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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 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, Tom Roy, Gerry Toner, Dave Ryan, Ed LaMontagne and other interested parties.

First Selectman's Report

Ms. Glassman wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She gives thanks for a wonderful Town to live in and for all the volunteers. She said that there are less fortunate people in Town and the Department of Social Services is accepting donations for them.

Ms. Glassman said the Board of Selectmen and Town wanted to thank two special Selectmen who are leaving - Richard Hogan and Michael Long. She said she felt they were the best Selectmen she has served with and thanked them for their hard work, contributions and service. They were presented with framed prints.

Mr. Hogan thanked everyone for their kind thoughts. He said he enjoyed serving as a Selectman and he admired the rest of the Board.

Mr. Long thanked the Board and citizens and said it has been a pleasure to serve. There is still a lot of work to be done and he and Rich would be happy to help if needed.

Public Audience

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street spoke again about the Freedom of Information Commission who sited the Performing Arts Committee. This issue

is about agendas and minutes being posted on time. Mr. Kalechman said he feels this issue should be straightened out for all Commissions and Committees.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke again about convening a Charter Revision Commission to discuss a Town Management form of government.

Ms. Coe said the budget is coming up and building maintenance should be looked into before discussing building new buildings. She wants a zero increase in taxes.

Ms. Coe gave the Board a little tree as she would like a tree farm to be considered for the Meadowood Triangle.

Ms. Coe would like the Recreation Department to be run like the Water Pollution Authority as they still have a deficit.

Ms. Coe spoke about the alcohol bottles in the garbage cans at the paddle courts. She wants all alcohol eliminated at public buildings unless there are alcohol permits obtained.

Ms. Coe will publish all of her comments on Simsbury.com/forum.

Linda Johnson, 48 Musket Trail, Chairman of the Dog Park Committee, thanked the Board for all their help and support for the Dog Park project. She feels there is always success when everyone works together. They will be starting fund raising and finalizing plans for the park. The Dog Park mascot, "Paws", handed out material on the Dog Park.

PRESENTATION

Simsbury Farms Needs Assessment and Study - Schoenhardt Architects

Gerry Toner thanked the Public Building Committee and Simsbury Farms Committee for all their help with the Simsbury Farms Project.

Mark Hopper, representing Schoenhardt Architects went through the needs assessment study at Simsbury Farms. Mr. Hopper said they looked at the Apple Barn, the Main Building, and Golf Course buildings. He went through different ideas of construction and renovations.

Mr. Hopper gave a few options and alternates which would come to a grand total of 4.4 million dollars. He spoke about bringing buildings up to code and for handicapped access. They also had a list of priorities that were given to the Board.

After some discussion, Mr. Hampton made motion to refer this item to the

Public Building Committee for review of other alternatives. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. Five were in favor with Mr. Long opposing. Therefore, the motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

a) Review, discuss and possibly approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on November 9, 2009

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes held on November 9, 2009. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Review, discuss and possibly provide final approval of "The Dog Park" to be located at Simsbury Meadows

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the final plan for "The Dog Park" to be located at Simsbury Meadows as presented.

c) Review, discuss and possibly approve proposal by Pixel Network on an advertising proposal as recommended by the Simsbury Farms Complex Committee

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the use of Pixel Network for a one year agreement for advertising at the Simsbury Farms Golf Course and Skating Rink as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Review, discuss and possibly approve Public Works Special Revenue Fund and recommend same to the Board of Finance

Mr. Hampton made motion to create a Special Revenue Fund with a change in 3 (d) line 3 to say "review of all special revenue funds, including the Public Works Special Revenue Fund and will prepare...." Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Review, discuss and possibly approve a recommendation for the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Center Manager as recommended by the Performing Arts Center Board

Mr. Long made motion to approve the recommended 2009-2010 (12 months) Performing Arts Center Manager, David C. Bell of Academic Theatre Consultants, LLC as recommended by the Performing Arts Center Board. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

f) Review, discuss and possibly approve requests to use the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows as recommended by the Performing Arts Center

Board as follows:

- 1) Rotary Club - River Run - April 25, 2010
- 2) MS Walk - April 1, 2010

Mr. Long made motion to approve the request to use the Performing Arts Center at Simsbury Meadows as recommended by the Performing Arts Center Board for the Rotary Club River Run on April 25, 2010 and the MS Walk on April 2, 2010. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$12,099.74 as recommended and requested by the Tax Collector. Mr. Long seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Review, discuss and possibly appoint Liz Banco to the Central Regional Tourism District Board of Directors

Mr. Long made motion to appoint Liz Banco to the Central Regional Tourism District Board of Director. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that "Simsbury Celebrates" is this Saturday, November 28th and the entire schedule is on the Town web-site.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Hampton said the Public Safety Committee held a great table-top exercise last Thursday with a plane crash scenario. There will be a public exercise in the Spring. He thanks all the officials who participated.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sycamore Gardens, LLC proposed tax appeal settlement

Mr. Hampton made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the Sycamore Gardens, LLC proposed tax appeal settlement at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:43 p.m. Mr. Long made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted. Mr. Long then made a motion to approve the settlement as proposed. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was adopted.

ADJOURN

Mr. Long then made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hogan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk