Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Gary Bruce, AnnMarie Drugonus, Al Bruno, Karen Stanek and Town Counsel Bryan LeClerc.

Members Absent: Theresa Conroy.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Sean Walsh, Linda Bellavance, Brian Ryan, Paul Roy, Michael Marganski, Judith Simpson, Alfred Yagovane, Attorney Palmeri, Detective Ronald Goodmaster and Howard Simpson

Item #1 — Call meeting to order.
First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

Item #2 — Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 — Public Comment.
None.

Item #4 — First Selectman’s Report.
None.

Item #5 — Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)
None.

Item #6 — Approve Minutes from November 20, 2012 Special Meeting.
Motion to approve Minutes from November 20, 2012 Special Meeting.
Motion: AnnMarie Drugonus Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

The Skate Park will provide an action plan and budget at the January 8, 2013 Board of Selectman meeting and not on January 6. The spelling of Karen Fisher’s last name needs to be corrected throughout the minutes.
Yes: 6  No: 0  0: Abstain

Item #7 — Recognition of Pauline Lounsbury for service to TEAM, Inc.
Motion to table the recognition of Pauline Lounsbury for service to TEAM, Inc.
Motion: AnnMarie Drugonus Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 6  No: 0  0: Abstain

Item #8 — Discussion and take possible action on 2013 Founder’s Day Request.
Linda Bellavance requests the 2013 Founder’s Day date of Sunday June 2, 2013 with a rain date of Sunday June 9, 2013. Founder’s Day also requests assistance with costs associated with Police presence as done in past years.
Motion to set the date of Seymour’s Founders day for 2013 as June 2 with a rain date of June 9.
Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6  No: 0  0: Abstain

Item #9— Discussion and take possible action on beneficiary of 2013 Founder’s Day (Seymour Animal Shelter).
Linda Bellavance reviewed a packet of information that was provided to the Board of Selectman. The proceeds would help at the Seymour Animal Shelter to replace millings with concrete slabs including drains for easy cleaning. The proceeds would also repair and upgrade fencing at the Seymour Animal Shelter.

Founder’s Day would like direction for the Board of Selectman as to the process for donating the upgrades. Kurt Miller stated the unions and Town Counsel would be contacted regarding the requested donations. Further information will be reviewed at the December 19, 2012 or January 8, 2013 regular Board of Selectman meeting.

Item #10— Discussion and take possible action on request from Detective Ronald Goodmaster.
Detective Ronald Goodmaster’s attorney Mr. Palmeri requested the Board of Selectmen allow the Board of Police Commissioners to have the authority to vote for the requested extension on service. Town Counsel Bryan LeClerc stated CT 76-430 states the decision for such a request rests with the legislative body, in this case, the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion with the Board of Selectmen and Attorney Palmeri ensued regarding the reasons for requesting an extension in service, benefits the town might receive by allowing the request, and liability to the town for allowing an extension.

Motion to deny the extension of service to Ronald Goodmaster.
Motion: Gary Bruce  Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5  No: 1 (Karen Stanek)  0: Abstain

Item #11— Discussion and take action on CCM Prescription Discount Program.
CCM Prescription Discount Program requires further exploration into the availability of local pharmacies and future expansion of the program. Kurt Miller and Town Counsel Bryan LeClerc will further investigate the program. Final action by the Board of Selectmen is expected at the December 19, 2012 regular meeting.

Item #12— Discussion and take action on George J. Hummel Little League Tax Bill.
Motion to exempt George J. Hummel Little League from paying the 2012 tax bill in the amount of $3,125.13 as done in previous years.
Motion: Al Bruno  Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 6  No: 0  0: Abstain

Item #13— Discussion and take possible action on Engineer for Skate Park Project.
Discussion with Paul Roy regarding the importance of approving the Schematic Design Phase from engineer Donald W. Smith to insure the Skate Park Committee can present a plan and budget at the January 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion to approve the Schematic Design Phase portion of the proposal associated with the development of a skate park received by engineer Donald W. Smith for the amount not to exceed $1,100.00.
Motion: Karen Stanek  Second: AnnMarie Drugonus
Gary Bruce was assured by Kurt Miller the grant funds will not dissolve, however a specific timeline has been requested. At this point the town has a full commitment to the funds.

Brian Ryan, member of the Skate Park Committee asked questions regarding the charge and authority of the committee. Kurt Miller stated the charge of the committee is to build a skate park for the provided $187,000 by the state. Al Bruno stated he would not support the use of taxpayer funds toward the skate park. Both Paul Roy and Brian Ryan stated the intention is to fundraise for additional funds that may be needed.

Yes:6 No:0 0: Abstain

Item #14— Discussion on eligibility for town boards, commissions and committees.

Motion to table discussion on eligibility for town boards, commissions and committees.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: AnnMarie Drugonus
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #15— Appointments.

Motion to appoint Rory Burke as the Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 2, 2013.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Jason Weaving to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 6, 2013.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Deirdre Caruso to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 6, 2013.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Joe Matusovich to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 6, 2013.

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

Motion to appoint Evan Islam to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 6, 2013.

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

Item #16— Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #17— Transfers.

None.
Item #18—Correspondence.
Check Register.
Letter from Christine Conroy resigning as the Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman
Report from Fred Messore, EDC

Motion to add to the agenda discussion of the report from the Blight Officer.
Motion: Karen Stanek Second: AnnMarie Drugonus
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Discussion with Michael Marganski, Blight Officer, regarding the presented report, inspections and any actions taken. Kurt Miller asked Michael Marganski to submit any suggestions to the Blight Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee.

Town Counsel is excused at 9:11pm.

Item #19—Public Comment.
None.

Item #20—Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Karen Stanek: Asked the status of the grant received for telecommunication upgrades in the town hall meeting rooms. Kurt Miller stated an extension was requested and a report to the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for the December 19, 2013 meeting. A remedy needs to be found to solve the parking problem in Downtown Seymour. On First Saturday cars towed from a plaza shows negatively on the town. Kurt Miller stated Fred Messore is working on the issue to determine if the incident was caused by an overzealous tow company or a business owner.

Al Bruno: Thanked Christine Conroy for her service and welcomes Rory Burke. Asked for an update on Housatonic Wire. Kurt Miller stated clean-up is moving forward. Requested a report from the EDC Director, Fred Messore, stating the business that he has brought into the town and business he plans to bring into the town.

Gary Bruce: Thanks to Al Yagovane for her hard work on the Broad Street Park. It looks great. Asked for an update on the brick donated by the Board of Selectman. Kurt Miller stated the brick will be one of the last bricks placed.

Item #21—Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:24pm.
Motion: AnnMarie Drugonus Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Submitted by: Reviewed by:
Michelle Walsh W. Kurt Miller
Recording Secretary First Selectman