MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 6, 2011 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Not present: Karl Trybus.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
Meeting called to order at 7:33PM.

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

ITEM # 3 – First Selectman’s Report.
Paul Roy: Gives a written report of the Storm since the Emergency Management Director Tom Eighmie will be giving his report. He would like to thank everyone, all Town Agencies for all of the cooperation and great job they did during and after the storm.

ITEM # 4 – Report on Hurricane Irene from Emergency Management Director Tom Eighmie.
Tom Eighmie, Emergency Management Director: Explains that the Town had done a great job preparing for the Hurricane, which thankfully just ended up being a tropical storm. All Town Agencies worked had preparing for public safety. Public Works evaluated retention ponds, catch basins, drainage and did policy reviews. EMS and Fire Department had increased staffing. There was a meeting held on Friday afternoon with all agencies involved. The Public Works Department filled 1,800 sandbags and gave out another 2,000 to residents to fill themselves, limiting them to 25 per household. On Saturday night the President and Governor issued a State of Emergency for the State of Connecticut, at that time the First Selectman did the same for the Town of Seymour. The winds picked up to approximately 45 mph and 89% of the Town of Seymour was out of power by Sunday. There was no TV, internet, cell and home line service either. The Naugatuck River overflowed and hadn’t done so since 1955. At least 10 families were evacuated and sent to the emergency shelter due to the overflow, which was at the Middle School. The Town of Seymour was assigned a representative, Matt Hickey, from CL&P who worked well with the group. The Elderly Housing was put back on line first and then emergency services. Emergency Services were extremely busy during and after the storm starting at 9pm Aug 27 (Sunday-Wed Thursday). Police Department handled 315 calls for assistance including a robbery, larceny and domestic during the storm itself. Fire Department handled 185 request for services from downed trees, and power lines to cellar pump outs. EMS was also busy handling some 48 calls for medical assistance during the storm. Code Red notification system was utilized 10 times during and after the storm. Seymour Middle School was used for the first time since it was constructed as an evacuation shelter and also serving the community as a place for public showers.
Paul Roy adds that Senator Blumenthal came to Seymour to assess the damage and assure help from the State. Paul asked that the State fund new communication consoles for the PD and generators for Town Buildings, due to mechanical problems with some and a tree falling on the PD’s unit. Paul also thanks
Annmarie Drugonis, Philip Wilhelmy, Lucy McConologue, Theresa Conroy and Caroline Spaulding for their volunteer help at the emergency shelter.

ITEM # 5 – Public Comment.
James Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: Upset that his drainage problem is still not fixed. Also upset that the First Selectman got money for the Land Trust, a privately owned and run property, and his problem is still there. He feels that the Town Assessor is discriminating against him by saying he is reclassifying his property to not being a farm and not giving him the proper tools to appeal. He also states that he had to clean his own catch basins before and during the storms.

Kevin O’Connor, 8 Smith Haven Drive: Lives near James Brennan and feels his farm being reclassified is an injustice. He would like to see the Statute that the Assessor is referring to and feels one mans opinion should not be the final decision.

John Boanno, 25 Walnut Street: Explains how his family has suffered for over 30 years of flooding from the overflow of Steel Brook and need help. States that this year alone many floods on the property and on August 14th his family member was injured during one of those floods. He claims 10’s of thousands of dollars in damage and wants the Town to help. States that the flooding started when the Industrial Park was built. Claims that he knows that the water is coming from ponds and brooks above his families property and needs the Town or someone else to take responsibility.

Valerie Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Very upset and feels that if something doesn’t get done someone in her family is going to get seriously hurt. States that First Selectman Roy was at their property when it was flooding and saw all of the water. She wants help and feels that no one wants to take responsibility.

Kevin O’Connor, 8 Smith Haven Drive: Lived on Maple Street as a child and remembers the flooding back then. Feels that the original Steel Brook project was never finished and that who ever was in charge back when it was done made the error. States someone needs to help this family on Walnut Street.

ITEM # 6 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 8/9/11.
Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 8/9/11.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Award IT (Information Technology) Bid for the Chatfield LoPresti Project.
A total of 5 IT bids were received in the First Selectman’s office on 8/30/11, but the opening was extended to 9/1/11 due to the power being out in town.

Motion to award the following recommendation of bids in regards to the Information Technology Bid for Chatfield LoPresti:
Active Network Electronics & Servers & SANs – The Business Network Group
$256,228.97 with the addition of the replacement Aruba WAPs with CISCO $62,386.34

Security (Sections 281300, 281600 & 282300) – Omni Data, LLC
$100,817.07, Replace OnSSI with Milestone deduct-$2,616.25, add Annual Milestone Server Support $865.00.

Phone System Upgrade (Section 273000) – Vision Electric Inc.
ITEM # 8 - Approve LOCIP funds to expand salt shed at the Public Works Facility.
Motion to approve the use of LOCIP funds in the amount of $23,435.00 to expand the existing salt shed at the Public Works Facility.
Motion: John Conroy
Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Discussion of Zoning Regulations and Enforcement with Planning & Zoning Commission.
Jim Baldwin, Chairman Planning & Zoning: Submits general revisions approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission to the SIGNS Regulations. Is working with the EDC and the Economic Development Director with these updates and would like input from the Board of Selectmen.
Would also like to update the Planning & Zoning Procedures and Fines, which has not been updated since 2001. This needs to be reviewed by Town Counsel and be brought up to date and coincide with State Statutes. Also suggests that the Zoning Enforcement Officer not have to wear the blight hat since it conflicts with his zoning duties on some cases. The P&Z Commission are also working on a procedure to wrap up projects.
John Conroy: States he would like to see all of the enforcement officers more united and would like to see the blight issue looked at again.

ITEM # 10 - Discussion and possible action on alternative work schedule for the Police Department and appoint a committee to study possible changes and bring report back to the First Selectman by October 27, 2011.
Members of the Police Department have been discussing alternative work schedules for the Police Officers to try to save the Town money in overtime in the budget. They would like a committee to work on this issue and discuss alternatives.
The recommendations that will be made to the Board of Police Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen from this committee will require opening up the union contract. Only the issues approved will be discussed and/or changed. The changes will be an addendum to the contract.
Motion to appoint a committee of the following people to discuss and research alternative work schedules for the Police Department and have the report back to the First Selectman by 10/27/11: Philip Wilhelmy, Bill Sawicki, Jim Simpson, Tony Caserta, John D’Antona, Sergio Desiderato, Mike Jasmin, Todd Romagna, and John Popik.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller
Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Approve 1/3 of repairs to sidewalk at 21 Osprey Drive.
Two quotes were received from the owners of the property at 21 Osprey Drive for repairs to their sidewalk. Mehaylo Construction, LLC for $575.00 and Seal Coat Systems, LLC for $500.00. Motion to approve 1/3 reimbursement of sidewalk repairs at 21 Osprey Drive after project is finished and paid in full.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy          Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the quote for a total project cost of $500.00 for repairs to the sidewalk at 21 Osprey Drive from Seal Coat Systems, LLC, which was the lowest quote received.

Motion: John Conroy          Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month.

Motion to approve the following proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma Awareness Month:

Proclamation Recognizing September
As Leukemia, Lymphoma, & Myeloma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, blood cancers currently afflict more than 958,000 people in the United States, with an estimated 137,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and
WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 54,000 people in the United States this year, and
WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them, and
WHEREAS, LLS maintains an office in Connecticut to support patients with these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them, and
WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Connecticut joins with LLS in designing the month of September 2011 as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy          Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Go out to bid for RFQ’s for Town’s Banking Services to be back by October 4, 2011 at 4pm in the First Selectman’s Office.

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Motion: W. Kurt Miller          Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Schedule Special Board of Selectmen meetings.

Special Tax Incentive Meeting: Thursday, September 8, 2011 @ 8PM.
Capital Budget Request Workshop: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 @ 7:00PM.

ITEM # 15 – Appointments.
Motion to re-appoint Andy Fiedler to the Lake Housatonic Authority for a 3-Year Term expiring on 8/2/14.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Timothy Willis as the Deputy Emergency Management Director.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Satkowski as the Assistant Emergency Management Director.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $4,839.61.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 - Transfers.
None.

ITEM # 18 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk Report, August 2011
- WPCA Capital Projects 5-Year Plan List.

ITEM # 19 – Executive Session (Property Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations, Personnel).
Motion to go into executive session at 9:10PM with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel for Property Negotiations and Pending Litigation.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of executive session with no motions or action taken at 9:29PM.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to authorize Town Counsel to negotiate the sale of 43 Colony Road as discussed in executive session.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to have Town Counsel file a withdrawal for Fletcher Thompson as discussed in executive session.
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 20 – Other Business.
None.
ITEM # 21 – Public Comment.
Gene Atkas, Fire Commissioner: Would like an update on the status of the Fire Department getting a new Rescue Truck?

ITEM # 22 – Selectmen’s Public Comments.
John Conroy: Would like to see a copy of the request form that was submitted by the Fire Department for the new Rescue Truck. Also suggests that long agenda items be placed on the agenda so the Board members can discuss the concerns and address the problems. Has an issue with the list of Capital Projects from the WPCA because there is no detail on the list. There are no dates or prices on the list. Would like the WPCA to give more detail, but this is a first step towards a response.

Annmarie Drugonis: Any word on OSHA?
Paul Roy: No report received yet.

Philip Wilhelmy: Would like to know if there are any groups or individuals that need any special thanks for their help and efforts during and after the storm.

W. Kurt Miller: The new Chatfield LoPresti School will be equipped with a generator system that could accommodate more necessities if the need for a shelter arises again.

Tom Eighmie: Stated using the Code Red during and after the Tropical Storm Irene was a learning experience and suggests more people put their cell phones into the system.

John Conroy: Asks about 98 Bank Street Building Committee.
Paul Roy: They have been meeting and the last meeting was scheduled for Monday, but was cancelled due to the power outages after the storm. Also, will be appointing a committee to decide what to do with the Anna LoPresti School.

W. Kurt Miller: Would like to know if the Town can help with the Code Red System by way of Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.).

ITEM # 23 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:50PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Philip Wilhelmy
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,
Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,
Paul Roy,
First Selectman