

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, May 20, 2014 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** W. Kurt Miller, Al Bruno, Karen Stanek, Annmarie Drugonis and Len Greene, Jr.

**Members Not Present:** Paul Roy and Nicole Klarides-Ditria.

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, recording secretary, Lianna Staffieri, Rory Burke, Dennis Rozum, Tom Eighmie and Richard Rossik.

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:02 PM

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

Richard Rossik, 34 Roberts Street, requested answers to his FOI request from the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He made statements concerning the Police Chief and the school administration.

Jackie Rossetti, 5 Omar Street, inquired about the town's plan for our roads because they are in bad condition.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from May 6, 2014 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from May 6, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                      Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		

**ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.**

W. Kurt Miller addressed Jackie Rossetti's question and stated that he will be meeting with the Public Works Director, Dennis Rozum, and Seymour Sealing to discuss remediation. He stated that the plan is to have a residence meeting on Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Ordinance Committee reviewed the proposed COG Ordinance. Since there was no public comment at the public hearing, the board will vote on the COG Ordinance at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on Main Street Development Fund resolution.**

Kurt read resolution as follows:

- 1) Authorizes submission of the funding application for The Downtown Seymour Revitalization Project under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1.

Motion to approve resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Kurt read resolution as follows:

- 1) Identifies, W. Kurt Miller, as the individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment Fund Application and administer the grant and the project. Such application is attached to and made part of this record.

Motion to approve the resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on 2014 Town Homeowners Program.**

Kurt read letter from Priscilla Altorelli as follows:

This is to inform you that we have 295 applicants eligible for the Town Homeowners Program. The Town has approved a line item of \$50,000.00 for the program. The recommendation of this office is that the applicants be granted a benefit of \$165.00 for those that have 100% ownership or have life use of the property. Those having ownership of less than 100% will have the benefit prorated by their percent of ownership.

Please advise this office of the decision of the Board of Selectmen regarding the granting of the benefit. Thank you.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Assessor’s office to provide \$165.00 benefit to the those that have 100% ownership or have life use of the property and a prorated rate for those who have less than 100%.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on Board of Public Works summer help recommendation.**

Kurt read letter from Sean Walsh, Board of Public Works Chairman.

All members of the Board of Selectmen,  
 After reviewing applications and conducting interviews, the Board of Public Works recommends the Town of Seymour, Board of Selectmen extend offers of employment for two of the Summer Help positions to Jacob Sears and Jack Macey pending background checks, license verifications, pre-employment drug screening and any other screening the Town deems necessary.  
 Sincerely, Sean Walsh.

Motion to accept Chairman Sean Walsh’s recommendation to offer Summer Help positions, pending background checks, license verifications, pre-employment drug screening and any other screening the town deems necessary, to Jack Macey and Jacob Sears.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Dennis Rozum briefly spoke about the new hires.

**ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action on 2014-2015 WPCA Budget.**

Kurt stated that the board has yet to receive the WPCA budget. The WPCA is in violation with the Charter. Richard Buturla, Town Counsel, has had conversations with Attorney Ramon Sous, who represents WPCA and they are working diligently to get it straightened out.

Motion to table ITEM #10.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action on proposed authorization for the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town’s \$9,915,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004, Series B.**

Kurt briefly explained the opportunity to refinance some of the debt He stated that this year they will have booked a savings of \$68,904.00. Next year they will be looking at a savings of \$329,261.00 and small amounts the next four years.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby adopts the resolution presented to this meeting authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town’s \$9,915,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004, Series B. A copy of the resolution shall be inserted in or attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that a full copy of the resolution is attached and is, in fact, a two page comprehensive resolution.

**ITEM #12: Executive Session.**

None.

**ITEM #13: Discussion and take possible action on hiring of the Library Director.**

Kurt read a memo from Michele Wasikowski, Human Resource Director, regarding the Library Director position.

The Human Resources Department received 11 resumes for the Library Director position after advertising it in the Waterbury Republican, ConnTech email list for librarians, Town website, and internal communications to employees. Out of the 11 we interviewed 7 candidates, which included one internal. We did not go with the internal applicant as she did not possess an MLS degree. The HR Manager and Library Board Chair both feel the Library Director should hold an MLS degree.



**ITEM #14: Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Patrick Borgesano to the Technology Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on May 1, 2016.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #15: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #16: Transfers.**

Motion to approve Control #15 to transfer \$8,092.52 from Fund Balance Transfer 2-001-362-0010-000-000 to Machinery and Equipment 1-001-420-2151-540-740 for the Communications Department.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

- Tom Eighmie briefly discussed the difficult issues with the Emergency Management Communications equipment.

Motion to approve Control #16 to transfer \$43,800.00 from Fund Balance Transfer 2-001-362-0010-000-000 to Legal General 1-001-410-1530-470-310 (\$7,000.00), Legal Special (W. Comp) 1-001-410-1530-470-330 (\$10,000.00), Legal Labor & Negotiations 1-001-410-1530-470-331 (\$10,000.00), and Legal Settlements 1-001-410-1530-470-335 (\$16,800.00) for Town Counsel.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Abstain

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

- Kurt explained the broken down amounts.

**ITEM #17: Correspondence.**

- Check registers.
- Letter to Kurt from Reverend Russell Lesiw thanking him for holding National Day of Prayer service at Town Hall on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Letter that was written to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 3.
- Petition submitted by the residents of Colony Road.

**ITEM #18: Public Comment.**

Richard Rossik, 34 Roberts St, inquired as to when the sidewalks will be replaced and/or fixed.

**ITEM #19: Selectmen’s Public Comments.**

Karen Stanek complimented Dennis Rozum and Public Works for repairing the road in front of the library on West Church Street. Also, Karen didn’t think it was appropriate to have the Wine and Beer Tasting Spring Fest sign in front of Bungay School.

Al Bruno stated that he has no issue with having the Wine and Beer Tasting Spring Fest sign in front of Bungay School because it benefits three charities.

Annamarie Drugonis stated that she attended a POW MIA vigil and sat in a cage for 1 hour. She found it to be a very moving and solemn event. She commended the people at the Derby Veteran’s Community Center.

Len Greene, Jr. stated that in speaking with residents at the Callahan House, they indicated that a light on Smith Street needs to be fixed. He discussed a letter the board received from DOT with regard to the fence on Cedar Street. He urged the First Selectman’s office to contact the person indicated in the letter and find out exactly what they will be doing.

Kurt stated that he had a conversation with Dennis Rozum today and he will take the necessary steps. He discussed the STEEP issue with the sidewalk repairs and the hold up with the State of Connecticut. Phase 4 should be completed by this summer. He emphasized that the Grants Department is working in an efficient manner with the grants. Also, Phase 3 will be starting in the next week or so. He is pleased that both of the budgets passed last Thursday. He stated that we are now able to protect initiatives. Also, it will increase the proactive road account and the technology account will be protected. Kurt discussed the benefits of the budget and emphasized consistency and proactivity.

**ITEM #20: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

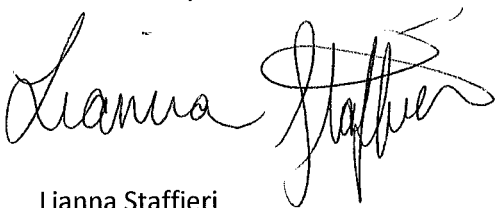
Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

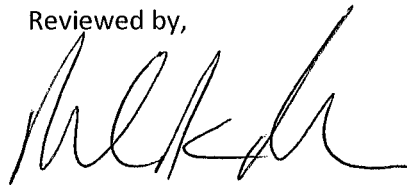
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman