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TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2010

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 John Hampton, Lisa Heavner, Robert Hensley, Gerald Post, Moira Wertheimer. Others in attendance included: Tom Cooke and Tom Roy.

PRESENTATIONS

Veteran's Day

Ms. Heavner read the following proclamation:

TOWN OF SIMSBURY
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; In 1921 an unknown World War I soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery making the city of Washington the focal point of reverence for America's veterans; and

WHEREAS; similar ceremonies were held in England and France and these memorial gestures gave universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS; this day became known as "Armistice Day" and officially received its name in America in 1926 in a Congressional resolution and was declared an official holiday in 1938; and

WHEREAS; in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11th as Veteran's Day to make it an occasion to honor those who

served in all American wars; and

WHEREAS; since its beginning as a nation, the United States of America has had over 32 million of its citizens become veterans of military service; and

WHEREAS; in addition to providing for the common defense, this service gave to those veterans unique training and experience which accompanied them upon their return to their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that I, Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman of the Town of Simsbury, hereby officially declare this ceremony to honor the many contributions that have been made by the veterans of military service and by the families who have supported them.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I set my hand and cause the seal of the great Town of Simsbury to be affixed hereto on this 11th day of November, Two-Thousand and Ten.

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

Turkey Trot

Ms. Wertheimer announced the details of the Jack Bannan Turkey Trot which will be held on November 17, 2010 at local markets in the area. This year's goal is 3,500 turkeys and 24,000 lbs. of non-perishables.

Recycling Committee Award

Lori Fernand, Chairman of the Recycling Committee, presented the annual Simsbury Recycling Award to the Lichtenberger Family, Simsbury High School teacher Robert Avery and the Simsbury High School Environmental Club.

Bicycle Friendly Community

Paul Mikkelson and Steve Mitchell gave an update on Simsbury's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community, outlining some safety issues that need to be addressed. They also announced that the 2011 Board of Directors Meeting for the East Coast Greenway will be held in Simsbury on April 30th.

FIRST SELECTMAN REPORTS

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone about the upcoming Veteran's Ceremony on Thursday. She announced that the sewer bills were sent out; the clock in

the Eno Hall tower is now working and the Department of Public Works is working with the DEP on a lawn mower exchange program.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke about Charter Revision and a Town Manager form of Government. She feels that the Simsbury Community Farm is not being accountable to the Town; the donated bikes program is asking for trouble; the land at the Triangle should be used as a habitat for birds; she mentioned a zoning violation on West Mountain Road and she feels that the Performing Arts Center manager position should not be filled until the boards can agree.

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street. Addressed the board on various issues related to veterans. He requested a Holiday Flag for Eno Memorial Hall.

Don Tuller, 261 Farms Village Road. Mr. Tuller is dissatisfied with the proposed use of the Griffin Land, he feels that the use is not good for agriculture. He also encouraged the extension of Attilio's contract.

Paul Mikkelson, 11 Whitcomb Drive. Thanked Ms. Glassman and the board for doing a good job running the Town and keeping taxes in check.

Mike Rinaldi, 32 Pinnacle Mountain Road. Told the Board that when he had his septic tank cleaned the waste was taken to Hartford because it is too expensive to dispose of it in Simsbury.

Ashley Lane, 135 Old Farms Road. Addressed the Board on his opinion of the Griffin Land property; encouraged the Board to pass a motion to object the offer because there is no value to the farmers.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hensley made a motion to approve tax refund requests in the amount of \$1,320.78, as requested by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Review and discuss recommendation for Request for Proposal for selection of an investment consultant for the Town of Simsbury Pension Plan assets and refer to Board of Finance.

Ms. Glassman explained the role of the Insurance Committee and advised that the portfolio management needs more attention and oversight than the

Committee can offer. She suggested that a draft for an RFP be approved and sent to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to approve the recommendation for Request for Proposal for the selection of an investment consultant for the Town of Simsbury Pension Plan assets and refer to the Board of Finance. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Authorize the Establishment of the “Simsbury Regional Probate District” Special Revenue Fund.

The Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury Probate Courts have merged and will be located in Simsbury at the invitation of the Town of Simsbury. Although the State mandates the court it does not provide funding support. A Special Revenue Fund needs to be established; population cost will determine Simsbury’s share.

Mr. Post made a motion to Authorize the Establishment of the “Simsbury Regional Probate District” Special Revenue Fund. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Request from Griffin Land regarding request for restrictions on Meadowood Triangle.

Ms. Glassman presented the request by Griffin Land for additional restrictions on the parcel along the Triangle and she added that there is a \$1.2 million dollar payment remaining. There is a question if there is a de-valuation and if so, what it is. The Open Space Committee is looking into the valuation and the request has also been sent to the Planning Commission. The Board is looking for feedback. Mr. Post informed the Board that this matter needs to go to the Planning Commission and it also needs to be revaluated for renegotiation. Ms. Heavner also suggested that the Board should seek advice from Counsel.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to refer the request from Griffin Land regarding a request for restrictions on the Meadowood Triangle to the Planning Commission. Mr. Post seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Request for transfer from reserves for funding for Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) – Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)

Tom Roy informed the Board the contract with CRRRA expires in 3 years. An RFP has been sent out by 21 towns with \$15,237 being Simsbury’s share. Preliminary information regarding the cost of the CCSWA from CRCOG has been

positive.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to transfer \$15,237 from reserves to the General Fund. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Request for Transfer from Reserves for Emergency Management Performance Grants

The Simsbury Fire District manages this emergency grant in the amount of \$23,123 which was obtained to benefit the residents.

Mr. Post made a motion to transfer \$23,123 from reserves to the General Fund. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Request extension of agreement between the Town of Simsbury and Attilio's Restaurant

Attilio's two year contract expires on December 15, 2010. He is requesting a new two year contract with the same terms but would like to include \$100 per month to cover utilities. The payments must be made in the 2010 calendar year. Gerry Toner is to add language to clarify the changes; he also reported that the Simsbury Farms Complex Committee and the Culture, Parks and Recreation Committee have reviewed and approved the contract.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to approve the extension of Attilio's contract with the Town of Simsbury as requested but must set up a financial reporting system. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. Review and discuss waiver of fee for the Theatre Guild's event at Boy Scout Hall

Mr. Hampton made a motion to waive the fee for the use of the Boy Scout Hall for the Theatre Guild's Patron's Party. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. Review Timeframe for approval of Six Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Ms. Heavner mentioned the lack of parking at Central School and stated that the BOE is willing to partner with the Town to address the issue.

10. Financial Performance Report – Three Months ended September 30, 2010. No action required.

11. Discussion of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Simsbury Board of Education and the Simsbury Education Association effective July 1,

2011 – June 30, 2014 – request for approval at the November 22, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting. No action required.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Discuss Charter Revision – no action required.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to accept the resignation of Melvin Cote (R) as a full member of the Housing Authority effective December 31, 2010 . Ms. Heavner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hensley made a motion to accept the resignation of Mark S. Drake (R) as an alternate member of the Planning Commission effective November 4, 2010. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hampton made a motion to appoint Mark S. Drake (R) to a full position on the Planning Commission replacing the vacancy of Gerald Post with an expiration date of December 5, 2011. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mr. Hensley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting. Mr. Post seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SUB- COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Personnel – The Personnel Sub-Committee approved the 2011 calendar as presented; recommended changing the Administrative Secretary position in Public Works from a T10 to a T8.

Ms. Heavner made motion to change the Administrative Secretary position in the Department of Public Works from a T10 to a T-8. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. Finance
3. Welfare
4. Public Safety
5. Board of Education

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman