MINUTES
Ordinance Committee
Tuesday, September 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski and Selectman Frank Conroy.

Members absent: Selectman John Putorti.

Others present: Eleanor Hoffman, Joanne Frusceno, Pat Snyder, Dana Wise, Eva Grusz, Casimie Grusz, Fran Kupsik, Marco Gianotti, Howard Simpson, Thomas Shutte, Jodie Mozdzer, Lucy McConologue, Alfred Yagovane, and Mary King.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:04 PM.

ITEM # 1 – Pledge of Allegiance.

- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 2 – Discussion of Revision of Section 8-58, Regulation of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles.

The First Selectman reads the revision into the record.

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Town of Seymour
Revision of Section 8-58,
Regulation of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles.

Purpose: To Regulate the Operation of Recreational Vehicles

Section 8-58:
The following shall be an Amendment added to the aforesaid section of the Seymour Code of Ordinance.

(B) No person shall operate a recreational vehicle within fifty (50) feet of the property line of adjacent land owners, publicly owned lands or streets and sidewalks. Violation of this section shall be subject to the following fine schedule.

1) Twenty Five ($25.00) Dollars for the first offense.
2) Fifty ($50.00) Dollars for the second offense.
3) Ninety Nine ($99.00) Dollars and confiscation of the vehicle for the third offense.

Vehicles subject to this regulation shall be those defined as a “Recreational Vehicle” under section 8-48 of this code. However, battery operated vehicles designed for children under ten, which do not exceed a speed of five miles per hour during normal operation shall not be subject to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be by the Seymour Police Department. Any expenses incurred by the Town of Seymour as to the collection of fines shall be the further responsibility of the violator of this Ordinance.

- Frank Conroy feels that the revision is well written, but it is only the first step. He feels that the Town needs to purchase noise equipment and bring the noise
ordinance up to code. He would like the noise meters left in the problem areas.
- Robert J. Koskelowski states that the Chief of Police is currently pricing the noise meters. He also feels that there are potential health hazards from all of the dust and dirt that gets kicked up. He also states that these vehicles are ridden all year long and the police cannot pursue them.
- The First Selectman would like to add to this revision a section that will have property owners that allow such activity to be cited and subject to the fine schedule.
- This will be section C: (C) Any property owner that allows this action on their property will be cited with the violation and will be subject to the fine schedule.
- The public hearing on this ordinance revision will be scheduled by the Board of Selectmen for Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room at Seymour Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen will then vote to approve the revision at their next meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2007.

ITEM # 3 – Take action on Revision of Section 8-58, Regulation of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles.
No Action Taken.

There are some people here from the public so the First Selectman will allow some public comment.
Eleanor Hoffman, 13 Eleanor Drive: Wants to know if the police will be able to buy the noise meter. Robert J. Koskelowski answers that if the money is not in the budget the Town will look for funds.
Eva Grusz, 12 Eleanor Road: States that there aren’t just ATV’s there are also dirt bikes, etc. The First Selectman informs everyone that all Recreational Vehicles are defined in the ordinance.

ITEM # 4 – Refer to the Board of Selectmen.
Motion to refer the Revision of section 8-58, Regulation of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles to the Board of Selectmen.
Motion: Frank Conroy Robert J. Koskelowski steps down as chairman.
Second: Robert J. Koskelowski
Vote: 2-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM.
Motion: Frank Conroy Robert J. Koskelowski steps down as chairman.
Second: Robert J. Koskelowski
Vote: 2-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by, Reviewed by,
Deirdre Caruso, Robert J. Koskelowski,
Recording Secretary First Selectman