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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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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 Moira Wertheimer, Robert Hensley and Michael Long. Absent were: John Hampton and Richard Hogan. Others in attendance included Brandon Robertson, Gerry Toner, Jim Clifton and other interested parties.

Proclamation recognizing September as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

Ms. Wertheimer read the following Proclamation:

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PROCLAMATION

Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, blood cancers currently afflict more than 894,543 Americans with an estimated 138,530 new cases diagnosed each years, and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an estimated 52,910 people in the United States this year, and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains two offices in the State of Connecticut to support patients with these diseases and their family members, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Simsbury is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Simsbury encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Simsbury joins with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in designating the month of September 2009 as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, said the Town was entering into an election process with everyone making promises. She feels that old promises have been unfulfilled and wants a Charter Revision Commission named so a Town Manager form of government can be looked at.

Ms. Coe said there are a few people running for different positions that she doesn't feel should run as they could have conflict of interests.

Ms. Coe showed a picture of a flood in the pool house at Simsbury Farms and asked about mold growing there. She feels the pool house should be repaired instead of work being done on a maintenance building.

Ms. Coe spoke about the Charrette process and she asked about maps of the Town being presented .

Ms. Coe asked about asbestos in the Cobro house. She said this property is accessible to vandals and asked what the Town is doing about it.

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

Linda Johnson, 48 Musket Trail, said she is now the chairman of the Dog Park Committee. This committee has been listening to residents about where to place the proposed Dog Park. She showed a map of a new proposed location for this Dog Park. There is parking and is accessible to a water supply and is located on Iron Horse Blvd.

Ms. Johnson said they will be going to Conservation then Zoning and then back to the Board of Selectmen so they can start fund raising for this Dog Park. Mr. Hensley said they should also speak to the Charrette people so it can be included in the Charrette. Ms. Johnson also noted that the application for the Dog Park on Hedge Hog has been removed.

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Joel Mandell, 3 Harriet Lane spoke about the proposed golf professional contract. He feels John Verrengia has great energy, good people skills and great ideas for this position. Mr. Verrengia has been the professional for eleven years now and still does a great job. He is a excellent teacher and has great pro-shop staff to help everyone. He has done everything that has been asked of him and asked the Board to approve Mr. Verrengia as the golf professional.

First Selectman Reports

Ms. Glassman said that she and the other Board members have just left a Charrette meeting. The Charrette will be held from September 11 through the 16th. All of the information is on the website.

Ms. Glassman said the Charrette consultants met with different groups and walked around downtown today. They said that the best meeting to attend is the one being held on Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 - 12:30, as this will be a design session. All meetings will be held in the Library.

Ms. Glassman said that the Board is looking for a lot of input from the Charrette and will publish the meeting information as much as possible.

Mr. Long made motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Dog Park issue before the action items and the Aquarion offer before adjournment. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to endorse the concept of the Volunteer Dog Park Committee to move forward with the Iron Horse Blvd. location as shown in

tonight's presentation by Linda Johnson. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. It was noted that the Hedgehog Lane application has been withdrawn.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Review, discuss and possibly approve minutes from the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on July 20, 2009.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on July 20, 2009. Ms. Wertheimer will be added on Reports and Updates a) for volunteering on the Tax Incentive Program Sub-committee. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Mr. Long said it was noted in the minutes that there was a Selectman who was absent for several meetings. He said that this was about him and that he and his wife had planned a two month retirement trip a long time ago. There were two special meetings added during that time and he couldn't attend those either. He has attended 80% of the meetings.

b) Review, discuss and possibly approve a proposed contract with the Golf Professional at Simsbury Farms.

Mr. Long moved to adopt the contract with the Golf Professional at Simsbury Farms with the correction made on page 7 (last paragraph - last sentence) to read "The First Selectman and/ or Director of Finance shall have the authority to revise the manual on an as needed basis and the Professional will be required to comply with any revision(s)." Also Section VIII the first sentence should read "The Professional shall submit to the Director of Finance, by March 1" and the second paragraph should not be struck, but included in the contract. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

There was some discussion on how to track finances. The Board was told that there is a software program that they use for golf courses so tracking is kept appropriately.

c) Review, discuss and possible schedule a public hearing to receive public comment regarding proposed amendment to Chapter 130 of the Town Code of

Ordinances entitled "Sewers."

Mr. Long made motion to schedule a Public Hearing for September 14th to receive public comment regarding a proposed amendment to Chapter 130 of the Town Code of Ordinances entitled "Sewers." Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possibly schedule a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 48 of the Town Code of Ordinances entitled "Personnel."

Mr. Long made motion to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed amendment to Chapter 48 of the Town Code of Ordinances entitled "Personnel for the September Board of Selectmen meeting at 7 p.m.." Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Long thanked Brandon Robertson for his hard work on this issue.

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e) Meadowood Residential Development Proposed Modification of date of recording obligation of Mylar for Subdivision as reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Glassman said the Planning Commission met and had no issue with this extended date.

Matt Ronelli from Shipman & Goodwin said there was no original date on the proposed modification. The second date is 9/1/09, which they cannot comply with, therefore, they are asking for a date of 4/30/10 at this point. They are confident that they can comply with this date - it is their best estimate.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the Meadowood Residential Development Proposed Modification date of recording obligation of Mylar for Subdivision as reviewed by the Planning Commission from September 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010, which would be the final extension Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Ronelli didn't like the part of the motion about this being the final extension, but the Board approved this as it is in the Town's best interest to complete is issue.

f) Review, discuss, and possibly take action regarding Ameriquest Corporation v. Frank and Nancy Hills Mortgage Foreclosure.

Ms. Glassman said there are about 48 mortgage foreclosures in Town. The Town has lost priority on the Hills property and will not get back taxes.

A policy on foreclosure issues will be discussed at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time.

g) Review, discuss and possibly approve tax refunds in the amount of \$122,060.27 as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector.

Mr. Long made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$122,060.27 as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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h) Review, discuss and possibly approve 2008-2009 Budget transfers as requested by the Director of Finance.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget transfers in the amount of \$2,565.00 as requested by the Director of Finance. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

I) Review, discuss and possibly approve a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and an Assignment Agreement with the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Long read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF LEGISLATIVE BODY

RESOLVED, that MARY A. GLASSMAN, FIRST SELECTMAN of TOWN OF SIMSBURY be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of the TOWN OF SIMSBURY an Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Agreement and an Assignment Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to acquire permanent interest in land known as Christensen Property OSWA-134 and to

manage said land as open space pursuant to Section 7-131d of the Connecticut General Statutes.

IN ADDITION, MARY A. GLASSMAN, FIRST SELECTMAN is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

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

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Personnel - no action taken.

b) Finance - no action taken.

c) Welfare - no action taken.

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d) Public Safety - Request to allow Fire District and Ambulance to use Town gas facility.

Mr. Hensley made motion to allow the Fire District and Ambulance to use Town gas facility. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

None at this time.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Glassman recused herself as the Board approved discussion on the Aquarion offer. She turned the meeting over to Mr. Long.

Mr. Long made motion to notify Aquarion Water that the Town is not interested in their building and to thank them for their offer. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Glassman rejoined the meeting.

ADJOURN

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk