agenda. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to make Item f of the agenda the first item discussed. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Approve the closing of the existing FY 10/11 CNR appropriation for \$125,000 listed as Town Offices - Parking Lot Resurfacing and transfer from reserves \$125,000 into Building Improvements account for the construction of a replacement radio tower for emergency and town wide communications

Mr. Hampton made motion to close the existing FY 10/11 CNR appropriation for \$125,000 listed as Town Offices - Parking Lot Resurfacing and transfer from reserves \$125,000 into account 44220-07220 (Town Hall Building Improvements) for the construction of a replacement radio tower for

emergency and town wide communications. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street said the tower is a public safety matter and should definitely be approved.

Mr. Kalechman asked why the Performing Arts Center reports are tardy. He said all of their reports are late and the Board should make them report in a timely matter.

Mr. Kalechman asked why “the pillars” of the community aren’t paying their taxes. Residents with “political clout” don’t have to pay their taxes and it isn’t right. He thinks a list of delinquent payers should be put in the paper so everyone sees it.

Mr. Kalechman asked about the selling of beer and wine at Septemberfest. He would like to know where the revenue is going and wants everything reported on.

Mike Rinaldi, spoke about the US rating being changed to AA+ instead of AAA and the State changing to AA. He said Simsbury has a AAA rating with a beautiful brochure welcoming people to Simsbury. He feels Simsbury is in trouble with taxes going up 115% since 1972. He feels the health benefits and pensions are too high for union teachers. He feels the Town needs to look into a Defined Compensation Pension Fund now, before it is too late.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, spoke again about a Professional Town Management form of government instead of First Selectman. She wants the Charter to allow the residents to vote on Professional Management or First Selectmen form of government.

Ms. Coe also spoke about the Performing Arts Center reporting and the Eno Farms complex. All of her comments can be read on Simsbury.com

Ms. Glassman noted that people who do not pay their taxes on time do have a 18% penalty added to their billing.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$84,972.90 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector for List of 2008 - 2010.

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

b) Approve request of Nicholas Carabillo to build a storage shed for the Simsbury crew boat house on town land as part of an Eagle Scout project and refer to the Zoning Commission

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the building of a storage shed for the Simsbury crew boat house near the facility on Town land. This building will be about 20 ft. back behind the boat house contingent upon Inland Wetlands and Zoning approval. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Approve the request of the Performing Arts Center Board for a Zoning Application to allow beer and wine to be served at the upcoming Septemberfest event scheduled for September 9-11, 2011

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Zoning Application to allow beer and wine to be served at the upcoming Septemberfest event scheduled for September 9-11,2011. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve the request of Director of Culture, Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with EZ Links, Inc. to provide an automated tee time reservation system for use at the Simsbury Farms Golf Course

Ms. Haase made motion to approve entering into an agreement with EZ Links, Inc. To provide an automated tee time reservation system for use at the Simsbury Golf Course. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Accept a donation of \$2,500 for the Paw Meadow Dog Park from Deborah and Thomas McInerney

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the donation of \$2,500 for Paw Meadow Dog Park from Deborah and Thomas McInerney with thanks. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

g) Authorize the First Selectman to enter in a contract with Winter & Company, Boulder CO, for consulting work to be done in conjunction with the creation of enhanced Design Guidelines for the Town Center

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to enter into contract with Winter & Company, Boulder, Colorado for consulting work to be done in conjunction with the creation of enhanced Design Guidelines for the Town Center. This

Guidelines are to be used in connection with the recently adopted Town Center Code (April 15, 2011). Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Peck noted that there is a meeting with WPCA on August 23rd to discuss this issue further. Also, the EDC is sponsoring a focus group discussion on September 23rd at the Mosonic Hall.

OTHER BUSINESS

a) Announcement of the 42nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th

Ms. Glassman noted that the 42nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th and Sunday, September 18th.

b) Announcement of Picnic in the Park sponsored by the Aging and Disability Commission

to be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Saturday, August 27th

Ms. Glassman announced that there will be a "Picnic in the Park" on Saturday, August 27th at St. Catherine of Siena Church sponsored by the Aging and Disability Commission.

c) Announcement of Senior Picnic sponsored by the Simsbury Police Department to be held at the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink on Wednesday, September 7th

Ms. Glassman announced that there will be a Senior Picnic on Wednesday, September 7th at the Simsbury Farms Ice Rink, which is sponsored by the Simsbury Police Department.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Accept the resignation of David J. Blume (U) from the Board of Ethics effective January 12, 2011

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept the resignation of David J. Blume from the Board of Ethics effective January 12, 2011 with our thanks. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Accept the resignation of Evan Woollacott (R) from the Historic District Commission effective June 28, 2011

Ms. Haase made motion to accept the resignation of Evan Woollacott from the

Historic District Commission effective June 28, 2011 with our thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Accept the resignation of John L. Sennott (D) from the Board of Education effective July 18, 2011

Ms. Haase made motion to accept the resignation of John L. Sennott from the Board of Education effective July 18, 2011 with our thanks. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Accept the resignation of Stanley A. Cataldo (R) from the Insurance Commission effective July 18, 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation of Stanley A. Cataldo from the Insurance Commission effective July 18, 2011 with our thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Accept the appointment of Elizabeth Woollacott to the Historic District Commission to replace Evan Woollacott who recently resigned

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the appointment of Elizabeth Woollacott to the Historic District Commission to replace Evan Woollacott. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Accept the appointment of Gerry Wetjen to Culture, Parks and Recreation to replace Linda Johnson who recently resigned

Mr. Hensley made motion to accept the appointment of Gerry Wetjen to Culture, Parks and Recreation to replace Linda Johnson. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Special Meeting Minutes July 22, 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2011 as presented. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and 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 the Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, August 13th at Henry James School from 8 am - 1 p.m

Mr. Hampton said August 18th is the next Tariffville Green concert at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hampton said Jacob Biddons is a SCTV volunteer who is moving on and this is his last official Board meeting. He will be missed.

5. Board of Education

Ms. Heavner said the Social Services Department is currently providing back to school

assistance. Gift cards are available when your qualify.

Ms. Heavner said September 15th is the deadline for the renter rebate program. Please call the Social Services Dept. at 658-3283 to see if you qualify.

Ms. Heavner said Social Services is once again providing out of town transportation for medical appointments and persons with disabilities.

Mr. Hensley said the Talcott Mountain Music Festival ended. "Ticket to Ride" rescheduled and it was a great night.

The Hartford Symphony sent a letter thanking everyone for their sponsorship and they are looking forward to next year.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss pending litigation for Thomas Marra v. Town of Simsbury tax appeal

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m to discuss pending litigation for Thomas Marra v. Town of Simsbury tax appeal. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hensley made motion to open the regular meeting back up at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner recused herself from the voting.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve a revised tax appeal of Thomas Marra to 1.129 million with the amount totally \$103,920. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner joined the meeting again.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to allow further Public Audience for two minutes. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Kalechman spoke about hiring Winter & Company's contract for the consulting work on the Town Center. He feels "the chickens are coming home to roost" as the Town doesn't have that kind of money anymore. He feels there are too many studies and it needs to stop as taxpayers can't afford anymore.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn 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