MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Member absent: John Conroy.
Others present: John Leon, Brian Koskelowski, Thomas Shutte, Trisha Danka, Chris Motasky, and Jason Weaving.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:55 PM.
- Everyone Salutes the Flag and States the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/18/07.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Putorti) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Ordinance Committee meeting on 9/18/07.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Robert J. Koskelowski (steps down as chair)
Vote: 2-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Putorti) 0-Disqualify
(Robert J. Koskelowski steps back up to chair)

First Selectman’s Report:
- Parking lines have been painted in the downtown area.
- The Animal Shelter sign should be done next week.
- Recognition Day will be before the next Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00PM on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.
- The First Selectman will be meeting with Craig Dean, the developer, on Thursday morning at 10:00AM to discuss the Tower project.

ITEM # 1 – Bids for the Rescue Truck.
Two bids were received in the First Selectman’s Office.

1) C&S Specialty Inc. from North Smithfield, RI. Mfr: Crimson Fire from South Dakota. $510,000.00
2) Custom Fire Apparatus from Osceola, WI. $499,990.00

This vehicle will be purchased not leased. The Fire Department Rescue Truck Committee is also trying to decide what to do with the old Rescue Truck. No decisions have been made yet.

Motion to turn bids over to the Fire Department Rescue Truck Committee for their review of the specs and then to Town Counsel to review the legal aspects then give their recommendation back to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.
Motion: Roberta King  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
ITEM # 2 – Waive bidding on phase II of the Castles in the Park project.
Motion to waive the bidding on phase II of the Castles in the Park project.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 – Award phase II to Premier Park & Play for the Castles in the Park project.
Motion to award phase II of the Castles in the Park project to Premier Park & Play, who have done the phase I of the project.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Waive bidding for catch basin cleaning for 2007.
The Public Works Director has contacted two companies for quotes. One company called PYE Incorporated of Southington, CT, who they have used for the past two years has a substantially lower price and charges by the catch basin, not per hour.

Motion to waive the bidding for catch basin cleaning for 2007.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – Hire PYE Incorporated of Southington to clean the catch basins for 2007.
Motion to hire PYE Incorporated of Southington, CT to clean the catch basins in town for $25.00 per basin.
Motion: Clifford Strumello  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Award bid for Air Conditioning system at the Library to Oatley, contingent upon financing.
Oatley was the only contractor that bid on this project. Their bid came in at $154,858.00 at our last meeting. They have broken down the prices of parts of the project. The town has received approximately $100,000.00 in grant money for this project. The town and the Library are looking at ways to get the additional funds for this project and we will report at the next meeting on 10/16/07 what we have come up with.

Motion to table any action on the new air conditioning system at the Library until additional funds are found to complete the project.
Motion: Clifford Strumello  Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Award bid for 20-passenger Senior Bus to CBS Commercial Bus Services, contingent upon financing.
CBS Commercial Bus Services was the only bidder for this project. The bid came in at $53,495.00 at our last meeting. The town received $25,000.00 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation. Under item # 13 – transfers for $28,173.00 there is a breakdown of funds that were left over from last year’s budget for the balance of the bid price,
which includes $9,412.00 from a transportation grant. The company is willing to give $2,000.00 for a trade in of the old bus.

Motion to award the purchase of the 20-passenger senior bus to CBS Commercial Bus Services from Milford, CT for $53,495.00 contingent upon financing.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Waive second half of taxes for the George J. Hummel Little League for $2,560.70.
Motion to waive the second half of the taxes for the George J. Hummel Little League for $2,560.70.
Motion: Clifford Strumello  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Proclamation for Federation of the Blind, “Meet the Blind Month October 2007”.
Motion to pass the Proclamation for the Federation of the Blind, “Meet the Blind Month October 2007”.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to pass the Proclamation for Federation of the Blind for “White Cane Safety Day” on October 15, 2007.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Acceptance of Nickelmine Drive as a Town Road.
The Planning & Zoning Commission has approved Nickelmine Drive.

Motion to accept Nickelmine Drive as a town road and have all town services begin as soon as possible.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $768.94.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Transfers.
Motion to transfer $28,173.00 for the purchase of the 20-passenger senior bus.
$9,412.00 from Transportation Grant Payment acct # 10014101950530867 and $1,884.00 from Other Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 and $2,000.00 from Public Works Equip-Dump Truck acct # 10014101950530873 and $14,877.00 from Other purchased services-Trips acct # 10014505110620505 into Senior Citizens Van account #
10014101950530868 for $28,173.00. To cover remaining cost of senior citizens van. Grant was awarded in the amount of $25,000.00 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation and transfer will cover cost of van for $53,173.00. Surplus in other line items due to conservative spending in last years budget.

Motion: Roberta King  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Appointments.
Motion to appoint John Conroy, Jr. to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Putorti, Roberta King, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy)  0-No  1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Keith Robinson to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: Clifford Strumello  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Robin Imbrogno-Greenfield to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: John Putorti  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Fredrick Stanek to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: Roberta King  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Michael Horbal to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Steve Plotkin to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Ronald Balabon to the Economic Development Transition Team for a 1-year term expiring 10/2/08.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Wetowitz as the Town Safety Coordinator for a 2-year term expiring 10/2/09.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify
ITEM # 15 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.

ITEM # 16 – Other Business.
None at this time.

ITEM # 17 – Public Comment.
No Action Taken.

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

ITEM # 19 – Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Paul Roy: Would like to know if the Board of Selectmen are going to discuss the Board of Education Administrators Contract. Also, wants to know if the Police Accounts and the Energy Reports for Town Buildings will also be on the next Agenda.
Robert J. Koskelowski: Responds that all of those things will be on the Tuesday, October 16, 2007 Board of Selectmen Agenda.
Clifford Strumello: Is a part of the VCOG Regional Planning Committee and has registration forms that he would like given to all of the members of the land use boards for the Connecticut Land Use Academy. These courses are very important for all members of land use boards to attend. They include Roles & Responsibilities of Land Use Commissions, Legal Requirements and Procedures of Land Use Decision Making and Map Reading for Site Plan Review. He asks that the Selectman’s Office send these out. The Planning & Zoning Commission has them already. The dates are November 1, 8, & 15 2007 in Shelton and the fee is $20.00, which will be paid by the individual boards.
Robert J. Koskelowski: Was contacted by a company in Bethany who are very interested in possibly moving to Silvermine Industrial Park. Also, there were four interviews conducted for the Economic Development Director position and the interview committee has narrowed it down to two applicants. The interview committee will decide to either recommend one of them to hire or re-advertise for the position.

ITEM # 20 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM.
Motion: Clifford Strumello  Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by, Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso, Robert J. Koskelowski,
Recording Secretary First Selectman