

MINUTES
Board of Finance
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Mark Thompson, Peter Jezierny, Michele Pavlik, Jim Simpson, Len Greene, Jr., and Bill Paecht (7:18PM).

Not present: Nancy Onofrio.

Others present: Assistant Finance Director Tony Caserta, Finance Director Doug Thomas, First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, and Frank Loda.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Trisha Danka.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Seating of Alternates.

Motion to seat Alternate Len Greene, Jr.

Motion: Peter Jezierny

Second: Mark Thompson

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 5 - First Selectman's Comments.

None.

ITEM # 6 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 7 - Correspondence.

- EMS/Seymour Ambulance Report.
- Town Clerks Report, August 2009.
- Copy of ED049 Application regarding the Chatfield LoPresti Project.

ITEM # 8 - Approval of Minutes from Meeting on 8/25/09.

Motion to approve minutes from the 8/25/09 Board of Finance meeting.

Motion: Mark Thompson

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to go back to First Selectman's Comments on the Agenda.

Motion: Peter Jezierny

Second: Michele Pavlik

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Comments:

The First Selectman states that at the last Board of Selectmen meeting the Town's State Representative attended and stated that she believed that the Town lacked

approval for the reimbursement for the Chatfield LoPresti project. He contacted the Assistant Superintendent and the State of Connecticut and the application was received, complete and accepted. He also states that there may be a one year moratorium on school projects by the State if the funds are not put back in the budget. This may cause a two year delay on the project, which will end up costing the Town an approximate 8% increase in costs. The Town borrowed 2.5 million dollars, which \$50,000 has been spent already. He wrote a letter to our local legislators requesting that the Chatfield LoPresti project be put on the priority list for school reimbursement projects.

He also states that the Public Works Department just finished a large drainage job off of Old Ansonia Road.

The 44th Annual Pumpkin Festival was on Sunday and everyone involved did a great job. He sent out appreciation letters to everyone involved, as well as the Royal Court, which were a group of kids from LoPresti School.

Trisha Danko: Happy that the Town is keeping up with the Chatfield LoPresti school project with the State. Would like to know what the Town will do if the moratorium goes through.

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that there will be a Special Session and hopefully the funds will be restored. The construction contract with Fusco will be approved on the 1st or 2nd Board of Selectmen meeting in October.

Mark Thompson: Comments that the documents from the State say that the application for reimbursement for the Chatfield LoPresti project for the Town were submitted on 6/25/09, accepted on 9/16/09, and approved by the Town on 10/7/08.

Michele Pavlik: Would like an Economic Development update since she has seen a lot going on in Town.

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that he is excited about all of the development that is going on in Town. He states that Walgreens, CVS, a car wash, and a strip mall at the old Actors Colony site are all in the works. He states that more traffic lights will be put in on Rte 67. He also states that there are private developers working on other areas in Town, such as Seymour Wire and New Haven Copper and the Shell station on Rte 67. He also states that the owners of Tri-Town Plaza are still in court with the Town concerning their assessment. Several businesses in Town are closed, but the Town is still collecting property taxes on them. The site across from Webster Bank has not taken out building permits yet, so that project has not been made public.

Motion to go back in order on the Agenda.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Michele Pavlik

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Financial Reports.

Doug Thomas: The Auditor will be in on Monday and the Town is ready with reports and bank reconciliations. The Expenditure Reports show that all departments came in under budget for the last fiscal year.

The Seymour Ambulance Association reports show that they are doing well. They have cash and are trying to buy a new ambulance this year and most of their debt has been paid off.

ITEM # 10 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 11 - Public Comment.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Yesterday he met with Fred Stanek, Brian Nesteriak and State Officials concerning the Fish-By-Pass project, which will be starting soon. The Nesteriak property needs to be purchased and has been assessed at \$40,000, which the State will reimburse the Town for. The Skate Park will be relocated after the project is done at the expense of the State. The Town will have to have a Town Meeting to vote on the property purchase. There will be a park built, which the Town will maintain and the Fish-By-Pass will be maintained by the State. This project should begin in February or March 2010 and will take approximately 18 months to complete.

ITEM # 12 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35PM.

Motion: Peter Jezierny

Second: Michele Pavlik

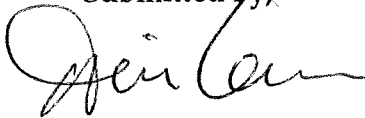
Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Trisha Danka,
Chairman