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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 7, 2009

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:25 p.m. in the North Conference Room at Eno Memorial Hall in Simsbury. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members John Hampton, Moira Wertheimer, Robert Hensley, Lisa Heavner and Tom Herlihy. Others in attendance included Brandon Robertson, Bonnie Therrien, Ed LaMontagne, and other interested parties.

Public Audience

Robert Kalechman, 971 Hopmeadow Street congratulated the new Board and said he felt they would all do a good job. He asked that it would be tough, but that there be no increase in taxes. He said money needs to be spent on sidewalks, street lights and sewers which should be included in the Charrette process.

Jeff Tindall, 47 Owens Brook Boulevard congratulated the new board and hopes that they will do great things. He congratulated John Hampton as the top vote getter this year.

Election of Deputy First Selectman

Ms. Glassman nominated John Hampton as Deputy First Selectman as she felt he was deserving, especially as he was top vote getter with the residents. She also feels that he has served well the last two years and she looked forward to working with him again. Ms. Wertheimer seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Hampton thanked everyone and said he was looking forward to working with them.

Establish location and times of Regular Meetings for 2010 and provide a method for calling of Special Town Meetings.

Ms. Glassman said one regular meeting is already scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2009.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adopt the regular meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review, discuss and possibly adopt Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure.

Ms. Glassman said these are the same rules put forward two years ago. Public Audience is 5 minutes per person. The clerk will keep time for them.

Ms. Wertheimer said the Board of Selectmen should ask the Board of Education about their rules of allowing the public audience in two sessions - one at the beginning of the meeting and one at the end, which gives the public a better opportunity to make comment on agenda items. Ms. Glassman said more information will be discussed at the December 14th meeting.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adopt the Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedure pending an update on the Board of Education procedures. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Review First Selectman's appointments to the Sub-Committees of the Board of Selectmen- Public Safety, Welfare, Personnel and Finance and the First Selectman's appointments to the Board of Selectmen liaison assignments.

Ms. Glassman thanked the Board for their willingness to serve. The purpose of the liaison appointments is to help keep a regular line of communication open so all good work done can be brought back to the Board of Selectmen. She hoped everyone is matched up with the Sub-Committees.

Review, discuss and possibly approve the appointments of Temporary Boards and Commissions for 60 days.

Ms. Glassman said there are a number of Boards and Commissions that the Board has not had a chance to discuss and review yet. She would like to continue the current Boards for sixty days so this Board will have a chance to discuss this item further.

Mr. Hampton made the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL AND TEMPORARY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS OUTLINED IN SECTION 403 OF THE CHARTER

OF THE TOWN OF SIMSBURY

WHEREAS, Chapter IV, Section 403 of the Charter of the Town of Simsbury, entitled Board of Selectmen, General Powers and Duties, authorizes the Board of Selectmen to appoint, by resolution, special or temporary boards, commissions or committees as it may from time to time be deemed necessary and appropriate for the operation of the town government; and

WHEREAS, during the two year term of the prior Board of Selectmen, commencing on December 3, 2007 and concluding on December 7, 2009, the following boards and commissions were duly authorized and established pursuant to the enabling language contained in the Town Charter: Public Safety Sub-Committee, Personnel Sub-Committee, Finance Sub-Committee, Welfare Sub-Committee, Design Review Board, Housing Partnership, Insurance Committee, Juvenile Review Board, Open Space Committee, Pension Committee, Recycling Committee, Charrette Sub-Committee, Simsbury Farms Complex Commission, Tourism Committee and the Business Development Committee, Performing Arts Center Board; and

WHEREAS, the terms of these temporary boards and commissions are not to exceed two years and are co-terminous with the appointing Board of Selectmen; and

WHEREAS, the current Board of Selectmen is desirous of re-authorizing the various special and temporary boards and commissions and the membership thereof with the exception of the Public Safety Sub-Committee, Personnel Sub-Committee, Finance Sub-Committee and Welfare Sub-Committee. With respect to these four sub-committees, the Board of Selectmen hereby re-authorizes the term of these sub-committees. The members of these sub-committees will be appointed by the First Selectman as provided by Section 402 of the Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 403 of the Charter of the Town of Simsbury, entitled Board of Selectmen, General Powers and Duties, the Board of Selectmen, at this special meeting held on December 7, 2009, hereby re-authorizes the special and temporary boards and commissions for 60 days, as set forth above.

Duly Authorized, Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

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

Re-appointment of Town Attorney

Ms. Glassman noted that bidding went out for these services in 2004 and 2007. The law firm of Updike, Kelly and Spellacy will remain as Town Attorney and the law firm of Siegel, O'Connor, O'Donnell and Beck will remain as Labor Attorney. The Town Attorney and Labor Attorney fees will remain the same as last year. She feels there is a continuity with keeping these attorneys.

Mr. Hensley made motion to re-appoint the Town Attorney and Labor Attorney. Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Hampton made motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk