MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2006 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall


Not present: Patrick Lombardi and Roberta King.


- The meeting opens at 7:45 PM.
- Everyone Salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Meeting on 10/17/06.
Motion: Frank Conroy  Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

First Selectman’s Report:
- New Haven Copper – Conference call on Friday with Olin Corp. Mr. Moritz. Met with Union Officials concerning possible closing. This Thursday a meeting has been set up with State, Local, and Utility Officials with Olin Corp. to discuss the future of New Haven Copper.
- Attended Veteran’s service on Saturday.
- Attended Public Hearing on possible trucking company moving to Seymour.
- Housing project off of Old Ansonia Road withdrawn.
- Week after Thanksgiving will meet with Olin Corp. regarding the Fish Ladder.

ITEM # 1 – Contract w/ Board of Education and Teachers.
Chairman of the Board of Education Bruce Baker, Assistant Superintendent Maryann Mascolo, and Business Manager Richard Belden explain the new contract for the teachers. They have provided and executive summary of all changes, as well as a financial summary of costs.
Motion to accept the contract between the Board of Education and the Teachers from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010.
Motion: Yashu Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 – Acceptance of North Mead Farm Road.
A letter from Francini Seymour, LLC had been submitted stating that all required work had been completed on North Mead Farm Road and that it is ready to be accepted by the town.
Motion to accept North Mead Farm road into the Town of Seymour’s road system and have those residents start receiving town services.
ITEM # 3 – Cost sharing agreement/ Route 115 and Route 313.
This agreement is to install emergency traffic control signals one on South Main Street and one on Broad Street and the Town has to pay $1,030.00.
Motion to approve the cost sharing agreement for Route 115 and 313 emergency traffic control signals.

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

ITEM # 4 – Memorandum of Agreement for Homeland Security.
Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Homeland Security Grant for mapping and other regional projects.

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

ITEM # 5 – Greenway Trail.
Ron Skurat, the Conservation Commission, the Housatonic Valley Association, and the First Selectman have been working on putting a Greenway Trail along the Naugatuck River behind Stop & Shop. Haynes owns 2.3 miles until the Beacon Falls line that they are willing to volunteer the land for the trail as well as some land for a parking lot. The Town will be seeking a grant to pay for the Greenway Trail.

ITEM # 6 – Veteran’s Exemptions.
There are 154 Veteran’s that are eligible for the exemption.
Motion to increase the Veteran’s exemption from $6,500 to $8,000.

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

ITEM # 7 – 2007 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.
Motion to approve the following 2007 meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen.

2007 Board of Selectmen
Meeting Schedule
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall
(All meetings to be held at 7:30 PM)

Tuesday, January 2, 2007
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
Tuesday, February 20, 2007
Tuesday, March 6, 2007
Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Tuesday, April 3, 2007
Tuesday, April 17, 2007
Tuesday, May 1, 2007
Tuesday, May 15, 2007
Tuesday, June 5, 2007
Tuesday, June 19, 2007
Tuesday, July 10, 2007
Tuesday, August 14, 2007
Tuesday, September 4, 2007
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Tuesday, October 2, 2007
Tuesday, October 16, 2007
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
Wednesday, December 19, 2007

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

ITEM # 8 – First Selectman’s Position Benefits.
The Board will appoint John Conroy and Frank Conroy as a sub-committee to discuss
an increase in the First Selectman’s position’s salary, which will start after the next
election. They will come back to the full Board with their recommendations.

ITEM # 9 – Skokorat Street update.
The Seymour Police provided a copy of a report from 11/3/06, which has seven trucks
that were stopped on Skokorat Street with violations. The Town of Beacon Falls is
still not cooperating with the traffic study. The Yankee Gas Company does not have
to follow the town ordinance to pave curb to curb. They only have to follow State
Statute, which says that they only have to repair what they dug up. The town will
have the Skokorat and Beach Street’s paved and Yankee Gas will reimburse the town
as soon as the project is done. The paving will be done by O&G by November 30,
2006. The Town of Seymour will be responsible for approximately $45,000, which
$20,000 will be used from LOCIP funds. The town will also be receiving an extra
$275,000 from the Town of Oxford for tuition that was miscalculated.

Motion to place transfers on the table and move them up on the Agenda.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion for an emergency transfer for Highways and Maintenance $28,000 from Fund
Balance acct # 2-001-390-0000-000-000 into Highway Materials acct # 1-001-430-3120-
575-600 to pave Skokorat and Beach Street’s due to road conditions and the asphalt
plants being closed in December. Emergency transfers are in accordance with Charter
Section 12.4(d).
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to place LOCIP funds on the table.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to use $20,000 in LOCIP funds to pave/resurface Skokorat and Beach Street’s.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify
ITEM # 10 – Report from sub-committee regarding interviews for Purchasing/Town Building Manager position. The sub-committee has decided that they have not found a qualified applicant of the three people that they interviewed. The First Selectman would like to restructure a position in our office to include the job duties of the Purchasing/Town Building Manager position due to retirement.

ITEM # 11 - Tax Refunds/Abatements. Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of $707.15. 
Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table resolution for the Day Street Bridge Project. 
Motion: John Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve resolution for the Day Street Bridge Project and authorize the First Selectman to sign. 
Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Medical Insurance for Retiree’s. (The First Selectman leaves the room for this item due to being one of the town employees that is on the plan being discussed at 9:05 PM. The First Selectman also appoints Yashu Putorti to run the meeting in his absence.) Motion to approve change from C90 Plan to Century Preferred Plan for retirees in the town, per quote by Joe Sherman.  
Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

(The First Selectman returns to the meeting.)

ITEM # 13 – Hire Consulting Firm concerning Seymour High School Football Field. The Parks Commission wants to hire the consulting firm Turf Talk to put together a proposal for artificial turf for the High School Football Field. The cost will be $2,500, which will also include showing the town which grants to apply for to help offset the cost. This expense was approved by the Parks Commission on 11/9/06. Motion to hire Turf Talk for $2,500 to do an evaluation on the High School Football Field. 
Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Appointments. Motion to appoint James Rafferty to the Board of Ethics for a 4-year term expiring on 11/14/10. 
Motion: John Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion to re-appoint Mark Thompson to the Recreation Commission for a 2-year term expiring on 11/16/08.
Motion: Yashu Putorti  Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Pricilla Alitorelli to the Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 11/14/09.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Tom Jensen to the Communication Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 10/03/09.
Motion: Paul Roy  Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Elaine Buckley to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2-year term expiring on 1/11/08
Motion: Yashu Putorti  Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Yashu Putorti to the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Yashu Putorti) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint John Conroy to the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: Yashu Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Yashu Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint William Paecht to the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: Yashu Putorti  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Ronald Balabon to the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Robert Volpacchio to the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: John Conroy  Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain  0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Robert J. Koskelowski as an alternate member of the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 4-Yes (John Conroy, Yashu Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No
1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Jon Szuch as an alternate member of the Master Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring on 11/14/07.
Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Transfers.
Done under item # 9.

ITEM # 16 – Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Letter to Len Greene regarding Skokorat Street.
- Letter to Yankee Gas regarding Skokorat Street.
- Letter to Olin Corp. regarding New Haven Copper.
- CMED unit response quarterly report.
- Municipal Energy e-mail regarding CL&P.

ITEM # 17 – Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)
Open session:
Discussion of Hyde/Cook case and insurance deductibles. The Board would like to get more information on this case and will table this until the next meeting.

ITEM # 18 – Public Comment.
No Action Taken.

ITEM # 19 – Selectmen’s Comments.
None at this time.

ITEM # 20 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:55PM.
Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by, Attested to:
Deirdre Caruso, Robert J. Koskelowski,
Recording Secretary First Selectman