MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, August 19, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Len Greene, Jr., Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Paul Roy, Al Bruno, Annmarie Drugonis
Members Not Present: Karen Stanek
Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, Mike Kearney, Rory Burke, Al Yagovane, and Lianna Staffieri

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:04 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.
None.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from August 5, 2014 regular meeting.
Motion to approve minutes from August 5, 2014 regular meeting.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 2-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Abstain

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from August 12, 2014 special meeting.
Motion to approve minutes from August 12, 2014 special meeting.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 2-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain Annmarie Drugonis – Abstain Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #6: First Selectman’s report.
1. Work on finalizing the 2013-2014 budget continues. There are only a few small transfers to make which we will address later in the meeting. The town is currently projecting an unaudited surplus amount of $177,386.03. This would push our Fund Balance projection for June 30, 2014 to 8.4% or $4,569,338.01.
2. Met with BoE last night to present consolidated Technology Department for the Town. Conversation went well regarding taking first steps effective 10/1/2014. I am expecting a positive vote to move forward from the BoE at their September meeting.
3. As a reminder, the ribbon cutting ceremony for Henny Penny will take place tomorrow at 2pm. I know most of you have planned to attend but I wanted to provide a quick reminder.
4. The process to take down Seymour Lumber continues. Both Fred Messore and I have been in contact with the State of Connecticut, the Demolition Company and the owner. We are awaiting one final permit from the State DOT regarding RT 67. Once that is in, demolition will begin right away.

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5. Proud to announce that Town of Seymour was awarded a $400,000 grant through the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. This grant will allow us to start our first housing rehabilitation program. Thanks to the hard work of Dee Caruso and Lisa Lowe, the town received the full amount it requested.

6. Proud to announce that the town of Seymour was awarded all 9 grants we applied for through the Katherine Matthies Foundation. Of the 9 grants, 7 received the full amount requested. The town will be receiving slightly over $40k this year to start funding for a new ADA compliant playground at Sochrins, AED Devices for Town Building, refrigerator/freezer at the Callahan House, Funding for CT Partnership for Children, fees for a Summer Concert, downtown furnishings including benches receptacles and planters, radios for the fire department, money for the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank and new quarter' pipes for the skate park.

7. Proud to announce the town of Seymour also received over $5400 from the Valley Community Foundation for several items including Summer Camp Shows, the Omega Man Bullying and Self Esteem program and the Seymour Soccer Winter Program.

8. We are still waiting for final word on the Main Street Investment Fund Grant. This grant would provide $475k for downtown revitalization to improve lighting and sidewalks.

9. I'd like to take this time to personal thank and congratulate Dee Caruso for the outstanding work she has done over the last year with the town grants. Her hard work and dedication have really started to pay off and we are able to get many much needed projects done without impacting the mill rate.

10. Finally, the issue we have been dealing with for the signs contract with We Can Do That is coming to a close. I am waiting for final paperwork on a full settlement with the bond company. We are projecting to receive about $11,000

ITEM #7: Update from Mike Kearney on Ronald Randall Field dedication ceremony on August 30, 2014.
Mike Kearney discussed the ceremony for John DeBarber that was held last year. He explained that the field adjacent to the Community Center was named in the honor of Ronald Randall. There is a monument over there now right in front of the Skate Park sign. He stated that it is proper to have a rededication and unveiling of the memorial in honor of Ronald Randall. The service will be held at 10:00 AM on August 30th at the monument with full military honors. He stated that Patty Lokunis will sing national anthem, Kurt will be the Master of Ceremony, and there will be special presentations to the family, to Carl Miller and to Stanley Jacimowski. There will also be a presentation on behalf of class of 1971. John Kasey from the Patriot Guard Riders will be attending. Kurt will read the original resolution that was made in 1969. They will unveil the memorial stone, lay a memorial wreath, and Father Gumbo, from St. Augustine Church, will give a blessing. There will be refreshments after the ceremony in the Community Center cafeteria. If the weather is inclement, they will move the ceremony into the gymnasium. He suggested putting the 'Ronald Randall Field' sign back up. Kurt suggested that all board members attend. He stated that the board will reaffirm the resolution by voting on it. Susan DeBarber will be bringing the original resolution to read at the ceremony.

ITEM #8: Discussion and possible action on closure of the Skate Park on October 3rd-5th for Smoke in the Valley.
Kurt stated that the Smoke in the Valley and the Seymour Pink 5k race are scheduled for Saturday, October 4th and the food truck event will be held on Friday, October 3rd. The Skate Park will need to be closed temporarily.
Motion to officially close Skate Park from 9:00 AM October 3, 2014 until 5:00 PM October 5, 2014.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno
ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action on resolution for STEAP classification.
Kurt read the beginning paragraph of the renewal letter as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Seymour will renew its classification as a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Municipality. This will continue to allow the Town of Seymour to apply for grant monies through the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) yearly and receive grant monies from the State of Connecticut, Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) per CT State Statute:

Sec. 4-66g.

Motion that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour approve the resolution to requalify the Town of Seymour for the State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion and possible action on financial portions of the strategic plan.
Kurt stated that he and Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, are still working on it. He stated that he expects to discuss this at the September 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting.

ITEM #11: Discussion and possible action on formation of Community Services Department.
Kurt discussed the potential of combining the Recreation and the Elderly Services Department into one known as the Community Services Department.
Kurt discussed a chart reflecting the potential layout of the Community Services Department.

- Director of Community Services will be a full time position.
- Assistant Director of Community Services will be a full time position.
- Elderly Services/Municipal Agent will be a part time position.
- Manager of Recreation Services will be a part time position.
- Bus Driver will be a part time position.
- Assistant Manager of Recreation Services will be a part time position.

The salaries are reflected in parenthesis next to the corresponding positions. Kurt stated that the reason for two part time positions is because he would like to see the Community Center open until 10:00 PM. He discussed how he envisions the positions working together and this being the community service center of town. All volunteer work would be run out of this department.
Kurt stated that this is preliminary and still would need to speak with the Unions to discuss how it would work.

Len inquired about finances. He stated that this would address the issues with the Community Center and the lack of activities for older adults.
Kurt stated that this Director of Community Services would be a true administrator. He also recommended combining the Elderly Services and Municipal Agent positions into one position. The Trips Director would be one person that plans trips and activities for the Elderly Services as well as the Recreation Department.
Annmarie inquired about what trips would the Trips Director set up.
Kurt stated the trips would be set up to go to New York City, the Casino, Yankees Stadium, week long trips to Europe or California, etc. He stated that he would like to see the bus used more.
Paul inquired about what the new hours would be at the Community Center if they were changed. Kurt stated that it is still up in the air. He stated that he envisions the Manager of Recreation Services as a 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM position and the assistant manager position as a 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM position. He stated that the Director of Community Services and the Assistant Director of Community Services would have business hours like 8:00 PM – 5:00 PM. He stated that he doesn’t foresee an issue with the unions. Annmarie stated that she thinks it a great idea and thinks that is what Seymour needs. Al stated that it is important to fill the positions with individuals will strong skills in event planning, organization, communication, etc. Kurt stated that the Boys and Girls Club is also looking for some expansion opportunities. TEAM has also reached out. Len inquired if the Community Center building would be able to handle this activity. Kurt stated that for initial use, it will be able to handle such activities. Down the road the building will need work. Nicole stated that she thinks this is a great idea. Kurt stated that he will report back at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**ITEM #12: Discussion and possible action on road program.**
Kurt stated that there were a couple changes made to Category C. Bungay Terrace has been added, costing about $50,000.00 which increases Category C to $6,885,000.00. Motion to accept the Seymour Road Maintenance Program 2014 dated August 19, 2014 as presented by James H. Galligan, Nafis & Young Engineers acting as Town Engineers. Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
0-Abstain
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #13: To consider and act upon a resolution making a recommendation with respect to a $220,000.00 appropriation and borrowing authorization for various Town facilities, public works and public safety equipment acquisition and improvements.**
Kurt read resolution as prepared by bond counsel as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate $220,000 for costs with respect to various Town facility, public works and public safety equipment acquisition and improvements including: acquisition of a dump truck and related equipment for use by the Public Works Department (estimated cost $90,000); improvements to the Town Hall HVAC system (estimated cost $44,000); installation of flag pole lighting at French Park (estimated cost $15,000); acquisition of a license plate reader for use by the Police Department (estimated cost $17,500); acquisition of portable radios for use by the Police Department (estimated cost $16,000); acquisition of a thermal imaging camera for use by the Fire Department (estimated cost $13,000); HVAC thermostat improvements at Citizen’s Engine Co. (estimated cost $15,000) and miscellaneous financing costs (estimated costs $9,500); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed $220,000 to finance the appropriation.

Motion to accept resolution as read. Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
0-Abstain
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
ITEM #14: To consider and act upon a resolution making a recommendation with respect to, and adopting, a $5,600,000.00 appropriation and borrowing authorization for the Town of Seymour Road Improvement Program 2014, and setting the dates for a Special Town Meeting to consider and a referendum to act upon such capital project; and making other determinations and authorization in connection therewith.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting consider and act upon the following resolution which the Board of Selectmen recommends be approved, and which the Board of Selectmen hereby adopts:

RESOLUTION OF TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR
APPROPRIATING $5,600,000 FOR THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2014; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED,

1. That the Town of Seymour appropriate FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,600,000) for costs in connection with the design, engineering, and reconstruction of, or improvements to various town roads designated in Category B of the Town of Seymour Road Improvement Program 2014 by James H. Galligan, P.E. of Nasis Young Engineers, Inc., which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. To the extent of available funds, roads designated in Category C of the Road Improvement Program may also be included. The appropriation may be spent for costs of planning, engineering, surveys, design, inspection, reclaiming, paving, repaving, reconstruction, milling, curbing, drainage, catch basins, easements, appurtenances, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen shall determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.

2. That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,600,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

3. That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the temporary notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($5,600,000). The temporary notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the temporary notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

4. That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the
bonds or notes; to provide for the execution of the bonds or notes by manual or facsimile signatures; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; or to delegate any of such determinations or actions to appropriate officers of the Town. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes.

5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of any lessor or holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or interests therein; or to delegate any of such determinations or actions to appropriate officers of the Town.

7. That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the above resolution is recommended by the Board of Finance, a Special Town Meeting be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Norma Drummer Room, Town Hall, 1 First Street, in Seymour to consider such resolution [and to act upon the authorization of an explanatory text and other explanatory materials with respect to a referendum on said resolution].

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby determine that action on the aforesaid resolution shall be by submission to the voters at referendum to be held on November 4, 2014, in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., in the manner provided by Sections 7-7, 9-369 and 9-369d of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, including the procedures set out in Section 9-369d(b)(2) of said Statutes with respect to submission of local questions to voters that are not electors, which procedures the Board of Selectmen hereby adopts. Application for absentee ballots should be made to the Town Clerk's office. Electors shall vote on the question at the following polling places: Seymour Community Center, Seymour Middle School, and Chatfield-LoPreseti School, Seymour, Connecticut. Persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote on the question at the following polling places: Seymour Community Center, Seymour Middle School, and Chatfield-LoPreseti School, Seymour, Connecticut.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That said resolution shall be placed upon the ballots under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATE $5,600,000 FOR THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2014; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?"
FURTHER RESOLVED, that due and proper notice of the Special Town Meeting to be held on October 21, 2014 and the Referendum to be held on November 4, 2014 be given.

[FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolution and the First Selectman is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.]

Motion to approve resolution as read and to forward it to the Board of Finance for action to be included on the Nove 4 2014 ballot.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #15: Executive session.
None.

ITEM #16: Appointments.
Motion to reappoint Elizabeth Carson to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2015.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Patty Macko to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2015.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Jon Szuch to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2015.
Motion: Al Bruno Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint David Bitso to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2015.
Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
Motion to reappoint Elizabeth Conrad to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2015.
Motion: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Al Bruno
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicolette Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Jack Liedke to the Recreation Commission for a term of two (2) years expiring on September 7, 2016.
Motion: Al Bruno
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Paul Roy
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicolette Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #17: Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain

ITEM #18: Transfers.
Motion to approve Control #25 transfer for the Tax Collector in the amount of $8,280.73 from Fund Balance to Refunds from prior year.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Nicolette Klarides-Ditria
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicolette Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to approve Control #27 transfer for the Finance Department in the amount of $4,714.98 from Health Insurance of the Assessor’s Office to Health insurance of the Finance Office.
Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No
Second: Annmarie Drugonis
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Nicolette Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #19: Correspondence.
- Check Registers.

ITEM #20: Public Comment.
None.

ITEM #21: Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Paul Roy inquired about a resolution with regard to the merging of Council of Governments. Kurt stated that the members have signed a memo of understanding that the two councils will merge into the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government effective January 1, 2015. The first meeting will be held on Friday. They are in the process now of looking for and executive director. The transitioning of all operations of the Council of Governments will be up and running by January 1st.
Paul inquired as to who the director would be.
Kurt stated that they are in discussions with a consultant. He stated that they are being very conscious.
Al Bruno inquired about when the department quarterly reports will be available. Kurt stated they will be available in October. Al stated that he is excited to see that Seymour Lumber will be taken down soon.

Annamarie Drugonis stated that she didn’t see Kurt’s ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Kurt stated that it is on his Facebook page and on the First Selectman’s Facebook page.

Len Greene, Jr. apologized to board members for missing the special meeting the week prior; he had a family emergency.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that the Fawn Hollow Subdivision matter was settled. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the re-subdivision of 12 lots. The property is now capable of being sold. He stated that the first $20,000.00 was delivered from escrow.

Kurt stated that the Pot Hole Killer is out and about. It started on Fox Drive and ran down to Kathy Drive. He stated that it has been a positive experience so far.

**ITEM #22: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Submitted by, 

Lianna Staffieri

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by, 

W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman