MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 21, 2009 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall


Not present: Roberta King.

Others present: Rick Belden, Maryanne Mascolo, Bill Paecht, Frank Loda, Pete Kubik, Timothy Willis, Bruce Baker, Rick Belden, Edward Willis, Alfred Yagovane, Trisha Danka, and Jay Hatfield.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:32PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/7/09.
Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

First Selectman’s Report:
- The Skate Park is officially closed until repairs could be made and the Town can hire someone to supervise the park. The Police Department has been notified to patrol and arrest anyone trespassing. The park has been severely vandalized.
- There has been vandalism at Chatfield Park with picnic tables and porto-potty’s being turned over and thrown in the stream. French Park has also been vandalized.
- The Town is receiving Federal Money in the amount of $800,000 to be used for the Route 67 project, which will include widening a portion of the road and putting dividers in some locations. The planning for this project began in 1991. The First Selectman would like to thank Rosa DeLauro for all of her help to get this project moving. The Town would like to begin this project as soon as possible.
- The four Valley cities/towns have received $2.2 million dollars for infrastructure, which is to be used by March 2010. The CT DOT has requirements for the funds, which the Town of Seymour will have ready by May 5, 2009 and will be ready for construction by August 1, 2009. The Town has a list of 12 roads to be done, but they must be main roads that lead into State owned roads.
- The Budget Vote is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009 from 6am to 8pm at the Seymour Community Center.
- The Annual Town Meeting was held last night, Monday, April 20, 2009. Everything was done by the Charter and done the same in prior years. Hopefully the budget passes because the Board of Finance did a great job getting the budget as low as possible. This was a very difficult process.
Public Comment:
None.

Motion to add to the Agenda to set a Public Informational Meeting on the Stimulus Money for the Town of Seymour.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to set a Public Informational Meeting on the Stimulus Money for Infrastructure for the Town of Seymour for Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 1 - Written response and recommendations for Architectural Firm from the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee. (Take action)
The Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen with their recommendations for the Architectural Firm they voted on and their reasoning behind their choice.

Motion to award Silver Petrucelli the Architectural Contract for the Chatfield LoPresti School Addition Project, per recommendation from the Chatfield LoPresti School Building Committee.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Discussion:
John Putorti: Wants to make sure that this process moves along quickly so the project can begin as soon as possible.
Paul Roy: Wants to acknowledge all of the hard work that the committee put into this process.
Frank Conroy: Would like to especially acknowledge the Co-Chairmen of the Committee stating that they put many extra hours into this process.
Robert J. Koskelowski: Would like to make sure that Town Counsel works on the contracts expeditiously and to work with the new committee member on it. He would like to see the contract signed within the next couple of weeks.
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Recommendations for Construction Manager from the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee. (Take action)
The Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee submitted a letter to the Board of Selectmen with their recommendations for the Construction Manager Contract that they voted on and their reasoning behind their choice.

Motion to award the Construction Manager contract for the Chatfield LoPresti School Addition Project to Fusco, per recommendation from the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify
ITEM # 3 - Bids for surplus equipment from Town and Public Works Department.
There were 5 bids received in the First Selectman’s Office for the following equipment: 4 Snow Plows as is, 2 1984 Auto Car Trucks as is, 2 Slide Sanders as is, 1 Troy Built walk behind Tiller working as is, and 1 1996 GMC/Jimmy as is.

1) Bid received from Edward Bomba, Jr., 59 Great Hill Road – Two Auto Cars for $500.00.
2) Bid received from Roger Foster, 55 Porter Avenue, Naugatuck, CT – 1990 Dodge Dakota Pickup Truck and the GMC/Jimmy for $50.00.
3) Bid received from Mark Ziello, 59 Hewlett Street, Waterbury, CT – 1st 11’ Flink 4-way Plow for $159.00 and Middle 11’ Flink 4-way plow for $109.00 and 1984 Auto Car Dump (not including water tank) $1,759.00 and 1984 Auto Car Dump with Sander for $1,659.00 and Slide in Sander for $109.00 and other Slide in Sander for $109.00.
4) Bid received from Brian Moir, 15 High Ridge Road, Seymour – Tiller for $100.00.
5) Bid received from Northeast Restoration, LLC, Gary Hychko, 682 Oronoke Road, Waterbury, CT – 1 Auto Car, single axle with plow and sander, complete for $2,500.00 and other Auto Car single axle with plow and sander complete for $1,000.00.

The First Selectman will take the bids and review them with the Public Works Director and contact the bidders to clarify their bids. He will then come back to the Board of Selectmen with the final bid outcome and recommendations at the next meeting on May 5, 2009.

ITEM # 4 – Approve Katharine Matthies Grant Applications.
The following are five Katharine Matthies Grants that the Town will be applying for on May 1, 2009.

1) $19,000 - For upgrading bathrooms at 3 local parks and installing security cameras to try to deter vandalism at 3 different parks.
2) $6,050.00 - Funding to assist with erecting new fencing around the Seymour Community Center.
3) $63,060.00 - To assist the Town in developing a Dog Park to be located along the Gary Park property. Approximately 3,200 square feet of fencing.
4) $16,750.00 - Upgrading the Fire Alarm System located at the Seymour Community Center.
5) $25,000.00 - To purchase new windows in the Community Center.

Motion to approve applying for the above Katharine Matthies Foundation Grants with review being done by John Conroy, Jr. and Frank Conroy prior to May 1, 2009.
Motion: Paul Roy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – Approve Grant for Route 67 Improvements.
Discussed under the First Selectman’s Report. This grant has already been awarded to the Town.
ITEM # 6 - Request from Fire Marshal for new phone lines at 20 Pine Street. (Take action)
Motion to table request from Fire Marshal for new phones at 20 Pine Street until he gets more quotes.
Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Recommendation from Fire Marshal and Fire Commission to hire Assistant Fire Marshal. (Take action)
A letter was received from the Fire Marshal and the Fire Commission with their recommendation for the vacant Assistant Fire Marshal position.

Motion to hire Timothy Willis as the Assistant Fire Marshal beginning on Monday, May 11, 2009 and starting rate at Step # 2 @ $20.59, per union contract.
Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Proclamation for National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2009.
Motion to approve the proclamation for National Day of Prayer to take place on May 7, 2009 at 12:00PM at the Seymour Town Hall.
Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Proclamation for Comcast Cares Day at French Park on Saturday, April 25, 2009.
Motion to approve the proclamation for Comcast Cares Day at French Park on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Approve Household Hazardous Waste Agreement for Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Ansonia City Complex.
Motion to approve the Household Hazardous Waste Agreement for Household Hazardous Waste Day/Collection Day for Saturday, September 12, 2009 at the Ansonia City Complex.
Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Appointments.
Motion to appoint Thomas Eighmie as Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Scott Andrews as Vice-Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Paul Beres to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Satkowski to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Brian Anderson to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Tom Tomaheski to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Jim Smith to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Dale Cann to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Dennis Rozum to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Wetowitz to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Karen Spargo to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Annmarie Drugonis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: John Putorti  
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy)  0-No  1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Kyle Kelley to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Timothy Willis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Robert J. Koskelowski, as the First Selectman to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 4/21/11.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes (John Conroy, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy)  0-No  1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski)  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Tax Refunds/Abatements. 
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $1,887.98.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Transfers. 
None.

ITEM # 14 – Correspondence. 
#14a: Check Registers.  
#14b: Letter from the Economic Development Commission requesting that the Town reconsider putting the Economic Development Director position back into the budget.  
#14c: Copy of letter and map from the Economic Development Commission and to the Planning & Zoning Commission requesting re-zoning in some areas. (NOTE: The Board of Selectmen would like to be notified when P&Z have their Public Hearing on the proposed zone changes.)

ITEM # 15 – Other Business. 
Motion to place on the table Motion for tax anticipation notes and set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, May 5, 2009. 
Motion: John Putorti  Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to authorize the issue of notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed $2,000,000 to pay current expenses and obligations of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or its designees, to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the notes, and to bind the Town pursuant to such
representations and covenants as deemed necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from Federal Income Taxation of interest on the notes, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years and set a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, May 5, 2009 @ 6:45PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: John Putorti  
Second: Frank Conroy

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

Motion to place on the table action for proposed sale of surplus equipment from machine shop by the Board of Education.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Second: Frank Conroy

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

Motion to approve proposal for sale of surplus equipment from the machine shop by the Board of Education for $28,000.00, and authorize as presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Board of Education by April 24, 2009.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Second: Frank Conroy

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

ITEM # 16 – Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 17 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 18 – Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).
None.

ITEM # 19 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:23PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  
Second: Frank Conroy

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

Submitted by,  
Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,  
Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman