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

Not present: Philip Wilhelmy.
Others present: Frank Loda and Theresa Conroy.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

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

ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 5/17/11.
Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 5/17/11.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/17/11.
Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/17/11.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/25/11.
Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/25/11.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy) 0-No
2-Abstain (Karl Trybus, Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:00PM on 5/31/11.
Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:00PM on 5/31/11.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Saundra Gesek
Vote: 3-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek) 0-No 3-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:15PM on 5/31/11.
Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:15PM on 5/31/11.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Saundra Gesek
Vote: 3-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek) 0-No 3-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:20PM on 5/31/11.
Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:20PM on 5/31/11.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Saundra Gesek
ITEM # 9 – First Selectman’s Report.
- Attended the High School awards night. Presented two scholarships.
- Attended the May meeting of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operations Committee.
- Attended the opening of the Kayak/Canoe launch at Keith Mitchell Forest built as an Eagle Scout project by Dustin Zrelak and Justin Gittings.
- Attended an Eagle Scout award ceremony for Will Denslow. Will is the scout who did the backpack drive last fall and thanked the Board of Selectmen for their help.
- Attended a COST meeting in Hartford to discuss legislative issues supported by COST. Met with Sue Cable and Len Greene, Jr. to discuss some of the issues that affect our area.
- Attended the Memorial Day Parade. Many compliments received for the organizers that made it happen. Thank you to all that attended and participated.
- Attended the Memorial Day services on the Bank Street Bridge and Veterans Grove in French Park on Monday, May 30, 2011.
- Met with our Financial Advisors from William Blair and Farmington Bank to discuss possible opportunities to restructure some of our debt.
- Met with VCOG to discuss possible Transit Oriented Districts for the Town.
- Attended an awards ceremony sponsored by Connecticut Main Street Corp at the Warner Theater in Torrington.

ITEM # 10 – Public Comment.
Alice S. Smith, 21 Patton Avenue: Offers a thank you for the minutes of the public hearing on 19 Patton Avenue and would like to make an offer to purchase a portion of the property for drainage from her property.

ITEM # 11 – Approve Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour.
Motion to approve the Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Approve Resolution for Fair Housing Plan.
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION: TOWN OF SEYMOUR
Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
Whereas, The Town of Seymour is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,
That the Town of Seymour hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
That the chief executive officer of the Town of Seymour or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Seymour and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Motion to approve the Fair Housing Plan Resolution.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Approve Fair Housing Plan.
Motion to approve the Town of Seymour Fair Housing Plan as presented.
Motion: Karl Trybus  Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Approve Seymour Senior/Disabled Homeowners Program for 2011/2012.
The Assessor’s Office has received 329 applications for the Town Homeowners Program. There was a $50,000 line item approved in the budget for this. The Town is recommending a $150.00 benefit for those that have 100% ownership of their property and/or life use and those who have less than 100% will have the benefit prorated by their percentage of ownership.
Motion to approve the Senior/Disabled Homeowners Program 2011/2012 as presented.
Motion: Karl Trybus  Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Economic Development Director position.
Paul Roy, First Selectman: Met with Fred Messore on Monday and offered him the part time Economic Development Director Position for $42,000. Mr. Messore has accepted and will start on Monday, June 13, 2011. The First Selectman feels that his background check came back with everything they were told already and feels that he is the best candidate for the job.
(W. Kurt Miller would like a copy of the background check.)

Motion to place on the table transfer of vehicle from Police Department to the Emergency Management Director.
Motion: Karl Trybus  Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to transfer 1999 Ford F-250 from Police Department to the Emergency Management Director.
Motion: Karl Trybus  Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

(Emergency Management Director has money in budget for repairs to the vehicle.)
Motion to place on the table transfer of vehicle from the Police Department to the Public Works Department.

Motion: Karl Trybus  
Second: John Conroy

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

This vehicle does not run and is in need of engine repairs and will be given to the mechanics at the Public Works Department to fix so it can be used by the Director, who has been using his own vehicle.

Motion to transfer 2003 Ford Expedition from the Police Department to the Public Works Department.

Motion: Karl Trybus  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

Motion to place on the table to set a public hearing on 6/21/11 at 7:15PM concerning the acquisition of land associated with the Fish-by-pass project.

Motion: Karl Trybus  
Second: John Conroy

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

Motion to set a public hearing on 6/21/11 at 7:20PM concerning the acquisition of property for $40,000 reimbursed by the State from Oakbridge/Fallview Associates for the Fish-by-pass project on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Karl Trybus  
Second: John Conroy

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

Motion to place on the table to set a special town meeting concerning the acquisition of property for $40,000 reimbursed by the State from Oakbridge/Fallview Associates for Fish-by-pass project on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:20PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

Motion to set a special town meeting concerning the acquisition of property for $40,000 reimbursed by the State from Oakbridge/Fallview Associates for Fish-by-pass project on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:20PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

ITEM # 16 – Executive Session (Property Negotiations – 19 Patton Avenue, 21 Paramount Drive, 22 Paramount Drive) (Personnel, Pending Litigation).

Motion to go into executive session at 7:50PM for Property Negotiations for 19 Patton Avenue, 21 Paramount Drive, and 22 Paramount Drive with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:07PM with no motions or action taken.

Motion: Karl Trybus  
Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

ITEM # 17 – Appointments.
Motion to appoint Annmarie Drugonis to the WPCA for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring on 12/31/12.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy) 0-No
1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Lee Heller to the Region II Regional Mental Health Board Catchment Area Council #5 for a 2-Year term expiring 6/7/13.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM #18 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $46.81.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM #19 – Transfers.
None.

ITEM #20 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Financials from Finance Director. (Discussion about possible shortfall of $120,000 and the Board Members would like the Financial Reports Monthly.)

ITEM #21 – Other Business.
None.

ITEM #22 – Public Comment.
None.

ITEM #23 – Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Paul Roy: Next Special Board of Selectmen meeting on the Tax Incentives will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6pm due to another meeting in the Norma Drummer Room at 7pm.

W. Kurt Miller: Would still like to receive the legal fees accumulated from the Fire Department Clerk Position.
Paul Roy: States he is waiting for the invoice from Attorney Teodosio for the legal fees.

W. Kurt Miller: Would also like an accounting of what the Town spent on the Housatonic Wire fire.

John Conroy: Asks why there are no Brownfields funding available for cleanup.
Paul Roy: States that the Brownfields would be available if the Town owned the property.

Colleen Fries: States that the Town has filed a claim against the insurance company associated with the company that started the fire for the fence, police, etc. and will get a list together.
John Conroy: Would like to know when the Board will be getting the data that the WPCA promised them. Would like them reminded of what they were supposed to provide.

ITEM # 24 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:19PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,
Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,
Paul Roy,
First Selectman