MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 6, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Not present: Philip Wilhelmy.
Others present: Ed Pollack, Al Rochelle, Frank Loda, Sean Walsh, Stanley Jachimowski, Tom Tomasheski, Gene Atkas, Peter Kubik, and Brian Calvert.

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 meeting on 9/21/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/21/10 with a change on page 1, item # 3 replaces the word Director with Consultant.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – First Selectman’s Report.
- Met with CT DEP and CT DOT on the River Street closing last week. River Street has been opened as of Monday, October 4, 2010.
- Met with Linda Meola and Rick Belden concerning new payroll company.
- Met with CT DEP and Comcast concerning moving a cable line for the Fish By Pass Project.
- Assistant Fire Marshal Tim Willis held a Fire Extinguisher Class at Town Hall for the employees, which was mandatory and used the equipment that was received from a Katharine Matthies Grant.
- Met with VCOG concerning next step in moving forward with the Housatonic Wire Project.
- Met with David Elder from VCOG concerning Greenway Project in Seymour. A meeting is being scheduled with Department Heads concerning this issue on October 14, 2010.
- Notifications were received concerning the STEAP Grants that were received, which include $37,000 for signage, $25,000 for bathrooms at Chatfield Park, and $45,000 for the Police Roof.

ITEM # 5 – Public Comment.
John Costello, 8 Swan Avenue: Concerned about money being used for public bathrooms when we already have them and they are not being used.

Saralyn Longman, 53 Church Street: Upset because an air quality test was not done when the Housatonic Wire Co. was demolished and wants to know why.
Paul Roy: States that the DEP was at the scene and all precautions were taken. The lower part of the building where the old boiler room is located has not been touched.
and different precautions to abate asbestos will be done at the time of the demolition of that part of the building.

Motion to place on the table to open the STEAP Sidewalk Project bids that were received in the First Selectman's Office today, 10/5/10 at 4:00PM.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to open the STEAP Sidewalk Bids that were received in the First Selectman's Office today, 10/5/10 @ 4:00PM.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

1) New England Concrete Serv. Inc. $156,440.00
2) Teodosio & Sons, Inc. $142,962.50 – Correction $135,396.50
3) JA Rosa Const. $67,625.00 – Correction $291,350.00
4) Birm-1 Const. Co. $124,550.00
5) STAR Const. $130,750.00
6) D&P Const. $92,880.00
7) B&J Concrete $78,997.00
8) Prindle Hill Const. $176,467.00
9) Earthworks $263,199.50
10) Dalling Construction $147,750.00
11) GEG Construction $101,010.00

Motion to refer all STEAP Sidewalk Bids to the Town Engineer for recommendation for the next Board of Selectmen meeting and then to be sent to the State for approval.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Discussion on status of Housatonic Wire.
Mr. Russ Smith contacted the First Selectman later this evening and stated he would not be attending tonight's meeting.
Motion to table discussion on status of Housatonic Wire until further notice.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Approve Draft GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) for the Chatfield LoPresti Project.
Brian Calvert, FUSCO and Peter Kubik, Co-Chairman of the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee are present to explain the Draft GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) for the Chatfield LoPresti Project. This is a contract that guarantees that the Contractor not to exceed the contracted price of $28,637,405.00, subject to additions and deductions per Change Order. This document also allows the Contractor to enter into subcontractor agreements.
Motion to approve draft GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price) for FUSCO for the Chatfield LoPresti Project as presented.
Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
ITEM # 8 – Presentation by the Fire Department for new Rescue 12.

Fire Commissioners Gene Atkas and Al Rochelle are present to request that the Board of Selectmen approve going out to bid for a new Rescue 12. The current rescue truck that is housed at Citizens Engine Co. has several problems. It is a 1992 model and does not hold the State mandated equipment that is needed; it also has a lot of body fatigue and is worn out. They feel that they can get the vehicle for approximately $600,000.00, which will include the trade in of the current rescue truck, which has been estimated to receive approximately $20-$25,000 in trade in value. The company that the Fire Department used for the Great Hill Rescue Truck does not require a down payment. Each truck has an estimated 20 year life span. Questions arise over where the funding will be coming from and the Fire Department state that another lease will be ending within the next year or so. This will be a lease/purchase.

Motion to go out to bid for new Rescue Truck for Citizens Engine Co.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Set Public Hearing for lease at Community Center to the Valley Fire Chiefs for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion to set Public Hearing for lease at Community Center to the Valley Fire Chiefs for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 – Agreement between Seymour School Administrators Association and the Seymour Board of Education.

Motion to accept the Agreement between Seymour School Administrators Association and the Seymour Board of Education as presented.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 1-No (Saundra Gesek) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Discuss Parking Easement at 98 Bank Street.

This issue has been brought up in 3 prior Board of Selectmen meetings. Town Counsel feels that the appropriate action was not taken at these meetings for the easement at 98 Bank Street.

Motion to authorize an easement to be put onto 24 parking spaces at 98 Bank Street, Seymour, CT dedicated to the Route 67 merchants.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Contract from Human Resources for Payroll to begin January 1, 2011.

Linda Meola, Human Resources Consulting, 117 Main Street, Seymour, CT: Has been working with the Town and the Board of Education (via Rick Belden) to have a joint contract for the payroll services throughout Town. Has produced a spreadsheet showing the Town’s savings over the current payroll company. Also talks about other payroll options, which include time clocks. The savings range from $6,978.00 and $2,278.00 per year.
Motion to enter into a contract with The Human Resource Consulting Group for the Town of Seymour payroll beginning on January 1, 2011.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 - Appointments/Re-appointments.
None.

ITEM # 14 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $30,362.94.
Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Transfers.
None.

ITEM # 16 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Copy of letter from Town Counsel addressing the Amazing Grace Fund.
- Copies of STEAP Grants received.
- Copy of letter from Town of Oxford and Town of Seymour concerning possibly making Great Hill Road/Holbrook Road connector roads.

- Board members would like the Police Enhancement Funds for next meeting.

ITEM # 17 – Other Business.
Motion to place on the table EL&M Contract for the Police Department.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Tom Eighmie has made arrangements to enter into the contract with EL&M to change lighting, etc. to save the Town on energy costs.

Motion to enter into a contract for the Police Department with EL&M for a substantial savings on energy costs as presented.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 18 – Public Comment.
Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: Comments that he would like to see the Town extend the bond to whom ever wins the sidewalk bids due to the broken sidewalks on Pearl Street. He also asks that the Energy Commission look into or if they have looked into getting a new furnace at the Public Works garage with grant money.

John Costello: Feels that the savings is a good thing at the Police Department, but wonders if getting a new roof is the best way to go at the Police Department instead of fixing the problem.
ITEM # 19 - Selectmen's Public Comments.
W. Kurt Miller: Questions the expiration dates on the Charter Revision Commission Members.
Colleen Fries: Refers to General Statutes of Connecticut Section 7-190 (c).
W. Kurt Miller: Asks why there wasn’t a Public Hearing for the easement at Chatfield School for AT&T U-Verse.
Colleen Fries: Refers to Charter Section 13.2 (e).

Karl Trybus: Upset about a friend who found a syringe on the street and the Police Department allegedly told them to discard of the item themselves. He would like to know what the protocol is for disposal.

Annmarie Drugonis: Would like the Bulk Pickup list to show the weeks for each part of Town for pickup.

ITEM # 20 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
Motion to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigation with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel at 8:44PM.
Motion: Saundra Gesek Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of Executive Session for Pending Litigation with no motions or action taken at 8:52PM.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to add to the agenda to allow the Town to hire an appraiser for Fall View Apartments.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to hire an Appraiser for Fall View Apartments.
Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 21 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:53PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by, 
Deirdre Caruso, 
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by, 
Paul Roy, 
First Selectman