MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members present: W. Kurt Miller, Karen Stanek, Theresa Conroy, Gary Bruce, Al Bruno, Nicole Klarides-Dittria (7:34PM), and Town Counsel Richard Buturla.
Members absent: Annmarie Drugonis.
Others present: Frank Loda, Paul Roy, Al Yagovane, Joseph Luciano, Michael Flynn, and Trisha Danka.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:03PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge or Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public comment.
Joe Luciano, 33 Deforest Street, presented a pamphlet to the Board citing issues as ADA violations with regard to sidewalks and curbs in specific areas in town. He also stated a complaint had already been filed by the Human Rights & Opportunities to ADA.

Paul Roy, 80 Washington Avenue updated the Board with regard to the Energy Committee. With only three remaining members, it is difficult to get a quorum.

Al Yagavane, 25 Elaine Drive, stated that Joe Luciano advised him that the sidewalks on Broad Street and Pine Street are unsafe with regard to wheelchairs. He explains it is dangerous and asks the board to address this.

ITEM #4: First Selectman’s report.
- All Quarterly Reports are in and have been emailed to all board members. Kurt will be meeting with each department head individually to discuss the report and to review the upcoming quarter.
- All ground work has been completed on the West Street intersection. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 7, 2013.
- The road program is ready to go. Chip sealing is being done by Seymour Sealing, who was on the State bid list. The work will begin on October 3rd. They will be doing approximately 3.81 miles of road. Major road work is being done by Tilcon who was also on the State Bid List. The following roads will be affected: Fawn Hollow, White Deer, Brook Street, Dolan Road, Dolan Circle. Estimates are $10,000 below budget. Work is scheduled to begin on or around Monday, October 21st.
- Henny Penny is moving forward in targeting a late 2013 opening. Most of demolition is complete.
- Kurt formerly welcomes Clean Harbors to Seymour located at 770 Derby Avenue. The office is scheduled to open in late October and will be employing 50+ employees.
- Work on the Community Center for the new Boys & Girls Club will begin soon. The tentative date for opening is Dec 1, 2013.
- Contract Negotiations continue. No new update, as this progress is very slow.
- Kurt was invited to join two (2) policy committees for CCM. He will be a member of the Labor Relations Committee, as well as, the Committee on Taxes and Finance.
- The Town will hold a Memorial Service to honor John T. Debarber on Saturday, Oct 19th at 9:30AM at the family plot.
- Pounding the Pavement for Pink 5K and Smoke in the Valley Beer and Chili Fest will be taking place this weekend. Big crowds are expected.
- Pink Promenade, formerly known as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, will be held Sunday October 13th at 1:00PM.
- On October 26th, the Seymour Land Trust will be doing their haunted trails. They will also be holding a food drive for the Spooner House.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from September 17, 2013 regular meeting.
Motion to approve minutes from September 17, 2013 regular meeting.
Motion: Al Bruno
Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-5  No-0  Abstain-0

Karen Stanek brings up a few changes to the minutes as follows:
Item 9 should say “fund balance.” Item 15 the very last line where she is quoted should say “private blight.” Item 21 the third line down should be “conflicts” not “comments.” Top of next page, should be “226th signing of Constitution.”
Theresa Conroy would like to add to her comments at the last meeting to say “it was a nice entry way into downtown Seymour.”

ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action on Broad Street Park Committee.
Motion to table discussion and take possible action on Broad Street Park Committee.
Motion: Theresa Conroy
Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-5  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on resolution for capital projects financing.
This resolution was done in early August, and from what was read there were incorrect paragraphs.
Kurt reads the resolution as follows:
WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour, by resolution adopted at a Special Town Meeting held _________, 2013, appropriated $250,000 for public works and public safety equipment acquisition and improvements, and authorized the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amounts to finance said appropriation; and
WHEREAS, said resolution authorized the Board of Selectmen to delegate to appropriate officers of the Town certain determinations and actions in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes and temporary notes;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

1. That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of such bonds, notes and temporary notes; to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption of interest on of such bonds, notes and temporary notes from federal income taxation, including covenants to pay rebates of investment
earnings to the United States in future years; to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of such bonds, notes and temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information; to sell the bonds, notes and temporary notes at public or private sale; to execute and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to sell, issue and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes.

2. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project or the receipt of grants for the project. The amount of temporary notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed $250,000. The notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

4. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of any lessor or holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or interests therein.

7. That the First Selectman, or other proper Town officers or officials, are authorized to apply for and accept grants for the project, and to enter into any grant agreement and file such documents as are necessary or desirable in connection with obtaining such grants.

8. That the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Motion to accept resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno  
Second: Theresa Conroy  
Vote: Yes-5  
No-0  
Abstain-0  

Theresa Conroy inquired about the changes that were made and Kurt explained that there was a discrepancy in the wording.

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on proclamation designating November, 2013 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Seymour.
Kurt read a letter from Katherine H. Saracino along with a proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month proclamation:
WHEREAS in 2013, an estimated 45,220 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 38,460 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just 6 percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is late stage and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 530 deaths will occur in Connecticut in 2013;

WHEREAS the incidence and death rate for pancreatic cancer are increasing and pancreatic cancer is anticipated to move from the fourth to the second leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. by 2020;

WHEREAS the U.S. Congress passed the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act last year, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework or strategic plans for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Seymour and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in Seymour support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as those who have lost their lives to the disease and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Seymour are enchaned as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the First Selectman designate the month of November 2013 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the Town of Seymour, Connecticut.

Motion to accept proclamation as read.
Motion: Karen Stanek                        Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-5                                No-0        Abstain-0

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding 10 Year Strategic Planning Committee.
Motion to table discussion and possible action regarding 10 Year Strategic Planning Committee.
Motion: Al Bruno                        Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-5                                No-0        Abstain-0

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on forwarding discussion on the Broad Street Park Committee, 10 Year Strategic Planning Committee and the WPCA Depreciation Level to the Ordinance Committee.
Motion: Al Bruno                        Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-5                                No-0        Abstain-0

Discussion and take possible action on motion to forward to Ordinance Committee: discussion on Broad Street Park Committee, 10 year Strategic Planning Committee and WPCA Depreciation Level.
Kurt stated that Broad Street Park Committee will be disbanding and will be forming a new committee called Friends of Broad Street Park. Town Counsel Richard Buturla advised the town to create an Ordinance. Kurt states he has tentatively put together a 10 Year Strategic Planning group. Town Counsel thinks that the group should go through an Ordinance and the Ordinance Committee will go through that. The updated Charter outlines that the WPCA needs to include Depreciation in their budget. The Charter, in Town Counsel’s opinion, has vague wording and he would like to clean up it up with an Ordinance.

Motion to forward discussion and possible action on the Broad Street Park Committee, 10 Year Strategic Planning Committee and the WPCA Depreciation Level to the Ordinance Committee.
Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-5  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding hiring of Building Inspector.
Kurt reads letter to himself from Anthony Caserta, Director of Operations.
Gordon Gramolini, Town of Oxford Building Inspector, has been filling in for the two Building Inspectors who have retired. The job was put out for interviews and five (5) candidates were interviewed. Jim Baldwin and one other candidate were labeled to be the best of their group. The other gentleman that was identified will also be working with the town as part of the staff. Gordon Gramolini is willing to stay on through the process.

Motion to provisionally appoint Jim Baldwin as the Building Inspector for the Town of Seymour for 90 days.
Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Gary Bruce.
Vote: 5-Yes  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action on blight ordinance revision.
Attorney Fred Stanek states that procedurally after the board adopts or passes the Ordinance, they will need to publish the Ordinance in the newspaper with substantial publication within 10 days. An Ordinance effective date also needs to be specified. If a date is not specified it becomes effective 21 days following passage.
Town Counsel Richard Buturla suggests staying within the 21 day margin.

Karen reiterates her opposition to the elimination of the private component of the policy. She believes it is not fair for people who are in interior lots.

Motion to approve the Anti-Blight Ordinance as presented.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-5  No-0  Abstain- 1 (Gary Bruce)
Motion to add to the agenda awarding of the bid of the Department of Public Works dump truck.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

Awarding of the bid of the Department of Public Works dump truck.

Two (2) bids were received and reviewed by Director of Operations, Anthony Caserta, and Director of Public Works, Dennis Rozum. They recommended the bid from Mark Ziello in the amount of $6,059.00.

Motion to accept bid as presented by Director of Public Works and Director of Operations.

Motion: Theresa Conroy  Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #12: Executive session (Strand Theater, Beres settlement).

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:40PM with Town Counsel Richard Buturla and Town Counsel Bissel.

Motion: Al Bruno  Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

Motion to exit executive session at 8:15PM with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #13: Discussion and take possible action on Beres settlement.

Motion to table discussion and possible action on Beres settlement.

Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

ITEM #14: Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Gail Catlin to Comcast Advisory Board for a term of four (4) years, expiring on October 16, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

Motion to reappoint Paul Tontini to Comcast Advisory Board for a term of four (4) years, expiring on October 16, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0

Motion to reappoint Judy Simpson to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years, expiring on October 4, 2016.

Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: Yes-6  No-0  Abstain-0
Motion to reappoint Anne Conroy to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years, expiring on October 4, 2016.
Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0

Motion to reappoint Melanie Kalako to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year, expiring on October 2, 2014.
Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0

Motion to reappoint Daniel Zaniewski to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year, expiring on October 2, 2014.
Motion: Gary Bruce Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0

ITEM #15: Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.
Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Al Bruno
Vote: Yes-6 No-0 Abstain-0

ITEM #16: Correspondence.
- The Discount Prescription Card program has saved Seymour residents $2,800.00.
- Letter from Blight Enforcement officer, Michael Marganski, thanking people for work on the Anti-Blight Ordinance.
- Invitation to ‘Back-A-Kid 2013 and Open House at the Boys & Girls Club on October 9, 2013 at 4:30PM at the Smilow Clubhouse in Ansonia.
- Check Registers

ITEM #17: Public Comment.
Al Yagovane, 20 Elaine Drive, reiterates his concern in regards to the safety of the sidewalks on Pine Street and Broad Street. The Broad Street Park Committee is still taking applications for the Broad Street Park bricks. They will be ordering another 40 engraved bricks this week or next week.

ITEM #18: Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Karen Stanek asks if any action has been taken with regard to the mold issues in the Community Center. Kurt explains the mold will be removed within the next two (2) weeks. Karen then asks about the sale of LoPresti School. Kurt states that bids arrived today and have not been opened yet. Karen also commented on the major dead trees on Holbrook Road and requested that Public Works take a look at the safety issues with regard to the number of dead and dying trees at the top part of the road. Kurt will notify Dennis Rozum.
Theresa Conroy asks about the Board of Finance decision to not approve the Squantuck Road allocation. Kurt explains that the vote was 3-3 and the motion failed. Board of Finance gave him a list of things to find and will act on that as soon as possible.

Theresa asks about the progress of 38 Columbus Street. Kurt states that they have sent some information with Fire Marshall and have put in request for Tax Incentive Program which they may not qualify for.

Theresa asks about the welcome signs in Town. Kurt states that the company that was chosen put up the wrong signs. They are currently fixing the signs and a white outline is being put on them.

Theresa suggests that the Board of Selectmen wear pink to the meeting the night before Seymour Pink Day – October 15th. Seymour Pink Day is October 16th.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria expressed her concern about the report on the middle school mold issues and whether the mold is still there. Christine Syriac said that the air quality testing didn’t indicate any high levels of mold. Kurt is scheduled to speak with the Board of Education next Monday and he will address that in public session.

Nicole asks if the issues were rectified with the animal shelter. Kurt explains that the slab and fencing were not put in the best way possible. The contractor didn’t pull permits. There is a special sign for people who drop animals off.

Al Bruno requests that Fred Messore attend next Board of Selectmen meeting to speak. He also asks about the Adopt-A-Spot program. Kurt explains that Adopt-A-Spot is a part of STEEP grants. Spots are assigned, but they are currently are missing signs. The Town Engineer went out for bid on the signs and bids were opened yesterday. The winning bid company will have signs up quickly.

Gary Bruce asks about the Great Hill Dam. Kurt explains that there are structure issues with the dam. Clean Harbors will be going down into the hole to clean it out. Once done, they can look at the equipment and make an assessment. Kurt talked to Chuck Lee who gave some him some suggestions.

**ITEM #19: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:37PM.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: Yes-6

No-0

Abstain-0

Submitted by:

Lianna Staffieri

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman