Simsbury Technology Task Force
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2022 – 5:30pm
Engineering Conference Room, 933 Hopmeadow Street

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2022

2. Evaluation of Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) Solutions

3. Projects Update
   a. Multi-Factor Authentication

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022, 5:30pm

Technology Task Force
Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Engineering Conference Room, Town Hall, 933 Hopmeadow Street

Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Rucci, Harald Bender, Elizabeth Peterson, Mike Doyle, Steve Alexander, Prashant Sathyamangalam
Liaisons Present: Selectman Sean Askham
Staff Present: Jason Casey, Rick Bazzano, Melissa Appleby

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

1) **Introduction of New Board of Selectmen Liaison**
   Mr. Askham introduced himself to the group; he will be the Board of Selectmen liaison to the Technology Task Force for the 2021-2023 term.

2) **Introduction of New Members**
   Mr. Alexander and Mr. Sathyamangalam introduced themselves as new committee members, and provided an overview of their background and experience. Mr. Alexander is currently working at MassMutual in email security. Mr. Sathyamangalam works at Cognizant in cloud-based technologies.

   The staff and other committee members introduced themselves.

3) **Minutes – December 6, 2021**
   The minutes of December 6, 2021 were approved as presented by consensus.

4) **Evaluation of Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR) Solutions**
   Mr. Bazzano discussed the Town's EDR needs for security purposes. Ms. Appleby noted that there is funding in the FY23 budget for intruder detection services (IDS). Mr. Bazzano reviewed the various options for implementing these features, including a potential combination EDR/IDS solution. Discussion ensued regarding vendors that offer these services. There was consensus among the committee members that there is a need for both services, and that active monitoring is critical.

   Mr. Casey discussed the Board of Education's current monitoring solution. Members inquired about sharing EDR between the Town and Board of Education; Mr. Bazzano and Mr. Casey noted several areas of collaboration, but pointed to the different requirements for law enforcement, municipal, and schools. There was also discussion around the ability

for the Board of Education to receive more favorable educational pricing on many of their IT needs.

Mr. Askham reviewed potential options for supplementing the funding included in the FY23 budget, particularly the ability to utilize FY22 year-end savings if funds are available. Committee members agreed that the EDR plan should be solidified by the next meeting, and noted that a special meeting could be held if further discussion is needed.

5) **Cyber Security**
   a. **Employee Training**
      Mr. Bazzano provided an overview of the employee training program, which is run through KnowBe4. He noted that this is a joint program between the Town and Board of Education. Discussed ensued regarding the frequency of trainings and phishing campaigns.

   b. **MS-ISAC Services**
      Mr. Bazzano provided an overview of the services provided by MS-ISAC, such as quarterly assessments and weekly alerts regarding malware IPs. Mr. Casey gave an overview of the Board of Education security environment, including its firewall system and the Google Drive/Gmail environment.

Mr. Bender made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm. Mr. Doyle seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Appleby
Deputy Town Manager