

# Town of Simsbury

933 HOPMEADOW STREET

P.O. BOX 495

SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

Mary A. Glassman - First Selectman

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## **SIMSBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Main Meeting Room – Simsbury Town Hall – 933 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury**

**Regular Meeting – June 9, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

### **PRESENTATION**

- Online Tax Payments Available
- “Little Free Library” Available – Built by Noah Campion

### **FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT**

### **SELECTMEN ACTION**

- a) Approve Tax Refunds
- b) Approve Fiscal Year 14 Budget Transfers and refer to Board of Finance
- c) Approve submission of a grant application under the Local Accident Reduction Program for the Realignment of Nod Road
- d) Ethel Walker next steps and refer to Board of Finance
- e) Review request to re-route Road Race Events

### **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

- a) Appoint Dennis Fallon (D) as a regular member of Culture, Parks & Recreation Commission with an expiration date of January 1, 2016
- b) Accept the resignation of Margery Winters (D) as a regular member of the Open Space Committee effective June 4, 2014

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- c) Appoint Donald F. Rieger Jr. (D) as a regular member of the Open Space Committee with an expiration date of December 7, 2015

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Update on The Hartford Land Study

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

- a) Special Meeting of May 28, 2014
- b) Regular Meeting of May 28, 2014

**SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) Update on status of Police Union Pension and Contract Negotiations
- b) Review pending tax litigation with E&A/I&G Commons, LP – HHB-CV-13-6019881-S

**ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Possible action

**ADJOURN**



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Date of submission:** 06/03/2014
2. **Date of Board Meeting** 06/09/2014 *Colleen O'Connor*
3. **Individual or Entity making the submission:** Colleen O'Connor, Tax Collector
4. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen** (Acceptance of gift, creation of reserve, approval of contract, information only, etc. Be as specific as possible with respect to the desired action of the Board.):  
*The Individual or Entity making the submission requests that the Board of Selectmen:*  
  
Approve tax refunds per attached printout in the amount of \$835.09
5. **Individual(s) responsible for submission** (Please include complete contact information. The identified individual(s) should be prepared to present information to the Board of Selectmen at the Board Meeting.): Colleen O'Connor, Tax Collector
6. **Summary of Submission** (Include in your summary (i) relevant dates and timelines; (ii) parties involved; (iii) a description of financial terms and conditions specifically identifying the financial exposure/commitment of the Town of Simsbury; (iv) whether or not contracts, licenses and other legal documents have been reviewed by the Town's counsel; and (v) other information that will inform the Board of Selectmen's consideration of your submission. Include any **additional** information in an attached memorandum.):  
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7. **Description of documents included with submission** (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):  
*The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:*  
  
Excel spreadsheet prepared by the Tax Collector showing detailed information on refunds

	BILL NUMBER	TAX	FIRE	INTEREST	TOTAL
<b>List 2010</b>					
CIT Tech. Financing Services	10-02-40177	\$258.46	\$8.54		\$267.00
<b>Total 2010</b>		<b>\$258.46</b>	<b>\$8.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$267.00</b>
<b>List 2011</b>					
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>List 2012</b>					
Nelson Christopher J	12-01-5664	\$220.02	\$7.20		\$227.22
Cobleigh Wayne	12-03-53292	\$97.33	\$3.19		\$100.52
Vault Trust	12-03-69135	\$128.91	\$4.21		\$133.12
Wheels LT	12-03-69860	\$130.37	\$4.27		\$134.64
					\$0.00
					\$0.00
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<b>Total 2012</b>		<b>\$576.63</b>	<b>\$18.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$595.50</b>
<b>TOTAL 2010</b>		<b>\$258.46</b>	<b>\$8.54</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$267.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2011</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2012</b>		<b>\$576.63</b>	<b>\$18.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$595.50</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL YEARS</b>		<b>\$835.09</b>	<b>\$27.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$862.50</b>



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Joseph Mancini - Finance Director

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of submission:** FY 2014 Budget Transfers
2. **Date of submission:** June 4, 2014
3. **Date of Board Meeting:** June 9, 2014
4. **Individual or Entity making the submission:** Joseph Mancini
5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen**

Attached for your review are Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Transfers that have been previously discussed to the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance, and are now before you for formal approval. These are the first of three anticipated budget transfer packages the Board should expect to receive from me over the coming months. The second round of transfers for fiscal year end cleanup will be provided during July, with the final transfers accommodating any changes from the auditors anticipated for the October timeframe.

### Summary of transfers

#### Contractual Changes

	To	From
Salary adjustments	\$343,492.05	
Contingency		\$150,000.00
General Fund Balance (part of the \$225K returned to fund balance in FY' 12)		\$196,492.05
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$343,492.05	<hr/> \$343,492.05

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FY14 Snow	To	From
Labor	\$30,596.00	
Salt Supplies	\$71,318.00	
General Fund Balance		\$101,914.00
Total	\$101,914.00	\$101,914.00
Agreed Upon Procedures	To	From
Audit Services	\$14,800.00	
General Fund Balance		\$14,800.00
Total	\$14,800.00	\$14,800.00
Simsbury Farms Cleanup FY' 13	To	From
General Fund Balance	\$234,950.00	\$234,950.00
Total	\$234,950.00	\$234,950.00

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to discussing these with you,

Joseph Mancini  
Finance Director

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6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission** (Please include complete contact information. The identified individual(s) should be prepared to present information to the Board of Selectmen at the Board Meeting.):
- Joseph Mancini  
[Jmancini@simsbury-ct.gov](mailto:Jmancini@simsbury-ct.gov)  
860-658-3282
7. **Summary of Submission** – Budget transfers for Fiscal Year 2014
8. **Description of documents included with submission** (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):  
Please see the attached memo from Tom Roy supporting the transfer for work associated with the FY2014 snow season.



# Town of Simsbury

66 TOWN FOREST ROAD, P.O. BOX 495, SIMSBURY, CONNECTICUT 06070

~ Department of Public Works ~

## Memorandum: Year End Close Out - Winter Salt and Overtime Report

**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**CC:** Tom Cooke, Joe Mancini  
**From:** Thomas J. Roy, Director of Public Works   
**Date:** June 5, 2014

As we are now nearing the end of the fiscal year, I have prepared a summary of the Highway Department's expenses for overtime and road salt used this year. While the costs this winter exceeded our budget, I can report that the Highway Department was able to meet our objectives and keep our roads safe during the numerous winter storms. Even during the state-wide salt shortage our efforts to secure salt supplies from multiple vendors ensured that Simsbury always had adequate salt supplies to treat our roadways. Overall, I believe we fared better than many similar organizations across the state during this unusually harsh winter season.

### *Overview of Winter Season:*

The Department supplied labor and materials for 56 snow and ice events this winter. This is an unusually high number of events and extended into mid-April. Although these events did not all result in large snowfall volumes, the costs associated with the small snow storms, freezing rain and icing events, coupled with extreme cold temperatures had a dramatic impact on the Highway Department's budget.

### *Overtime Budget:*

The overtime budget for the Highway Department is \$134,315. This is based on a five year rolling average and is used for snow removal, scheduled over time, emergency call-ins (road closures, water over the road, fallen trees, etc.), and on-call duty assignments. To date the Department has exceeded our budget by \$29,396. Additional overtime expenditures for the remainder of the year are estimated at \$1,200. This additional overtime will be used to cover emergency call-ins and overtime related to our household hazardous waste collection.

### *Salt Budget:*

The Highway Department used 3,122 tons of salt at a cost of \$238,818; resulting in a \$71,318 deficit. We have historically budgeted for 2,750 tons of salt, with a budgetary cost of \$220,000. This budget line item (Road and Drainage Supplies) that includes other items was reduced during the FY 2013/14 budget process by \$52,500 leaving less money for road salt. Our proposed budget for FY 2014/15 includes the full \$220,000 for road salt and provided we have a "reasonable" winter and salt pricing remains stable this will be adequate funding for our needs.

*Transfer Request:*

As this difficult winter has caused our Department to exceed our budget, I would like to request a transfer from reserves as follows:

	<u>Over Budget</u>	<u>Account</u>
Over time - expended	\$ 29,396	100-44310-51030
Over time –anticipated	\$ 1,200	100-44310-51030
Salt expended	<u>\$ 71,318</u>	100-44320-53410
Total	<u>\$ 101,914</u>	

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Contractual Changes			FY14 Budget	Projected FY14	Forecast Var	Transfer To	Transfer From
10042110	51010	POLICE DEPT	1004211051010	3,257,000	3,356,065	(99,065)	99,065
10042110	51030	POLICE DEPT	1004211051030	163,360	201,562	(38,202)	38,202
10044210	51010	BLDGS & MNT ADMIN	1004421051010	306,515	337,810	(31,295)	31,295
10044310	51010	HIGHWAY-LABR & EQUIP	1004431051010	1,061,405	1,145,633	(84,228)	84,228
10044310	51030	HIGHWAY-LABR & EQUIP	1004431051030	134,315	178,594	(44,279)	13,683
10046310	51010	P&OS-MAINTENANCE	1004631051010	411,600	439,768	(28,168)	28,168
10048100	51200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1004810051200	675,000	697,181	(22,181)	22,181
20546500	51010	GOLF COURSE	2054650051010	242,070	268,740	(26,670)	26,670
10049500	51700	Contingency	1004950051700	150,000.00	0.00	150,000	-150,000.00
		General Fund Balance					-193,492.05
				6,401,265.00	6,625,353.07		343,492.05
							-343,492.05

**FY14 Snow**

			<b>Updated Budget</b>	<b>Projected FY14</b>	<b>Forecast Var</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Transfer From</b>
10044310	51030 HIGHWAY-LABR & EQUIP	1004431051030	147,998	178,594	(30,596)	30,596	
10044320	53410 ROAD & DRAINAGE SUPPLIES	1004432053410	240,000	346,348	(106,348)	71,318	
	General Fund Balance						-101,914.00
			387,998.00	524,942.03	-136,944.03	101,914.00	-101,914.00

Agreed upon procedures			FY14 Budget	Projected FY14	Forecast Var	Transfer To	Transfer From
10041615 52110	AUDIT SERVICES	1004161552110	36,000.00	50,800	-14,800.00	14,800.00	
	General Fund Balance						-14,800.00

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**Simsbury Farms FY'13 Cleanup**

	<b>FY14 Budget</b>	<b>Projected FY14</b>	<b>Forecast Var</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>Transfer From</b>
Fund 205			-234,950.00	234,950.00	
Fund Balance			0.00		-234,950.00
<hr/>			-234,950.00	234,950.00	-234,950.00



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*Thomas F. Cooke - Director of Administrative Services*

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The Connecticut Department of Transportation is soliciting proposals for projects to be funded under the Local Accident Reduction Program.

The grant provides funding of up to \$500,000.00 with a requirement for a 10% local match for the construction phase of the project. The Town is also responsible for 100% of the right-of-way costs and design costs for the project under the program. If we are successfully in obtaining the grant, local funds would be provided from the Highway Pavement fund or other grant funds.

Staff has reviewed potential projects eligible under the program with the Local Traffic Authority and the Director of Public Works. The Realignment of Nod Road in the vicinity of Tower View Country Club would provide the best opportunity to receive funding under this program. Although a preliminary estimate for the project is not yet available, it is anticipated the estimated cost to the Town would be \$100,000.

The project will result in increased safety for vehicular traffic and reduce the number of pedestrian crossings along Nod Road.

8. **Description of documents included with submission** (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):

*The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:*

1. CRCOG Request for Proposals - Local Accident Reduction Program
2. Letter of Support - Tower Ridge Country Club



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*Jerome F. Shea - Town Engineer*

June 3, 2014

Board of Selectmen  
Simsbury Town Offices  
933 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury, CT 06060-0495

Dear Selectmen:

**Subject: Request for Proposals-Local Accident Reduction Program**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is soliciting proposals for projects to be funded under the Local Accident Reduction Program. The program funds projects on local roadways that are consistent with the goals of the State Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and can be expected to eliminate or reduce the severity of a hazardous location or will address lane departure accidents on a systematic basis.

The grant provides funding of up to \$500,000.00 with a requirement for a 10% local match for the construction phase of the project. The Town is also responsible for 100% of the right-of-way costs and design costs for the project under the program. If we are successfully in obtaining the grant, local funds would be provided from the Highway Pavement fund or other grant funds.

Staff has reviewed potential projects eligible under the program with the Local Traffic Authority and the Director of Public Works. The Realignment of Nod Road in the vicinity of Tower View Country Club would provide the best opportunity to receive funding under this program. Although a preliminary estimate for the project is not yet available, it is anticipated the estimated cost to the Town would be \$100,000.

The scope of the project would include reconstruction and realignment of approximately 2,000 linear feet of Nod Road to reduce the horizontal curvature of the roadway. As part of the project, existing parking facilities presently located west of Nod Road would be reconstructed east of the proposed roadway alignment. This modification of the roadway alignment will also reduce number of pedestrian crossings in this location and the potential for vehicular accidents.

Since the project will include right-of-way impacts to the adjoining property on the east side of Nod Road, a meeting was held with representatives of the property owner and they are supportive of the proposed project. The proposed project would result in an in-kind land swap with no compensation to either party based on our preliminary discussions with the property owner. Attached is a letter of support from the property owner impacted by the project.

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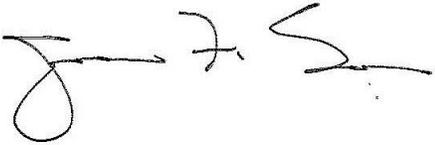
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I am recommending that an application be considered for the realignment of Nod Road. This application in my opinion would provide the strongest application for possible funding.

Please advise me of your concurrences with this recommendation. The grant application needs to be submitted by June 13, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Shea". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop on the "J" and a distinct "S" at the end.

Jerome F. Shea, P.E.  
Town Engineer

cc: Thomas Cooke, Director of Administrative Services  
Hiram Peck, Director of Community Planning  
Thomas Roy, P.E., Director of Public Works  
Richard L. Sawitzke, P.E., Transitioning Engineer



TOWER RIDGE  
COUNTRY CLUB

Tower Ridge Country Club  
PO Box 578  
Simsbury, CT 06070

Thursday, May 29, 2014

First Selectman Mary Glassman  
Town of Simsbury  
933 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury CT 06070

Dear Mrs. Glassman

Tower Ridge Country Club is excited to offer our support and cooperation for the Town of Simsbury's grant acquisition for the roadside accident reduction plan. Pending the final design plan meets parking and aesthetic requirements for Tower Ridge we will be happy to grant full support.

I look forward to working through the plans and aiding in the safety of Simsbury, CT.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bassichis  
Owner

# Town of Simsbury

Geographic Information System (GIS)



Date Printed: 6/3/2014



**MAP DISCLAIMER - NOTICE OF LIABILITY**

This map is for assessment purposes only. It is not for legal description or conveyances. All information is subject to verification by any user. The Town of Simsbury and its mapping contractors assume no legal responsibility for the information contained herein.

Approximate Scale: 1 inch = 200 feet





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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of submission: Long Range Plan for Maintenance and Stewardship of Ethel Walker Open Space Acquisition**
2. **Date of submission: June 6, 2014**
3. **Date of Board Meeting: June 9, 2014**
4. **Individual or Entity making the submission:  
Open Space Committee**
5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen (Acceptance of gift, creation of reserve, approval of contract, information only, etc. Be as specific as possible with respect to the desired action of the Board.):**  
*The Individual or Entity making the submission requests that the Board of Selectmen: The Town of Simsbury will acquire the last phase Parcel C of the Ethel Walker School open space in the fall of 2014. The acquisition will result in the Town managing nearly 500 additional acres of open space, trails and forests. And is the second largest open space purchase by a municipality in the state. The Open Space Committee supports the transfer of \$480,000 received by the sale of Pharos Farm to the Open Space Fund in order to fund a long range maintenance and stewardship plan for the acquisition of the property and request that the Board of Selectmen meet with the Board of Finance to discuss the funding request.*
6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission (Please include complete contact information. The identified individual(s) should be prepared to present information to the Board of Selectmen at the Board Meeting.):**

7. **Summary of Submission** (Include in your summary (i) relevant dates and timelines; (ii) parties involved; (iii) a description of financial terms and conditions specifically identifying the financial exposure/commitment of the Town of Simsbury; (iv) whether or not contracts, licenses and other legal documents have been reviewed by the Town's counsel; and (v) other information that will inform the Board of Selectmen's consideration of your submission. Include any additional information in an attached memorandum.):

8. **Description of documents included with submission** (All documents must be in final form and signed by the appropriate party.):

*The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:  
Items to be addressed by a Long Range Stewardship plan are attached.*

## Ethel Walker Open Space Improvement Plan

1. Develop short and long term improvement plan to identify funding requirements.
2. Coordinate effort with Forest Management Plan (Ferrucci)
3. Review conservation easements / EW agreement for use limitations in the context of improvement plan.

Plan should address at minimum the following:

### 4. Trail Mapping

- Trails
- Topo
- Access
- Parking

### 5. Signage

- Wayfinding signage (off site)
- Directional signage (on site)
- Interpretive signage
- Permanent signage or plaque per grant requirements
- Warning sign (Equestrian activities/ EW boundary)
- Rules and Regulations

### 6. Brochure

### 7. Short and Long Term Improvements with costs and schedule for

- Trail Improvements (if any)
- Informational Kiosks
- Security
- Drainage Improvements (minor)
- Stream Crossing(s)
- Parking (2 locations)
- Outdoor Classroom

### 8. Professional Services Costs



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Thomas F. Cooke - Director of Administrative Services

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM**

1. **Date of submission:** May 22, 2014
3. **Date of Board Meeting:** June 9, 2014
4. **Individual or Entity making the submission:** Simsbury Democratic Town Committee
5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen:** On May 21, 2014 the Simsbury Democratic Town Committee approved the nomination of Dennis Fallon, 1 High Hill Circle, Weatogue CT 06089, to complete the term of Marc Lubetkin on the Culture Parks and Recreation Commission which expires 1/1/16. We respectfully request approval by the Board of Selectman.
6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission:** Alan Needham, Chairman Nomination Committee Simsbury Democratic Town Committee (2 Basswood Lane, Weatogue CT) 860-670-0723
7. **Summary of Submission:** Request approval of Dennis Fallon to complete the unexpired term of Marc Lubetkin on the Culture Parks and Recreation Commission.
8. **Description of documents included with submission**  
The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Date of submission:** June 5, 2014
3. **Date of Board Meeting:** June 9, 2014
4. **Individual or Entity making the submission:** JoAnn Martin, Executive Secretary to the First Selectman
5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen:**  
Accept the resignation of Margery Winters (R) as a regular member of the Open Space Committee effective June 4, 2014
6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission:** Carolyn Keily, Town Clerk
7. **Summary of Submission:**  
  
**Resignation:** Margery Winters  
**Party:** R  
**Effective date:** June 4, 2014  
**Board:** Open Space Committee  
**Term Expiration:** December 7, 2015
8. **Description of documents included with submission**  
**The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:**  
  
Signed letter of resignation

111 Old Farms Road, West Simsbury, CT 06092

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June 3, 2014



Mary Glassman  
First Selectman  
Town of Simsbury  
933 Hopmeadow Street  
Simsbury, CT 06070

Dear Mary,

Please accept my resignation from the Open Space Committee. As I have been elected as Vice-President of the Simsbury Land Trust, I feel it is necessary for me to step down as a member of this committee. I informed Rich Miller, Chairman of the Conservation Commission / Inland Wetlands Agency, of my intentions to resign at our last meeting and a replacement for this position has been recommended by the Commission.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve on this committee over the past few years and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with you and the other members on this committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margery".

Margery Winters



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5. **Action requested of the Board of Selectmen:**  
Appoint Donald F. Rieger Jr. (D), 9 Stodmor Road as a regular member of the Open Space Committee with an expiration date of December 7, 2015
6. **Individual(s) responsible for submission:** Carolyn Keily, Town Clerk
7. **Summary of Submission:**  
  
**Appointment:** Donald F. Rieger Jr.  
**Party:** D  
**Effective date:** June 9, 2014  
**Board:** Open Space Committee  
**Term Expiration:** December 7, 2015
8. **Description of documents included with submission**  
The following documents are included with this submission and attached hereto:

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Ms. Glassman at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were Mary Glassman, Michael Paine, Lisa Heavner, Nancy Haase, and Cheryl Cook. Absent was Sean Askham. Others in attendance included: Richard Sawitzke, Ed LaMontagne', State Representative John Hampton, Tom Cooke, and other interested parties.

Ms. Glassman said this is a very special meeting where we honor Hometown Heroes for their significant contributions to the community.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Hometown Hero Award Presentation Ceremony:**

**Dominique Avery  
Frances Gauthier  
Eunice Kelly  
Brad Mead**

Ms. Glassman welcomed everyone, especially the Hometown Hero's families and friends. She said this meeting is always a special treat for everyone.

Ms. Glassman said this award was initiated in 1986 by Governor William O'Neill as part of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Connecticut. Towns were invited to designate residents as "Hometown Heroes" for any service or deed that made their community a better place to live. Since that time, Simsbury has recognized its own Hometown Heroes at a special meeting.

Ms. Glassman said the Selection Committee, consisting of the First Selectman, representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Historical Society and the business community, along with a previous Hometown Hero and a member of a service or Veteran's organization review nominations who have demonstrated selfless and altruistic behavior which contributes significantly to the betterment of the Town.

Ms. Glassman said the 2014 Hometown Hero Selection Committee consisted of herself as First Selectman, Michael Paine of the Board of Selectmen, Tom Horan a business leader, Roger Spear from the Simsbury Historical Society, T.J. Donohue a former Hometown Hero and Len Lanza a Veteran. Ms. Glassman thanked the Committee and everyone who was nominated for Hometown Hero. The vote for these four special people was unanimous.

Ms. Glassman asked Mr. Kelly, Eunice Kelly's husband to stand for her. Mr. Paine said Eunice Kelly

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was actively involved as a volunteer for various organizations improving the life of Simsbury residents from 1969 until she passed away on February 2, 2014. Mr. Paine said Ms. Kelly began with the Simsbury Newcomers Club helping to welcome people to Simsbury, and continued with the League of Women Voters, the Connecticut Reader Information System, and the Simsbury Historical Society. She had a particular interest in helping the Simsbury Public Library and was a member of the Friends of the Simsbury Library for many years, consistently volunteering her time. Ms. Kelly assisted in raising more than \$1,000,000 towards the renovation of the Library. Mr. Paine said Ms. Kelly also wrote a well read general interest article called "View From My Library" for 40 years, which was written about family life and was a humorous touchstone for many in the Farmington Valley. Mr. Paine said it was a pleasure to recognize Eunice Kelly as a Simsbury "Hometown Hero."

Mr. Kelly thanked the Committee for this award. He said his wife just loved Simsbury and sometimes she just "had to do it". She found someone who had just retired from raising money and she asked if he would help raise money for the Library renovation. Mr. Kelly said one week before Eunice passed away she had a meeting of the Library and she ran that meeting for one last time.

Ms. Glassman said a book will be donated in Eunice Kelly's name and asked that Mr. Kelly help them pick it out.

Ms. Glassman asked that Dominique Avery step up with Ms. Heavner. Ms. Heavner said it was her pleasure to present this award to Dominique as she is a deserving citizen but also a friend. She also welcomed her family and friends,

Ms. Heavner said Ms. Avery is known for her vision and leadership that has so positively impacted the Town. She served as a founder of the Bridge of Flowers, that both residents and visitors may enjoy. She is an active member of the Simsbury Tourism Committee, continuing to support both the bridge and the Town as a tourist destination. Ms. Avery also has experience in news and journalism, which she utilizes as a member of the Board of Simsbury Community Television. Holding previous experience as both a teacher and journalist, she served as a member of the Simsbury Board of Education from 1997-2001, and is a former member and chair of the Simsbury Recycling Committee. We are proud to honor Ms. Avery as a Simsbury "Hometown Hero" for her dedication to volunteerism.

Ms. Avery said she just loves this Town. She wanted to thank everyone for acknowledging her contributions to this Town. She said she has known Ms. Glassman and Mr. Paine for many, many years at it means a lot that they are here. She thanked the people who nominated her and all the other people who were nominated. Ms. Avery also said her husband deserves this honor as much as she does after all he has put up with. She also thanked her family. She is very sorry that Ms. Kelly didn't get his award before she passed.

Ms. Avery said that if residents feels the Town is worthy of the State Fan Favorite Still Revolutionary Town of the Year, please vote on June 12<sup>th</sup>. This contest highlights the Town that embodies the spirit of State tourism Still Revolutionary Brand as a place with new ideas and innovation. There will be more information to follow.

Ms. Avery also said she is going to do a show, on SCTV, about the state of local new media tomorrow.

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She feels Simsbury is lucky to have a TV station that has three channels; however, they need more volunteers and financial support.

Ms. Avery said Simsbury is a great time with many great volunteers. They don't just complain, they get involved.

Ms. Glassman asked Frances J. Gauthier to join Ms. Haase. Ms. Haase said it is her pleasure to present this award to Ms. Gauthier.

Ms. Haase said Ms. Gauthier is involved with many different volunteer organizations in Simsbury. In 2013, the Simsbury Lions Club decided to begin Pediatric Eye Screening for Simsbury schoolchildren in Kindergarten and Pre-school. Ms. Gauthier both proposed this project and accepted the responsibilities associated with it. Many of these vision problems can no longer be treated past the age of 7, furthering the importance of her work. In addition, Ms. Gauthier volunteered at Jack Bannan's Turkey Trot, Red Cross Blood Mobiles, Simsbury Community Farm, and the Foodshare Truck at First Church of Christ. She has been active at her Church, having previously served as Vice President of the Congregation. Her husband, Bob, was nominated for this award in 2012. Our Town has benefitted in so many ways from Fran's work, as we are pleased to present her with this "Hometown Hero" award.

Ms. Gauthier thanked everyone for this special honor. She feels other people deserve this more than she does, but is honored that they did catch several children with eye issues before it was too late. Ms. Gauthier also noted that there will be an Adult Eye Screening at St. Bernard's tomorrow. She truly loves to volunteer and she introduced her family.

Ms. Glassman asked Bradford Mead to join her. Ms. Glassman introduced his wife and Bill Rice, who nominated him. She said the volunteer contributions by Mr. Mead have had a significant impact on the Town. He has served on numerous Town boards; including the Charter Revision Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission. He has been instrumental in helping to coordinate and assist in many Town events including the recent Simsbury Triathlon and as an ambassador for the Solarize Simsbury program.

Ms. Glassman said Mr. Mead's most significant achievement is the impact he has had on the Boy Scouts program in Simsbury. He has been Scout Leader of Troop 175 since 2006 and has mentored more than 45 Eagle Scouts during that time, including his two sons, Ryan and Jeffrey. Ms. Glassman said recently, Mr. Mead was honored by the Boy Scouts of America as one of the top 54 scoutmasters out of 44,000 in the country; and traveled to the national meeting in Texas with his wife Dianne to receive this award. Mr. Mead also serves as chair of the National Eagle Scout Association for the CT Rivers Alliance and is also on the Board of Directors of the CT Rivers Alliance. We are all proud to honor Mr. Mead with the "Hometown Hero" award.

Mr. Mead thanked everyone very much and said this Town is a lot of fun to volunteer for. He said that those who volunteer get a lot of satisfaction out of it. He said as a Scout Master, there will be 22 Eagle Scouts in this senior year. He told a story about a young scout he was hiking with, who was having a hard time, but he still wanted to do it next year. This boy has gone so much further in climbing so

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many other mountains. This boy actually won second place in the country out of 50,000 scouts for one of his Eagle Scout projects. He then won 55 badges. He is privileged to work with these kids. This is why he loves Scouting so much.

Ms. Glassman thanked everyone for attending and pictures were taken. There is a reception down the hall for everyone to enjoy.

Ms. Haase made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Glassman called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Michael Paine, Lisa Heavner, Nancy Haase, and Cheryl Cook. Absent was Sean Askham. Others in attendance included: State Representative John Hampton, Richard Sawitzke, Richard Ostop, Ed LaMontagne, Gerry Toner, Attorney Bob DeCrescenzo, Tom Cooke and other interested parties.

Ms. Glassman congratulated all of the 2014 Hometown Heros for their great volunteerism to the Town: Eunice Kelly, Dominique Avery, Frances J. Gauthier and Bradford Mead.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**To Receive comment concerning findings and recommendations submitted to the Board of Selectmen in connection with the possible construction of a Senior Center or renovation of the existing Senior Center.**

Ms. Glassman thanked everyone for coming to the Public Hearing and she also thanked the Chairman of the Public Building Committee, Dick Ostop and the members of the Sub-Committee.

Mr. LaMontagne, 4 George Street, said it wasn't his intent to offer an opinion as to the location of a new Senior Center or any renovation to Eno Memorial Hall. He said he would like to look at the long road that brought us to this point.

Mr. LaMontagne said in 2009 the Town Aging and Disability Commission published a survey on the need for a new Senior Center. In 2010, the Ensign Bickford Foundation issued a challenge that they would match up to \$175,000 for the design and construction of a Senior Center.

Mr. LaMontagne said in February 2012 the Public Building Committee offered a presentation on four area Senior Centers that the Senior Center Study Committee visited.

Mr. LaMontagne said after several studies and meetings, the time has come to make a decision on a new or renovated Senior Center. If there are no funds for a new Senior Center so be it, but a decision needs to be made now. He feels the Town owes it to the seniors who will keep using the center even in the future. (His complete comments are attached).

David Richmond, 1 Saddle Ridge Drive and also properties on Hopmeadow Street, feels that the seniors need to be downtown. To not have a location downtown, it goes against everything we believe in and spent doing to keep people in the center of Town. He doesn't want a Senior Center built on Bushy Hill Road. Mr. Richmond said the Town should also look at open buildings on Hopmeadow Street that are available. He thinks the Town should use the resources it has and not move the seniors out of Town.

Lynn Crane, 4 Weatherly Road, hopes that everyone should have a vote on the Senior Center. A lot of money was spent on the Ethel Walker land, nothing should be built there. She also feels that the Senior Center should be downtown for all to enjoy.

Helen Petersen, 20 Longview Drive, said she has spoken before about where the Senior Center should be and that is in the Town center. People like to walk, if they can, and have everything available in a localized location.

Ms. Petersen said there is a fiscal issue. She said the initial expense is one thing, but the ongoing expenses would be a burden to generations to come. We do have opportunities to save money and to use facilities to the best of their advantage. She doesn't feel a new Senior Center is necessary right now.

Ms. Petersen feels the Sub-Committee should be looked at for guidance as they have put in a lot of hard work. There have been many discussions throughout the year, and we need to draw from those discussions.

Ms. Petersen doesn't like the idea of using Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook as it is too far away from the center of Town. No building should ever be built on the Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook site.

Dr. Susan Brachwitz, 10 Pinecrest Drive, had a serious objection to the Town Forest site. She feels it is within the boundaries of the Stratton Brook Watershed, which means that surface water flows towards Stratton Brook and 4 town wells. She said it is within the boundaries of the primary recharge zone of our main town aquifer, in fact it is within the boundaries of the aquifer itself.

Dr. Brachwitz said characteristics of this aquifer make it susceptible to pollution leaching from the surface. Also, this aquifer is not covered by an impenetrable layer of rock or clay.

Dr. Brachwitz said the Senior Center project is planned to cover at least 2 acres and it can be expected to produce a variety of pollutants. She feels this is something that should not be put on top of an aquifer as it is among the most precious resources we have in Simsbury.

She said it would be a serious mistake to put the Senior Center on the aquifer and it would be far wiser to let the healthy, dense forest continue to do what it has been doing for many years - "keep our water clean." (her complete comments are attached).

Anita Mielert, 57 E. Weatogue Street, said she has been a resident of Simsbury for nearly 40 years, and has followed the issue of the Senior Center with great interest.

Ms. Mielert offered a little historical perspective by comparing the current situation to one she experienced as a First Selectman back in 2000 with the issue of the high school.

Ms. Mielert believes that this major expenditure will affect the mil rate, driving out more of the seniors that the center is meant to serve. She said a very small tax reduction this year is a one-time adjustment to the collection rate, not a true reduction in costs. She said we have to work a little harder on tax reductions. Changes do need to be made, but not huge ones right now.

Dave Bahre thanked everyone for their comments. He said he has spoken with many seniors and the

majority want to stay at Eno Memorial Hall. It is easy to want, want, want, but we can do things without breaking the bank. Don't forget the Town is losing The Hartford. He said some parking issues can be solved by changing some of the scheduling and parking in different areas. He also suggested that SCTV move to the High School, where it would get more use.

Diane Nash, 5 Merrywood, thanked the Committee for their hard work on this issue. She asked what parameters were given to the Committee on the wants/needs.

Ms. Nash said maybe there will be lease or purchase opportunities down the line. She said there have been a lot of meetings and surveys, but this issue keeps going around in circles.

Ms. Nash said a lot of money was spent on preserving the Aquifer and it would be disrespectful if this property isn't preserved now. She feels this property should **never** be considered for any building.

John Schaefer, 16 Lostbook Road, asked that someone clarify what the process on this issue is going onward.

Mr. Schaefer said he feels residents agreed that Town policy should encourage future development to occur in the Center Zone and not in the remaining green space. The residents have voted four times to preserve the Ethel Walker Woods property as open space and to protect the aquifer.

Mr. Schaefer feels the Town should not: be taking on the liability of a new, stand alone facility; engage in more suburban sprawl; build in Town of Simsbury Open Space and not build over the aquifer primary recharge zone. He feels the Town should build in the Center Zone per the Town Center Charrette. (His complete comments are attached).

Ron Zappile, 2 Powers Court, said he was speaking in support of the Sub-Committee recommendations to secure a new facility for the seniors of Simsbury. As chairman of the Simsbury Housing Authority, Mr. Zappile said serving the elderly and people dealing with disabilities, he understands their point of view. We have extended strong efforts to preserve open space, expended resources, and has been recognized as a "bike friendly" Town. We have also expended services to those with disabilities.

He thinks it is time for the senior citizens to have their turn. They need a center that is safe, easily accessible, on one floor and has amenities for seniors. He is not sure where the final location should be, but he feels the seniors have done their best to support the Town and made it the great Town it is, so now we should focus on them.

Dick Ostop said he has been on Public Building Committee and the Sub-Committee for the Senior Center. He said this is the largest group that has ever come to discuss the Senior Center. He said the Sub-Committee had a lot of places to look. They were told not to consider any retail space downtown as this would take money away from the tax base. There were building that the Sub-Committee had to walk away from.

Mr. Ostop said there are many restrictions at renovating Eno Memorial Hall due to historical restrictions. He said the cost is a major concern to the Sub-Committee as well and they feel that building another building would actually be less expensive and renovating Eno Memorial Hall.

Mr. Ostop said that SCTV did want to move to the Library, but they were told no. He said the Aquifer was also looked at they were told that the building would not affect this aquifer. He feels most people want to see a new building constructed downtown. He said they were also looking in to a survey being sent out so everyone can make comments on this issue.

Norma Servadio, 10 Sagamore Drive, questioned the need, during these uncertain economic times, for a new Senior Center. She feels the Senior Center at Eno Memorial Hall is a wonderful center. She said Eno has three floors and has an elevator for anyone to reach each of the floors. It also has an entry ramp for those who cannot enter the building on the stairs. There are also a lot of miscellaneous rooms which provide space for whatever programs seniors need.

Ms. Servadio doesn't want a new building, where new staff is needed and there will be an increase in upkeep costs. She feels there is a wonderful building in the center of Town and she feels that additional changes can be made to meet any senior concerns or needs. (Her complete comments are attached).

Jay Baren said he hasn't retired yet. He isn't so sure that more seniors will be retiring here as a lot of them are moving out. He feels a Senior Center should be in the center of Town so people can walk to different places to meet their needs.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive, said this issue has been studied to death. She feels people can't afford to live here as the taxes are too high. People are retiring in lower cost towns. She doesn't feel the population will get larger, but smaller within time. She feels this center isn't needed, it is just wanted by some. She feels the Town needs to look into the future, not what is wanted now. She said children aren't coming here and neither are the seniors. She said we need to keep what we have and try to make it work to the best of its ability.

Sue Bednarczyk, 119 East Weatogue Street, said back in 2009 they approached the Board about a Senior Center. They had gone to different places to look at their Senior Centers and this Town doesn't compare to the others. She said everyone needs to be more creative and pencils need to be sharpened and this could be done properly.

She said the seniors need a Senior Center located in the center of Town. She feels they are squeezed into a small space and other sites need to be looked in to as they deserve something better for all they have done for us.

Don Zaylor, 1 West Street, asked if anyone has actually looked at a map of the Aquifer and showed a map to everyone. He said there are houses there and the Senior Center is on the edge of it. A Senior Center there wouldn't hurt anything.

Mr. Zaylor suggested that they talk to Richard Sawitzke and Howard Beach further about the Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook site. He feels this site needs to be "put to bed".

Mr. Zaylor said the architects are a problem, especially with the parking issues there. There were many parking concepts drawn up, but there are still issues especially for the handicapped residents. If they renovate Eno it will look like "Fort Knox." He doesn't feel the seniors are being treated correctly.

Mr. Zaylor feels a special study needs to be done and other budgets need to be looked at for savings so a proper Senior Center can be made.

Judy Schaefer, 16 Lostbrook Road said she is concerned that an impartial professional did not prepare the needs assessment for the seniors. She said considerable time was spent on a charrette, which she feels is being ignored. People need to be drawn to the center of Town.

Ms. Schaefer said millions of dollars were spent to secure the Ethel Walker woods and now some people want to build over the aquifer. This is completely illogical.

Ms. Schaefer urged everyone to take a look at the problems which seem to have plagued this entire process.

Patricia Fisher, 185 Bushy Hill Road, said she has personal reasons for not wanting the Senior Center on the Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook site. She said she has a disabled son and feels the noise, lighting, pollution, etc. would affect him greatly.

Ms. Fisher asked if there had been traffic studies done if the Senior Center was moved out there and how the seniors were going to get out there if they don't drive. She feels the Senior Center needs to remain in the center of Town so residents can enjoy it.

Pat Karpfen feels the best thing to do is move forward not backwards on this issue. The senior need a one floor facility as there is no way to get them downstairs if there is a fire and the elevator is out. They also have a hard time parking at Eno and Pat feels they deserve a new center in downtown.

Arlene Zappile feels very strongly about the safety impact at Eno. We are opening ourselves up for lawsuits if a senior gets hurt while there and there is a fire or something else goes wrong. She said East Lyme has a great center but it is too far from the center of town.

Becky Latimer feels we don't need the best Senior Center, but seniors should be respected and she feels badly that they don't feel that they are respected. She feels a senior resource is needed to meet all the needs of seniors and more information is still needed on this issue.

Holly Henderson thanked the Committee members for all their hard work on this issue. She feels we need to look outside the box and get better direction in order to move forward. We need to take the feedback along with the work already done and put it together to create something new and different that is a single level structure. She feels the taxes should go to the seniors and not just the schools.

Edna Schreindorfer, Westwood Drive, doesn't feel that Eno is good for a Senior Center due to all of the issues there. She feels the seniors will all be dead before actual action is done on this issue.

Mona Martinek said the food for the seniors should be brought in like it was 5 ½ years ago as this was very successful. She feels we are at a standpoint again and invited everyone to try a lunch at the Senior Center. She feels renovations can be made and then we can see how it goes from there.

There was no further public comment at this time. The Board thanked everyone for their comments

and concerns. This is a hard decision to make without residents commenting on the issue. If everyone works together this issue can be resolved.

### **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Haase made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Diane Nash, 5 Merrywood, asked if there would be a referendum vote for the Senior Center. Ms. Glassman said yes. She doesn't feel the Board is really ready to accept the recommendations tonight.

Joan Coe, 26 Whitcomb Drive spoke about the solar panels banner at Town Hall. She feels this is promoting a business and this shouldn't be done on Town property.

She spoke again about the marijuana facility and doesn't feel it belongs in Town as marijuana is against the law. She feels we will be creating a dependency for many residents.

Ms. Coe spoke again about having a professional Town management form of government for the Town.

David Richman, 1 Saddle Ridge feels people are off base about the marijuana issue. This is actually a great service to people who have severe medical issues. These facilities are very well regulated and secure. He feels people need to get their facts straight on this issue before saying it is a bad idea for the Town.

Sue Bednarczyk said there needs to be a happy medium where people can express their concerns on land use issues and zoning regulations.

### **FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Glassman reminded everyone that the Simsbury Performing Arts Center kicks off their season on Friday, June 13, 2014 with some wonderful concerts. The June 13<sup>th</sup> concert has Lynyrd Skynyrd; June 15 has Willie Nelson and Alison Krauss. These concerts will be followed by the Solstice Music Festival. The first Talcott Mountain Music Festival concert with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra is on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Glassman said this is the inaugural season for the Simsbury Performing Arts Center 501(c)(3). Their new website is up and running at [www.simsburymeadowmusic.com](http://www.simsburymeadowmusic.com).

Ms. Glassman said that on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an open house at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Arts. All Simsbury residents are invited to visit free of charge for the Simsbury Open House Day from 10 to 5. To obtain general admission to the Wadsworth, residents are asked to show proof of residency and Phelps Chapter members proof of membership, at the admissions desk.

Mr. Glassman said for more information about events residents can call 860-838-4100 or visit [www.simsburyvt.com](http://www.simsburyvt.com).

Wadsworthatheneum.org.

Ms. Glassman said she was pleased to announce that the Community for Care has put together “A Parent’s Guide for the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use” with factual information on the physical and legal consequences of drug and alcohol abuse, as well as some recommendations about how to discuss these issues with your children.

She thanked the Community for Care Committee for their hard work on this guide.

Ms. Glassman announced that Simsbury has been awarded a grant of \$27,100 from the State to cover “Nutmeg Network” connection costs. This will ensure that the Town has appropriate bandwidth and technology to provide needed services to its residents, both now and in the future.

### **SELECTMEN ACTION**

#### **a) Approve Tax Refunds**

Ms. Heavner made a motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$261.22 as recommended and approved by the Tax Collector. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **b) Discuss and possible action on next steps for construction of a Senior Center or renovations to the existing Senior Center**

Ms. Glassman made a motion to accept the Public Building Committee’s report on the Senior Center; to eliminate the Bushy Hill/Stratton Brook site; to look at what level of building renovations are needed at Eno Memorial Hall to accommodate the use of that building safely, including handicapped access; to look at a new site in the center of Town. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **c) Discuss and possible action on request to modify the Town’s Banner Policy**

Ms. Cook made a motion to maintain the Route 10 Lightpost Banner Display Policy as approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 25, 2013. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. Four were in favor with Mr. Paine recusing himself and abstaining. Therefore, the motion passed.

#### **d) Approve resolution delegating oversight of the Squadron Line School Main Office project to the Public Building Committee**

Ms. Heavner made a motion: “Resolved, that, in accordance with Section 612 of the Simsbury Town Charter and Section 10-291 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen hereby charges the Public Building Committee with the responsibility for carrying out the design and construction oversight for the Squadron Line School Main Office Project.” Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase made a motion to amend the agenda to return to agenda item c as Mr. Paine feels he might have a conflict on the Town’s Banner Policy issue. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Haase made a motion to reaffirm the Town's Banner Policy. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. Four were in favor, with Mr. Paine abstaining. Therefore, the motion passed.

**e) Approve resolution delegating oversight of the Henry James Renovation - Phase 1A Main Office Security project to the Public Building Committee**

Ms. Heavner made a motion; "Resolved, that, in accordance with Section 612 of the Simsbury Town Charter and Section 10-291 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen hereby charges the Public Building Committee with the responsibility for carrying out the design and construction oversight for the Henry James Renovation - Phase 1A Main Office Security Project." Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**f) Discuss and possible action regarding CL & P rate increase**

Ms. Heavner made a motion to endorse a letter of objection for the proposed CL & P rate increase. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

**a) Accept the resignation of Vaughn A. Marecki ( R ) as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission effective May 28, 2014**

Ms. Haase made a motion to accept the resignation of Vaughn A. Marecki as an alternate of the Zoning Commission effective May 28, 2014. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**b) Appoint Vaughn A. Marecki ( R ) as a regular member of the Zoning Commission with an expiration date of December 7, 2015**

Mr. Paine made a motion to appoint Vaughn A. Marecki as a regular member of the Zoning Commission, in succession of Will Fiske, with an expiration date of December 7, 2015. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**c) Appoint Sara H. Mocgk ( R ) as a regular member of the Library Board of Trustees with an expiration date of December 4, 2017**

Ms. Haase made a motion to appoint Sara H. Mocgk as a regular member of the Library Board of Trustees, in succession of Diane Fiske, with an expiration date of December 4, 2017. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Update on The Hartford Land Study**

Ms. Heavner recused herself at this time.

Ms. Glassman said there is a final draft on the new form-based code for the 173 acre property at 200

Hopmeadow Street (The Hartford property). This is available on the website [www.simsbury-ct.gov](http://www.simsbury-ct.gov). A link can also be found on the Planning and Land Use page.

Ms. Glassman said the Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the new Code on June 16<sup>th</sup>. After receiving comments they will then decide whether to act on June 16<sup>th</sup> or within the 65 days as permitted by law.

Ms. Heavner rejoined the meeting.

**b) Town Hall Summer Hours Reminder**

Ms. Glassman noted the new summer hours for Town Hall and Eno Memorial Hall (see attached).

Ms. Heavner made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Designation of Simsbury Community Farm. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Ms. Heavner made a motion on Simsbury Community Farm, that:

1. This designation is strictly honorary and contains no restrictions on use of the structures on the property.
2. This designation will allow the property to become eligible for future matching grants of up to \$200,000.
3. This designation is the “last batch” of such designations that are likely to be processed for some time.
4. There are no negative aspects of this designation.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**a) Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014**

Mr. Paine made a motion to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of May 12, 2014 as presented. Ms. Haase seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**SELECTMEN LIAISON AND SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Personnel**

**a) Action on Job Descriptions for Library; Planning Department; and Culture, Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the proposed job descriptions for the Library, Assistant to the Town Planner, and the Assistant Golf Course Superintendent as presented. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**2. Finance** - no report at this time.

**3. Welfare** - no report at this time.

**4. Public Safety** - no report at this time.

**5. Board of Education** - Ms. Heavner thanked everyone who came to the Tri-Simsbury Event. She

said it was a huge success and the best ever in attendance.

**ADJOURN**

Ms. Haase made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Ms. Heavner seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio  
Clerk