



- Ordinance Committee will be meeting next week to finalize the 3 outstanding ordinances. I expect we will have everything ready for our next meeting for the Board of Selectmen to finalize and move forward to public hearing.
- Met with Jon Hendel from Henny Penny to finalize his application for the Tax Incentive program. Fred Messoro will be presenting that application to us at our next meeting for consideration. Jon hopes to have the store open in the next week or two.
- Met with Tom Haynes and some members of his staff to discuss a new retail store to go in behind Stop and Shop. They will be presenting to P&Z next week and hoping to open the store and facilities in late March, early April.
- Met with a potential developer for Seymour Lumber. They showed me two conceptual designs for the property and assuming some agreement can be reached, they would like to get started with the project as soon as possible. I will provide more updates as I get them.
- Attended several meetings for the Valley Council of Governments to discuss and approve a potential merging of VCOG with COGCNV. We expect this process to go on for the next few weeks as we address all of the merger issue. Again, we feel a merger between VCOG, COGCNV and Great Bridgeport is in the best interests of all of our residents along the Route 8 corridor.
- Attorneys from the bond company that hold the We Can Do That bond for the Direction Signage project will be in Seymour tomorrow reviewing our issues with the signs and also discussing outstanding items and incomplete work. We continue to work toward a resolution to this issue.
- Discussions with a potential buyer of the Maple Street School are ongoing. We hope to have something for the Selectmen to review and the next few weeks.
- As was reported in the press over Christmas, there was a manhole collapse along the Naugatuck River causing some sewage to flow into the river. In your packets under correspondence are several pieces of information on the issue. Should you want to discuss this in further detail, I can have a representative from the WPCA and Veolia Water come to our next meeting. While there were some communication issues in notifying my office, I think all and all Veolia did an outstanding job remediating the situation and providing the needed service and coverage for Seymour.

**ITEM #5: Discussion and take possible action on STEAP phase II resolution for the construction and replacement of sidewalks.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.G.S. 4-66g, the Connecticut Department of economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Seymour make and application to the State for \$168,000 in order to undertake the Construction and replacement of sidewalks – STEAP phase III

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** and to execute an Assistance Agreement by the Board of Selectmen

1. That is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. 4-66g
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Seymour in an amount not to exceed \$168,000 is hereby approved and that W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Seymour

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain  
Kurt Miller – Yes                    Al Bruno – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes                    Karen Stanek – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Len Greene Jr. – Yes

Motion to go out of order to ITEM #7.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                    Second: Al Bruno  
Vote: 6-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain  
Kurt Miller – Yes                    Al Bruno – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes                    Karen Stanek – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Len Greene Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on AT&T tower at Great Hill Hose Co.**

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, still has some issues he would like to address. The board agrees that it is in the best interest of the community to postpone a decision until all the facts are in order and all questions are answered. The board will discuss this at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

**ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action on CPACE.**

Fred Messoro, Economic Development Director, stated that CPACE will allow property owners to get energy upgrades, will create jobs for contractors, and will make building stock more attractive to potential tenants.

Genevieve Sherman discusses and explains at length what CPACE and CEFIA are. She explains the application process as well as the financing process.

The board questioned Genevieve about CPACE and CEFIA and discussion ensued.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, will go through the resolution and at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the board can make a decision about the resolution.

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on employee performance measurement initiative.**

Len began by stating that there are a growing number of communities that have tried to make an effort to enhance performance measurement. He explained this is not a software system, but a leadership strategy. He explained the employee performance measurement initiative as regularly setting achievable and obtainable goals. The department heads will measure those goals. This will be used to evaluate the team, or department, as a whole and how they can get better. The data collected would be made available to the public. The board discussed testing the performance initiative with Public Works to have a working model because the data collection is there. Len stated that he wanted to have this discussion to feel everyone out and educate everyone.

The board discussed this performance measurement initiative concept at length.

Len will take this back to the Board of Public Works and get a consensus of their opinions on that. He will bring the information back to the next Board of Selectmen meeting and will discuss further.

**ITEM #9: Executive session (Town of Seymour v. Vista Gorge, LLC and Sharlanco, LLC).**

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:02PM with Town Counsel Richard Buturla.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.                    Len Second: Al Bruno  
Vote: 6-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain  
Kurt Miller – Yes                    Al Bruno – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes                    Karen Stanek – Yes



- Letter from a resident complimenting the new intersection on West Church Street and Cedar Street.
- Letter from Richard Buturla with information regarding how to re-name a public park.
- Documentation from Veolia about the manhole repair.
- Email from Carey Strout's boss, John Oatley.
- Timeline that Carey put together based on the information he supplied to D.E.E.P.

**ITEM #13: Public Comment.**

Al Yagovane, 25 Elaine Drive, commented about the program that Len introduced. In his opinion, he thought there would have been a similar system already in place.

Tom Eighmie, 50 Laurel Lane, the full board needs to understand that after the presentation to the Board of Selectmen, he was approached by Great Hill Hose Co. wanting a buy out for a garage built. He has been on the Communications Commission for years.

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, pointed out a dilapidated area by Grand Street; Dixie's Pond.

**ITEM #14: Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Karen Stanek asked what specifically is going on with the Seymour Lumber property.

Kurt stated that the potential developer asked him not to mention any names. The developer understands that the biggest issue is that the structure needs to be taken down. By next month hopefully more information will be made available.

Karen asked for an update on Maple Street School.

Kurt stated that a document going over to potential buyer. Turn around within a month. Moving along Karen asked when the Town of Seymour webpage will be up and running.

Rory stated that by next week the website will be active, but may not be accessible to the public because of training that needs to be done.

Kurt will send out a link so the board can preview the website.

Paul Roy feels that the tower issue will be a tough decision. He feels that the board needs to take all the information received into consideration.

Kurt will compile all the questions and concerns from the public hearing and will email them to the board members.

Al Bruno feels that the CPACE program is a homerun and thinks the board should get going quickly with it. Al shared with the group that his landlord of the building he works in, in Stamford is taking advantage of the CPACE program at the moment. Al suggested looking back into the Recreation Department and how that department functions. He also suggested looking into improvements for that department. He asked for an update on the Seymour signage issue.

Kurt explains that the attorneys for the bond company will be in town tomorrow looking at the signs.

The signs that the board approved were never put up. The issues is now is Rich and Brian's hands. He stated that they are working on getting a new sign company in to fix. All signs are down at the Industrial Park. The signs were crooked and the seal is not centered.

Anmarie Drugonis is pleased with the great news about Henny Penny and Seymour Lumber. She stated that a lot of the information given and what was stated in the paper about the WPCA was inaccurate. She suggested having Carey Strout come to a Board of Selectmen meeting.

Kurt explained what the paper reported and stated that there could have been some sabotage involved. He commends Carey Strout on his commitment to the issue.

Len Greene, Jr. recommended for future snowstorms to communicate to the public that the parking ban is in effect.

Paul Roy stated that Al brought up a good point about the recreation department condition. He feels that it would be a good idea to have different boards come to the Board of Selectmen meetings. Kurt stated that they can call any board to come to any meeting. The board would have to let him know.

**ITEM #15: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:46pm

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene Jr. – Yes

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary

W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman