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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 26, 2009

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, John Hampton, Michael Long and Richard Hogan. Others in attendance included Brandon Robertson and other interested parties.

Simsbury Public Schools Teacher of the Year Recognition - Janet Haley

Ms. Glassman said that the Board was honored and pleased to introduce Simsbury's Teacher of the Year, Janet Haley. She is being honored for a special award.

Mr. Hampton read the following: "Proclamation for Janet Haley, Teacher of the Year:

WHEREAS, Janet Haley is an accomplished teacher within the Simsbury Public School system, who addresses the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

WHEREAS, Janet participates as a member of the Districts Autism Diagnostic Team demonstrating her ability to address the needs of all children, pre-school to high school; and

WHEREAS, Janet is focused on lifelong learning with a commitment to public education and has dedicated her teaching career to children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Janet exemplifies a positive, professional attitude for education. NOW, therefore, let it be known that the Town of Simsbury extends their congratulations to Janet Haley on being named Simsbury Public School's Teacher of the Year for 2010.

Witnessed hereof, I place my seal and the great seal of the Town of Simsbury, dated the 26th day of October 2009.

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman"

Diane Ullman thanked the Board of Selectmen for honoring one of Simsbury's truly special teachers in the system. She said that Janet is a semi-finalist at the State level also and they will attend the State Teacher of the Year Celebration. Dr. Ullman said they are extremely proud of her and the work she does and the deep caring she has for her students.

Carol said that Janet represents the finest of educators. Her dedication is beyond belief with the children and families. Carol said that Janet started the program in 1998 and she has been a solid force in this program. We all owe a lot to her.

Ms. Haley thanked the Board members and Board of Education for recognizing her tonight. She also said she represents all of the Simsbury Teachers. She feels very fortunate to be a teacher in Simsbury. She has found her heart and soul in the Ready-Set-Go Program also.

Proclamation - The month of November is designated as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.

Ms. Wertheimer read the following Proclamation:

TOWN OF SIMSBURY - PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and over 35,000 will die from the disease; and WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States, and approximately 540 deaths will occur in Connecticut, and 76 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in early detection, treatment methods, or survival rates in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and the average life expectancy of those diagnosed with metastasis disease is only three to six months; and

WHEREAS, incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of Connecticut are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes and effective treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in Connecticut and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Connecticut support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Town of Simsbury joins with the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut in designating the month of November 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the State of Connecticut.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have placed my seal and the great seal of the Town of Simsbury.

Dated the 26th day of October 2009

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

Ms. Glassman introduced Stewart and Martha Lott; Mr. Lott is a pancreatic cancer survivor. His prognosis is quiet positive, however, only 5% of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer survive more than five years. This is the fourth highest cause of cancer deaths in the United States. The Pancreatic Cancer motto is "know it, fight it, end it". The Lotts handed out some facts about the cancer.

First Selectmen Reports

Ms. Glassman said work has been completed to repair the root damaged sections on the Greenway between Rte. 315 and Wolcott Road. She said all of the trees were trimmed to let the light in and they expanded it by two feet.

Ms. Glassman said the Rte. 10 project (Drake Hill and Hopbrook) is a long term project. Completion is expected this season.

Ms. Glassman said that the Park and Golf Maintenance Facility construction is expected to be completed by early 2010.

Ms. Glassman said the Community Farm has a new 2,500 square foot, six bay garage which will be used to store equipment and tools used by the Community Farming Operation.

Ms. Glassman recognized Don Bordanaro, Tony Amaral, Kevin Lamb, Douglas

Rendock, and Andrew Huffman for receiving their Class-A Trailer Endorsement as part of their Commercial Drivers License, which is critical to the day-to-day operations of the Highway Department.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive wondered why there was nothing about policy setting in the voting flyers of those running for office.

Ms. Coe spoke once again about a Town Management form of Government. She asked the Board for a pledge to convene a Charter Revision Commission, but no one raised their hands.

Ms. Coe said the new Community Farm demolished the barn without obtaining an RFP. She didn't feel this was appropriate.

She spoke about the "alcohol road" again that she feels is dangerous and in the wrong place.

Ms. Coe said that Simsbury.com/forum will be re-opening soon for all of her comments.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street congratulated Ms. Glassman for her endorsement from the Hartford Courant. He also congratulated Brandon Robertson for becoming Avon's Town Manger. He said the Town will miss his expertise - he will be missed by all.

Mr. Kalechman spoke again about the deficit by the Performing Arts Board and about the "alcohol road".

Mr. Kalechman said that Iron Horse Boulevard is for walking, not bike riding. He felt it isn't right that trees were cut back on the Greenway.

Mr. Kalechman reminded everyone about Veterans Day, November 11th. He read a poem called "Never Forget".

Diane Nash, 5 Merrywood invited everyone to the open house at the Community Farm on Sunday, November 1st from 12-3:00 p.m. She said there will be a lot of activities, demonstrations and raffles for all.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hogan made motion to open the Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding a proposed ordinance entitled "Local Vendor Preference" at 7:32

p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

After no public comment, Mr. Hensley made motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Review, discuss and possibly approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 30, 2009.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen of September 30, 2009. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Chamber of Commerce held on October 13, 2009.

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Chamber of Commerce held on October 13, 2009. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Review, discuss and possibly adopt a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to submit a grant in the amount of \$200,000 to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism in partnership with the Simsbury Main Street Partnership for projects at Eno Memorial Hall.

Mr. Hampton made the following motion:

“ RESOLVED, that the First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, Mary A. Glassman is authorized and directed to file an application on forms prescribed by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for financial assistance in accordance with the provisions of of C.G.S. Sec. 10-392 and C.G.S. Sec. 10-411 of the Connecticut General Assembly, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, and upon approval said request to enter into and execute a Grant Contract and Preservation Restriction with the state for such financial assistance to this municipality or non-profit organization for Eno Memorial Hall Historic Restoration Grant Fund Project.”

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

d) Review, discuss and possibly approve a proposed ordinance entitled

“Local Vendor Preference.”

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve a proposed ordinance entitled “Local Vendor Preference” to include a four year sunset provision. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hogan made motion authorize the publication of a summary of the ordinance entitled “Local Vendor Preference.” Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly approve a request to use Town property for the “Calhoun Bike Ride” on June 12, 2010 as recommended by the Performing Arts Center Committee.

Mr. Long made motion to approve a request to use Town property for the “Calhoun Bike Ride” on June 12, 2010 as recommended by the Performing Arts Center Committee. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Review, discuss and possibly approve disposal of Town equipment as recommended by the Data Processing Manager.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve disposal of non-operating Town equipment as recommended by the Data Processing Manager. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in

favor and the motion passed.

g) Review, discuss and possibly accept a donation in the amount of \$1,700 from the Archdiocese of Hartford for the Simsbury Food Closet pursuant to the Town’s gift ordinance.

Mr. Hampton made motion to accept the donation of \$1,700 for the food closet from the Archdiocese of Hartford. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

h) Review, discuss and possibly authorize the First Selectman to execute a “Memorandum of Understanding” with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated as administrator of the Clean Energy Fund as recommended by the Clean Energy Task Force.

Mr. Hampton made motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute a “memorandum of Understanding” with the Connecticut Innovations, Inc. as administrator of the Clean Energy Fund as recommended by the Clean Energy Task Force. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

i) Review, discuss and possibly take the following actions regarding a request for proposals for the assignment of tax liens for a parcel of real estate on Riverside Road, Maps No. G12 and H12, Block 107 Lot 34.

1) Possible waiver of the following language in the RFP: "No bid will be accepted by the property owner or any affiliate thereof. Bidders will be required to affirm that they are not associated with the property owner".

2) Authorize the First Selectman to execute a "Sale Agreement" subject to the review of the Town Attorney.

3) Authorize the First Selectman to execute an "Assignment of Real Property Tax Lien pursuant to C.G. S. 12-195(h)".

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the following:

1. Waive the language in the RFP as outlined in the memo, dated October 20, 2009;

Re: Sale of Municipal Tax Lien-Riverside Road, from Brandon Robertson.

2. Authorize the First Selectman to execute a "Sale Agreement" subject to the review of the Town Attorney for the full amount at the time of the closing.

3. Authorize the First Selectman to execute an "Assignment of Real Property Tax

Lien Pursuant to C.G. S. 12-195 (h) subject to the review of the Town Attorney.

Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

j) Review, discuss and possibly approve tax refunds as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector.

Mr. Long made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,443.48 as requested and recommended by the Tax Collector. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Review, discuss and possibly appoint one student to the Youth Services Advisory Board as recommended by the Social Services Director.

Mr. Hogan made motion to appoint Wilco Carey, Grade 11 to the Youth Services Advisory Board as recommended by the Social Services Director. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly accept the resignation of N. Dane Woodberry as a full time member of the Recycling Committee.

Mr. Long made motion to accept the resignation of N. Dane Woodberry as a full time member of the Recycling Committee. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Hogan advised that the Aging and Disability Commission has completed the Senior Center survey and it will be on the Town's website soon.

He thanked the members of the Aging and Disability Commission who have been working with the Registrar of Voters to make sure voting places are accessible with lighting, signage and help for everyone.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Personnel - none at this time.

b) Finance - none at this time.

c) Welfare - none at this time.

d) Public Safety - Mr. Hampton reminded everyone that there would be a table-top exercise on November 19th at 7:00 a.m. in the Main Meeting Room.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the following: a pending heart and hypertension claim as filed by Joseph Jurczak.

Mr. Long made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a pending heart and hypertension claim as filed by Joseph Jurczak at 8:10 p.m. This meeting is to include Brandon Robertson. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. No action will be taken at this meeting. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton made motion to adjourn from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman