

TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 30, 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 Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, and Lisa Heavner. Others included: Tom Cooke, Tom Roy, Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Glassman introduced Boy Scout Troop 174 from Latimer Lane School, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street spoke about homeless Veterans. He feels the Town should have a place in Town where they could live or at least get a meal and shower. He said Veterans are proud and not looking for charity. The State does provide some items, but he feels a fund should be set aside for helping to care for these proud people in need. Mr. Kalechman said the Eno Farm was left to the Town to take care of people like this and this issue needs to be looked in to further.

PRESENTATION

Debris Removal Update - Status

Mr. Roy said the debris pick-up from storm Alfred is a huge, ongoing project. The cost is also a lot more than anticipated. He showed pictures of the magnitude of what the storm of October 29th left behind.

Mr. Roy said the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen appropriated funds for this clean-up. He said hopefully the brush collection should be completed by December 16th and the grinding should be completely by December 21st. The projected pick-up is 275,000 cubic yards.

Mr. Roy said a contract was awarded for this clean-up and FEMA will reimburse the Town by 75%. That is why only certain things are eligible for pick-up. Private roads and condos are some of the things that are not eligible for FEMA reimbursement. There have been some items put out for pick-up that are not eligible and cannot be picked up by the contractors.

Ms. Wertheimer noted that money should be put aside in the next budget for tree trimming due to issues after this tremendous storm. We need to learn from this experience.

Ms. Heaver thanked Mr. Roy and the staff for all of their hard work throughout this disaster. Mr. Roy said it was great to see everyone working together without any questions asked or ever saying "I can't".

Mr. Roy said that SCTV is filming during this process as it is historic.

FIRST SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Ms. Glassman said there will be an Open House on December 1, 2011, from 2-5pm at Riverview to thank everyone who helped out during this disaster. She hopes that many residents will attend and thank the staff and volunteers as well.

Ms. Glassman thanked everyone for their efforts for the Boards and Commissions voting as they were able to consolidate voting into one polling place. The swearing in ceremony will be held at 6 pm in the Auditorium at Eno Hall on Monday, December 5th. State Representative Linda Schofield will be the master of ceremonies. Town Clerk Carolyn Keily will swear in each new member and Reverend Jonathan Morgan from First Church will give an invocation.

SELECTMEN ACTIONS

a) Approve Tax Refunds

Mr. Hampton made motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$25,512.04 as requested and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

b) Approve Resolution for a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Mr. Hampton made motion "Resolved: that Mary Glassman, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant." Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

c) Appoint Thomas F. Cooke, Director of Administrative Services to fill an open position on the Farmington Valley Health District Board of Directors

Mr. Hampton made motion to appoint Thomas F. Cooke, Director of Administrative Services to fill an open position on the Farmington Valley Health District Board of Directors. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to amend the agenda to discuss item e before item d) of the agenda. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

e) Study of Municipal Recycling Options

Mr. Roy spoke about the municipal solid waste. He said the town joined the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority several months ago as CRRA is coming to an end next November. Bids are now in and a recommendation should be made next month about what to do with the solid waste.

After discussion, Mr. Hampton made motion to authorize a transfer from reserves in the amount of \$12,000 to fund a study of different options for municipal solid waste and recycling collection to ensure that the Town of Simsbury and its residents are (1) paying the lowest possible rates for trash hauling services and (2) receiving the maximum revenues for recycling. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

a) Accept the resignation of Gary Dornbush (D) as a full member of the Economic Development Commission effective November 1, 2011

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to accept the resignation of Gary Dornbush as a full member of the Economic Development Commission effective November 1, 2011 with our thanks. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

d) Approve stipulations for judgement on tax appeals for 9,23, and 25 Cobtail Way

Ms. Glassman recused herself as she knows these people personally. She turned the meeting over to Mr. Hampton.

Ms. Heavner made motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session for purposes of discussion pending litigation related to 9, 23 and 25 Cobtail Way tax appeals. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to open regular meeting session at 8:10 p.m. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the settlement for 25 Cobtail Way, as proposed, for Quad B,

LLC. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase made motion to approve the settlement for 23 Cobtail Way, as proposed, for Michael and Diane McLean. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Attorney DeCrescenzo recused himself for possible conflict.

Ms. Haase made motion to approved the settlement for 9 Cobtail Way, as proposed, for Eileen Dadlez. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Glassman returned to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

a) Regular Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2011

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes of November 14, 2011. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion with a spelling correction. 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 - Public Hearing for residents on Storm Alfred to be held on Thursday, December 15th in the Youth Room at Eno Memorial Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hampton said this Public Hearing is to share personal experiences and concerns on storm Alfred. The Public Safety Officials will be in attendance to answer questions.

Ms. Glassman noted that a survey is on the Town website and she thanked Tom and John for their help with that.

5. Board of Education

Ms. Heavner said there will be another Senior Citizens Night on December 9th with a pizza dinner and jazz music. This is a free event.

Mr. Hampton thanked the Simsbury Celebrates Committee for putting on another great event for

the 10th anniversary.

Mr. Hampton said there will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance event at Eno Memorial Hall on December 7th at noon to honor all who served at Pearl Harbor.

Ms. Haase congratulated Diane Ullman for being Superintendent of the Year.

Ms. Haase said there will be a food drive on December 11th at 11:00 am sponsored by the Tariffville Village Association on the green.

ADJOURN

Ms. Heavner made motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman