

**Town of Seymour  
Board of Finance**

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**Minutes**

**Public Hearing  
Thursday, March 29, 2012 at 7:00pm  
Auditorium, Seymour Middle School**

**Members Present:** Trisha Danka, Michele Pavlik, Ed Wasikowski, David Bitso, Heather McDaniel, John Stelma and Richard Grudzias (alternate)

**Members Absent:** Bill Sawicki

**Others Present:** Kurt Miller, Yashu Putorti, James Brennan, Richard Rossik, Robert Koskelowski, Rosalie Averill, Kristen Harmeling, and Karen Stanek, et al (please see the attached sign in sheet)

**Item #1 – Call Meeting to order**

The Chairman, Trish Danka, called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3 – Comments from the First Selectman**

Kurt Miller, First Selectman, presented a review of the re-evaluation, the effect on the mill rate and the impact to residents.

**Item #4 – Comments from the Board of Education**

Trish Danka, chairman of the BOF, discussed the presented BOE budget and key items that impacted the BOF decision to arrive at the proposed amount.

**Item #5 – Comments from the Board of Finance Chairman**

Trish Danka, chairman of the BOF, discussed key elements of the proposed budget including department increases, fixed costs and areas receiving a 0% increase or with overall decreases in their budget over the 2011/2012 budget.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on April 24, 2012 and the referendum vote will be held on May 3, 2012.

**Item #6 – Public Comment**

Yashu Putorti, 9 Greenwood Circle: Chairman of the BOE. The BOE will present the proposed budget on April 16, 2012 at the Seymour Middle School. It is necessary to support our children. A number of unfunded state mandates are forcing an increase in the money needed for education. Per student expenses in 2010 were ranked 135 of 169. With two years of a zero budget increase and a small increase last year the, per student expenses in 2011 were ranked 158 of 169. Please support education.

James Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: Is a human resource position included in the budget proposal and is there a plan for the LoPresti building?

Kurt Miller replied stating the HR position will not be filled until a budget passes that continues to contain the line item currently proposed for the position. A building committee has been formed to determine the best use of 4 town owned buildings in Seymour.

Richard Rossik, 34 Robert Street: Throw this budget away...it is too high and too much money to education.

Robert Koskelowski, 130 Pearl Street: He commends the BOF and First Selectman. Has the number of employees working for the town, but is missing the number of employees working for the BOE. Can this number be supplied? Asked the BOF to review the stipend amount that has been reduced to \$5,000 for the Inland/Wetlands officer. He recommends the salaries and stipends remain the same until they have been voted on by the BOS. Lastly, car taxes need to be considered by the residents in their tax calculation because instead of a tax decrease they may see an increase.

Rosalie Averill, 38 N. Benham Road: The Real Estate Conveyance Tax has only obtained \$48,000.00 in revenue this year, yet the proposed budget estimates \$110,000. The real estate market is down and the town will not receive the full amount this year. Asked the BOF to take another look at this revenue and confirm the figure is accurate.

Kristen Harmeling, 27 Patrick Drive: Member of the Board of Education. In regards to the BOE budget, she must be able to trace everything back to the kids that the BOE has the authority to consider or she will not vote to approve it. She can still find things in the BOE budget that are not traced back to the kids, but those items are state mandates and must be funded.

Karen Stanek 22 N. Benham Road: Member of the Board of Selectman. Asked the BOF to look into the Non-Renewals enacted by the BOE the previous night and in enrichment programs for the teachers that the teachers find ineffective.

#### **Item #7 – Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Heather McDaniel

Second: Dave Bitso

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Walsh

Recording Secretary

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Sign-in Sheet

Name	Address
BRUCE BAKER	68 GREENWOOD Circle
SPAN B WALSH	126 Pearl St
Frank Loda	27 ASPREY DR
Jeanne Loda	27 ASPREY DR
GARY BRUCE	84 Great Hill Rd Seymour
STEVE CHVETQ	85 Tomlinson Seymour
JAMES R BRENNAN	124 Bungay Rd
JAMES GAROFALO	1163 Bungay Rd.
HEATHER CINICOLA	30 Shea Terr. Stratford, CT (Seymour Kteacher)
JOHN GAZUM	61 Tomlinson Rd Seymour
FRANCIS CONRADY	119 Skoloford St
RICHARD ROSSIK	34 Roberts ST
BYL BULL	20 Bullock Rd
KAREN STANER	22 N Benham Rd
Tom Eighme	50 Laurel Lane
MORT CONLAN	73 Brookfield Rd
INGRID CONLAN	73 Brookfield Rd
BERNADETTE HAMAD	5m S
KATH HUNNY	27 Patrick Dr
TALL HATTA	25 Asprey Dr.
ST. PAUL SATLOWSKY	11 Franklin St
BURB BISCO	19 Meadow Woods Road
DIANNA KOSKALOWSKI	130 PEARL ST
ROBERT KOSKALOWSKI	" "
WALT BINDSEY	42 Jupiter Dr.
ROGER ENTS	4 Amber Dr
ALFRED YAGOVANE	27 WASHINGTON AVE Seymour
Allison Cunningham	2 Hillside Ave
Allison Brett	11 Stanley Drive
Jennifer Batterton	37 Bunting Rd
EDWIN SIMMONS	21 Maple St.
Dave Olechna	Seymour Public Schools
Mary Sue Feige	Bungay School
Jennifer Magn	16 Union St Seymour
Christine Syriac	Employee Seymour Public Schools

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## Board of Finance Sign-in Sheet

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