Not present: John Conroy.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – First Selectman’s Report.
- The kids from the skate park are here and the First Selectman announces that the Attorney General’s Office has approved a $187,000.00 grant to build a new skate park. The First Selectman will be appointing a committee to help design the new skate park.
- The Housatonic Wire owner is waiting for the State to set up the closing date for clean-up. The clean-up should start soon because the residents in the area were informed that the clean-up will be happening.
- Went to the Women Making a Difference in the Valley ceremony.
- Went to Valley Chamber of Commerce Event.
- Tomorrow, 10/19/11, is Seymour Pink Day.
- No report from OSHA has been received yet.
- The HR Audit is still ongoing.
- The First Selectman is very happy about the community involvement at this meeting.

ITEM # 4 – Public Comment.
(Due to the large amount of residents present at this meeting the First Selectman has asked that everyone limit their comments to 2 minutes.)

Len Greene Jr., State Representative, 10 Roosevelt Drive: Has been working with the First Selectman and the DEEP concerning the Fish-By-Pass project. What the project needs to move along are some property acquisitions. This project will be a positive step for Economic Development in this Town. Happy to see that the State has awarded the Grant to rebuild the Skate Park.
Paul Roy: States that we are waiting for more contracts for the property around the Fish-by-Pass and thanks Len for all of his help.

Caryn Rickel, 13 Edge Hill Terrace: Has a lot of concerns about the bamboo invasion on her property and other properties in Town. States that the bamboo planted by her neighbors has over-run her property and ruined her plants. She brings a box full of roots that she has dug out of her gardens. She also states that she has been in contact with people all over the country with the same problems with bamboo and that several communities in New York and other States have adopted ordinances against this bamboo
species. She states that it grows 2 feet per day at its peak. She gives the Board members a packet of information, which includes wording of existing ordinances. She would like some help with her issues.

Josh Watson, Shelton Street: States that he contacted Len Greene and wrote a letter to Michelle Obama, as well as Channel 8 News and some local newspapers about the condition of the Seymour Skate Park. He also states that they have fixed the fence and fixed some of the wood ramps.

Paul Roy: Would like the boys to call his office to set up a meeting with the committee.

ITEM # 5 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 10/4/11.
Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes from 10/4/11.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Approve minutes from Special Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting on 10/6/11.
Motion to approve minutes from Special Joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting on 10/6/11 with the addition of John Conroy recommending making down payments in cash to item # 4.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting on 10/18/11 at 7:00PM per Section 13.1.(f) of the Charter.
None, action taken at Special Town Meeting.

ITEM # 8 – Discussion of purchase and financing of Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department.
Motion to discuss the purchase and financing of a Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller) 0-No
1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

Motion to Place on the table to purchase and finance a Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller) 0-No
1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

Motion to purchase and finance a Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller) 0-No
1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 @ 7:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall for the purpose of approving the expenditure of a Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department in an amount not to exceed $499,000.00.
Motion to set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 @ 7:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall for the purpose of approving the expenditure of a Rescue Truck for the Citizens Engine Fire Department in an amount not to exceed $499,000.00.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis)  
1-No (W. Kurt Miller)  
0-Abstain  
0-Disqualify

*W. Kurt Miller would like a plan in place for financing before this goes to a Special Town Meeting.

ITEM #10 – Acceptance of William Lane Extension as a Town Road.  
Motion to table acceptance of William Lane Extension as a Town Road.  
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes  
0-No  
0-Abstain  
0-Disqualify

ITEM #11 – Recommendation on Banking Services.  
Committee is not ready with their recommendations yet.  
Motion to table recommendations for Banking Services until the next meeting on November 1, 2011.  
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy  
Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes  
0-No  
0-Abstain  
0-Disqualify

ITEM #12 – Discussion and possible action on Library Pages.  
Carol Ralston, Head Librarian: Currently have 2 Page positions in the budget at 19 hours each. Only one position is filled at this time. She would like to add another page and have two positions at 10 hours each and change the existing position to a 16 hour position. She states that she will need more $$ in the budget for next year if this is done. W. Kurt Miller has concerns over her numbers not matching up.

She is asked to come back in two weeks with the numbers on paper so the Board can see them.

Motion to table item #12 discussion and possible action on Library Pages until the next meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.  
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy  
Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes  
0-No  
0-Abstain  
0-Disqualify

The Town of Seymour was accepting bids for a 1976 Step Van that used to belong to the Police Department. One bid was received from Beacon Hose Co., Beacon Falls, CT for $10.00.  
Motion to accept the bid for the 1976 GM Step Van for $10.00 from Beacon Hose Co., Beacon Falls, CT.  
Motion: W. Kurt Miller  
Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes  
0-No  
0-Abstain  
0-Disqualify

ITEM #14 – Approve LOCIP Funds if needed in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00 to replace sidewalks on Grand Street.  
No Action Taken.

ITEM #15 – Award Contract for sidewalk replacement on Grand Street.  
Aquarion Water needs to repave a portion of Grand Street from a water line. The sidewalks on that part of the road are in serious condition and need to be replaced. Since the road is being repaved, there isn’t much time. Three quotes were gotten for this project; Burns Construction $24,999.00, Blue Ribbon $15,181.00, and Five Son’s Construction LLC $29,500.00.
There is approximately $50,000.00 left in the STEAP Sidewalk Grant and the DECD has stated that it can be used for Grand Street, due to Grand Street being on the original application. The Board members would like this referred to the Town Engineer for his recommendation and have a special meeting next week so this can be done as soon as possible.

Motion to table item # 15 award contract for sidewalk replacement on Grand Street until the Town Engineer reviews the quotes and gives his recommendations and have special meeting to approve.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 – Award Contract for repairs to driveway/sidewalk at 160 West Church Street.
This driveway/sidewalk was not done properly when the Town had a STEAP Grant to re-do the sidewalks on West Church Street in 2009. Four quotes were received by the Town for this project; Jason Smith $3,020.00, Komar Construction Company $4,700.00, Betkoski Brothers LLC $6,800.00, and Five Son’s Construction LLC $5,500.00. The Board members would like these quotes given to the Town Engineer for his recommendations as soon as possible. A special meeting will be held as soon as the recommendations are gotten from the Town Engineer.

Motion to table item # 16 award contract for repairs to driveway/sidewalk at 160 West Church Street until the Town Engineer can review and give his recommendations and have a special meeting to approve.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 – Possible action on sidewalk repairs at 13 French Street.
Resident was not aware of the reimbursement policy for sidewalk repairs and would like to get reimbursement for 1/3 of the work already being done and submits an invoice for $1,500.00.
Motion to approve the 1/3 reimbursement for sidewalk repairs at 13 French Street from Jason Smith Invoice for $1,500.00, when paid in full.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis) 0-No 1-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 18 – Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
Declaring the month of November “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the Town of Seymour, Connecticut.

WHEREAS, in 2011, an estimated 44,030 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 37,660 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS, pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and is the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States;

WHEREAS, when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 74 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, of all the racial/ethnic groups in the United States, African Americans have the highest incidence rate of pancreatic cancer, between 34 percent and 70 percent higher than the other groups;
WHEREAS, approximately 550 deaths will occur in Connecticut in 2011;

WHEREAS, there is no cure for pancreatic cancer and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years;

WHEREAS, the Federal Government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any of the other leading cancer killers; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only approximately 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute’s federal research funding, a figure far too low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and

WHEREAS, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in the State of Connecticut and nationwide by focusing its efforts on 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 the State of Connecticut support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to 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 the State of Connecticut are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments; therefore be it

RESOLVED that I, the First Selectman of Seymour, designate the month of November 2011 as “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” in the Town of Seymour, Connecticut.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 18th day of October, 2011.

Motion to accept the above Proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM #19 – Appointments.
None.

ITEM #20 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $1,774.08.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM #21 – Transfers.
Motion to transfer for the Dog Warden $1,240.09; from oil acct 1-001-410-1940-510-624 $889.95 from electricity acct 1-001-410-1940-510-622 $350.14 and into electricity acct 1-001-440-4143-605-622 $350.14 and into heating fuel 1-001-440-4143-605-624 $249.61 and into gasoline acct 1-001-440-4143-605-626 $640-34 for year end transfer for dog pound utility cost and gasoline cost.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM #22 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Minutes from Special Workshop Capital Requests 9-14-11.
- Letter from Board of Fire Chiefs re PADI.

ITEM # 23 – Other Business.
None.

ITEM # 24 – Public Comment.
Carol Ralston, Head Librarian: Apologizes for her error on her numbers presented earlier for the Page Positions. Realized her errors and will have the numbers put together for the Board for the next meeting.

Steve Kulas: Would like to cordially invite Selectman Miller to a Library Board meeting to see how they conduct their business.

Paul Sciaraffa, 160 West Church Street: Would like to know why his driveway/sidewalk was tabled. He thought everything was done the proper way.
Paul Roy: Recommendations from Town Engineer are needed before approval of the project. The Board requires a professional opinion. We will have a special meeting as soon as possible.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street, Chairman Board of Public Works: Thanks the Board and everyone else for all of their support tonight on the Public Works vehicles and the Emergency Console. These things are needed desperately. Also, in reference to Mr. Sciaraffa problem with his sidewalk on 160 West Church Street he feels the Town really should look into extending the bonds on these sidewalk projects due to a lot of problems that have arisen after they were done.

ITEM # 25 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.
Karl Trybus: Would like to say how happy he is that our Planning & Zoning Commission has publically stated they are against the Castle Lane subdivision in Ansonia, which will directly affect the Old Ansonia Road residents.

ITEM # 26 – Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).
None.

ITEM # 27 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:46PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Reviewed by,
Paul Roy,
First Selectman

Submitted by,
Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary