
FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Wendy Mackstutis – First Selectman
DATE: January 22, 2024

MLK Day Event

Thank you to the MLK Day Committee for the celebration held at First Church of Christ last Monday, January 15th. Keynote speaker Dr. Tayarisha Batchelor delivered a speech that with the theme of Peace and Belonging that was relatable and heartfelt. We were honored to have U.S. Congresswoman Jahana Hayes come out to Simsbury for this event. I had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Batchelor. Former State Representative John Hampton was our MC, who delivered a warm welcome and representation of the role of Dr. King in Simsbury. Thank you to all involved and to everyone who attended.

FY 2024/2025 Budget Process

Our Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Cycle is underway. Town Manager Marc Nelson is currently working with each department to discuss their '24/'25 budget needs. During the month of February, the Town Manager's budget will be developed, and presented to the Board of Selectmen, per below timeline. That will kick off the meetings throughout March for workshops, presentations, and adoption of the budget.

Tri-Board Meeting (BOF, BOS, BOE) — 12/19/2023 at 5:45 Simsbury Public Library
Police Commission Budget presentation - 1/22/2024 at 5:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room
Town Manager Budget presentation to BOS – 2/26/2024 6:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room
BOS Budget Workshop – Town Hall Main Meeting Room - 3/9/2024 9:00am
BOS Meeting – (potential budget adoption) 3/11/2024 6:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room
BOS Budget presentation to BOF – 3/19/2024 5:45 (location TBD)
BOF Public Hearing on the Budget – 4/2/2024 6:00pm Simsbury Public Library
Budget Referendum – May 2024

Keep Simsbury Warm Program

Residents in need of heating assistance can get more information, find out how to qualify and take advantage of this program, by reaching out to our Social Services department. This link has information on this program, and others, on page 10 https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf9751/f/news/jan-feb_2024_newsletter_final.pdf

Office Hours

I will not have set hours to be in Town Hall this week (1/22-1/26), as I have several offsites, but will be happy to set up a time that works for you. I will be there on Wednesday 1/31 and Wednesday 2/7 from 11:00 – 4:00. If you'd like to stop in during those times or make a date for a time that works for you, send me a text or email to make sure I'm free to meet.

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