



Town of Simsbury

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA SUBMISSION FORM

1. **Title of submission:** HEARTSafe Community Application

2. **Date of submission:** March 6, 2013

3. **Date of Board Meeting:** March 11, 2013

4. **Individual or Entity making the submission:**

Thomas F. Cooke – Director of Administrative Services

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:

(1) Authorize Karin Stewart to prepare an application on behalf of the Town of Simsbury for the Town to be designated as a HEARTSafe Community; and

(2) Authorize the First Selectman to sign the application once it is prepared

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.):**

Thomas F. Cooke – Director of Administrative Services – (860) 658-3230

Karin Stewart – Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association – karinstewart@comcast.net

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.):

The HEARTSafe Community initiative is a state program designed to increase the likelihood that individuals suffering a sudden cardiac arrest will survive due to rapid access to life-saving treatment, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). There is no cost to the Town's participation in this program. The designation as a HEARTSafe Community, if received, will last for three years. If Simsbury is designated as a HEARTSafe Community, the Department of Public Health will provide the Town with ten road signs promoting Simsbury as a HEARTSafe Community, a certificate confirming the designation and a press release

Karin Stewart, on behalf of the Simsbury Volunteer Ambulance Association, is offering to "champion" this initiative for the Town of Simsbury by gathering the following information and completing the attached application:

- CPR training in the community;
- Public access to defibrillation through strategic placement of AEDs for use by public safety professionals and other trained community members;
- CPR and AED trained and equipped first responders; and
- Early advanced care.

Once the application has been prepared, it must be signed by the First Selectman. This initiative was reviewed by the Public Safety Sub-Committee and forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for consideration

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:

- Sample HEARTSafe Application