



# *Town of Simsbury*

933 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

## **Technology Task Force**

Monday, September 14, 2020, 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom Conference & SCTV Live Stream

### **Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved**

**Members Present:** Harald Bender, Mike Doyle, Paul Kelley, Ray Rosati, Bill Rucci, John Jahne, Liz Peterson

**Staff Present:** Rick Bazzano, Jason Casey

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by chair Mike Doyle. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

#### **1) Minutes**

The minutes of September 3, 2020 were approved as presented by consensus.

#### **2) Shared Services**

The group briefly discussed next steps for this project; staff will be conducting follow-up calls to the identified towns.

#### **3) Network Storage**

The group had a follow-up discussion to its special meeting on September 3, regarding the three solutions presented and key features, including support levels, 3 year and 5 year support and maintenance costs, and platform architecture.

#### **4) Rules of Procedure**

The group decided to have a sub-committee work on this project. The group will include Mr. Doyle, Ms. Peterson, Mr. Jahne and Mr. Rosati. The goal is to complete the draft rules of procedure within one-two months. The group will use the examples provided by staff from other committees. The full Task Force will review the final draft before it is presented to the Board of Selectmen.

#### **5) Board of Education Update on Distance & Hybrid Learning**

Mr. Bender made a motion to amend the agenda to include Board of Education Technical Updates on Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelley. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Casey described hybrid and distance Learning challenges and having difficulties with existing equipment – Chromebooks and desktops, coupled with Google technology. Problems stem from outdated equipment with inadequate CPUs, webcams and audio features. Currently repurposing out of service equipment into other equipment due to demand. 3GB CEN connection was announced and is performing very well with all network electronics and Wifi networks doing the same. Endpoint equipment was the major concern and the

District will be updating equipment but process is slow due to product availability. Google Meets was discussed as being utilized with the Chromebook and poor performance. Webcam was discussed as being a performance drain and using it when needed.

Mr. Jahne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Bazzano  
IT Manager