MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Not present: John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, and Town Counsel George Temple.
Others present: Sean Walsh, Frank Connors, Fredrick Dlugokenski, Bill Paecht, Sam Mirlis, Sharon Tancreti, Theresa Conroy, Howard Simpson, Trisha Danko, and Frank Loda.

- Meeting was opened by First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski at 7:30PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Public Hearing on 9/1/09.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/1/09.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

First Selectman’s Report:
Will report throughout the meeting.

Public Comment:
None.

Motion to place on the table Seymour Founders Day Committee Report.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Sam Mirlis: States he is on the Founders Day Committee and would like to explain what their intentions are to the Board Members. The Committee would like to start having a Founders Day Celebration in the Town of Seymour, which many other Towns already do, and the proceeds will go to the Seymour Historical Society. This Committee is made up of business owners, residents, Historical Society members, Culture & Arts members, and Economic Development Commission members. The original Founders Day began on June 24, 1850. The Committee would like to continue this tradition. They plan on having showcases of municipal services, movies on the history of Seymour at the Strand Theater, tours of the historic downtown area, a Humphreysville Market Place, food vendors, car shows, vintage photos, children’s activities and a possible 5K run are some of the things they would like to have. They would like to hold this function in June 2010 to keep up with the traditional date. This will be a benefit to the Town and its residents. Most of the people working will be volunteers and vendors and entrance fees will be split with proceeds going to the Seymour Historical Society.
They would like to request the Town’s assistance in paying for the Police presence at this event. They don’t feel that they can schedule the event without knowing that the Police are paid for. The cost will be approximately $3,500.00.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Feels that this is a very good group of people and this event will be great for the Town. He suggests that next budget season they submit a budget request to make this an annual event.

Paul Roy: Would like to know where donations can be sent for this event. Also feels that this is an excellent idea and would be beneficial for the Town.

John Conroy: States that next years budget would not cover the planned June 2010 event. He would like to know if there is some way that the Town could cover the cost of the Police.

W. Kurt Miller: Asks if there is any other money that the Committee will need or be requesting to cover the costs of the event.

Sam Mirlis: States that there will be entrance fees and most vendors will have fees and there also will be many volunteers. The fees collected will be split between the vendors and Historical Society.

Frank Conroy: Would like to know if the fees for the Police can be worked into the Police budget.

Motion to endorse the Seymour Founders Day Event in June 2010.
Motion: Frank Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The Historical Society house was originally Katharine Matthies home. It has been falling apart over the years and the Historical Society receives no money for upkeep. They had to spend $17,000 to replace the furnace just recently. Also, the Katharine Matthies Foundation does not give a stipend. They applied for a grant through the Katharine Matthies Foundation and received $20,000 to paint the exterior of the building.

John Conroy: Would like to know if the Town can give the $3,500.00 to the Committee for the Police presence.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Will have a transfer made for the next meeting to take the $3,500 from contingency for this event. He also asks that the Committee let the Town know what the fund will be named to accept donations and that the Town will put that information up on the website.

ITEM # 1 – Award bid for Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract for Town Buildings.
The First Selectman and the Custodian Supervisor have reviewed the bids and need more time to get references and ask questions from some of the companies.
Motion to table awarding the bid for Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract for Town Buildings until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on October 6, 2009.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Approve proposed amendments to the Anti-Blight Ordinance.

Motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Anti-Blight Ordinance to go into affect on 9/16/09.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Discussion and possible action concerning the donation of soccer equipment from the Seymour Soccer Association.

The President of the Seymour Soccer Association Al Bruno was unable to attend the meeting tonight and asked that the Selectmen submit their questions to him about the soccer equipment in question. The questions were forwarded to him, but he was unable to answer them for tonight’s meeting.

Motion to table the discussion and possible action concerning the donation of soccer equipment from the Seymour Soccer Association until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on October 6, 2009 or until the questions are answered by the Seymour Soccer Association.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Clay Jurgens to the Fire Commission for the remainder of a 3-Year term expiring 12/4/10.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $4,901.72.

Motion: John Conroy  
Second: W. Kurt Miller  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 7 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- EMS Provider Activity Quarterly Report.

ITEM # 8 - Other Business.

Motion to place on the table request for Town Video from the Economic Development Commission.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The Economic Development Commission is requesting to use the encumbered funds from last year’s budget to produce a new Town of Seymour video. The last video was done in 2006 and needs to be updated. They are requesting to use the same production company and extend the contract for Video Production Associates of Shelton. The cost of the new video is approximately $18,500.00.

Motion to waive the bidding for the Town of Seymour video per recommendation from the Economic Development Commission.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the use of the encumbered funds in the Economic Development Commission budget of $18,500 to be used to produce the Town of Seymour video for 2010 and extend the contract to Video Production Associates of Shelton.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Public Comment.
Theresa Conroy, State Representative: Mentions that the paperwork for the Chatfield LoPresti project State reimbursement, does not seem to be complete. The First Selectman will check on that tomorrow, but feels that all of the paperwork was complete due to the bonding being approved.

ITEM # 10 - Selectmen’s Public Comments.
W. Kurt Miller: Was appointed to the Pride Committee and has been working with them on clean up projects. Very happy with the group and their dedication. States that they painted the dugouts at Gary Park and have left over paint from Chris Falcioni in case anyone needs it. The First Selectman suggests giving it to the Parks Commission in case they need it.

Frank Conroy: States that the new light at the Veterans Park on Day & Pearl Streets is working great and thanks the Board for voting to put it in. He also states that some community service work will be done to fix the gazebo. A sign is also being made up for the park and a score board for the bocchi court, which will have the name of the water company who donated it.

Paul Roy: States that the Pride Committee is doing a great job cleaning up around Town.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Also states that the Pride Committee are doing an excellent job and says that the gazebo at the Broad Street Park needs a board fixed and to be painted. The brush also needs to be cut and the walkway needs to be cleared.

ITEM # 11 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
None.
ITEM # 12 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:03PM.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

Respectfully submitted by,
Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Second: John Conroy
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Reviewed by,
Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman