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MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 3, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Karen Stanek, Paul Roy, and Len Greene, Jr.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Lianna Staffieri, Rory Burke, Al Yagovane, Michael Flynn, Ken Perieras, Chris O'Donnell, and Frank Loda.

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.

Motion to recess Board of Selectmen's regular meeting at 7:03PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Motion to come out of recess for Board of Selectmen's regular meeting at 7:09 PM.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, inquired if any action was taken on his recommendation of dehydrated foods for shelters in the area in case of an emergency. He also inquired if the chain of command at the Seymour Police Department was straightened out.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from May 20, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 2-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain Karen Stanek – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Paul Roy – Abstain
Al Bruno – Yes

Motion to add to the agenda approve minutes from May 20, 2014 Public Hearing minutes.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Approve minutes from May 20, 2014 Public hearing minutes.

Motion to approve minutes from May 20, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

Second: Len Greene, Jr.
2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Abstain

ITEM #5: First Selectman’s Report.

1. Working on finalizing the 2013-2014 Budget. The town is currently projecting a small surplus. We are in the process of putting together a series of transfers that will allow us to make the best use of any extra money left in the budget. I expect to be presenting that plan to the selectmen in early July.
2. Finalized our plan for the sidewalk repair in downtown Seymour. We will be replacing the old, overgrown trees with a more suitable tree for the downtown area. I expect work to begin next week.
3. Continued work on the contract with the Seymour Police Officer’s Union. Discussions are going very well and I expect to have them wrap up within the next month or so. I will provide updates to this board in the coming weeks.
4. Attended Memorial Day services in both Seymour and Oxford this year. It was an honor for me to take part in the services of both American Legions to honor those that gave their lives in service of our country.
5. Along with Fred Messore, I attended the NV Economic Development District meeting in Waterbury for a quarterly update. There are a lot of exciting projects going on around the area that will benefit Seymour in an indirect way. Fred attends the meetings on a monthly basis and has been pushing Seymour projects.
6. Met with representatives from Viola Water regarding the continuation of our contract for the WPCA plant management. They will be coming to our June 17th meeting to present to the Board of Selectmen and to answer any questions the board may have.
7. Held a meeting for the residents of the Colony Road area affected by the chip sealing issue. I thought the meeting was very positive as it gave folks to chance to ask questions, get a better idea of the steps moving forward and to vent some of their frustrations. We will have a better understanding of next steps after the roads are swept in the next 2-3 weeks. At that point, I will be presenting a next steps plan to this board.

Karen Stanek inquired about naming buildings, bridges or parks in town. She inquired if Town Counsel could give direction on what the board’s authority is with regard to naming them.

Kurt stated that it is the decision of the Board of Selectmen.

Karen requested to include on the next meeting agenda naming the adjacent park to the Tingue Dam Fish Bypass Channel. She passed out correspondence and discussed the material. She suggested naming the park after Paul Pawlak.

Kurt gave a brief update on the Tingue Dam Fish Bypass Channel.

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

Kurt read the COG Ordinance and the resolution as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR
RESOLVED, That the TOWN OF SEYMOUR, hereby acting by its Board of Selectmen, hereby adopt and ratify a Resolution dated December 17, 2013 from the VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS regarding the Voluntary Consolidation of the Central Naugatuck Valley and Valley Planning Regions and Redesignation of the combined Planning Region by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

Further, the Town of Seymour, hereby acting by its Board of Selectmen, hereby adopt and ratify the Memorandum of Agreement Between and the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Elected Officials, the Valley Council of Governments and the City of Bristol and the Town of Plymouth.

Further, that the Town of Seymour shall amend Ordinance Sections 13-16 through 13-20 to change the name of the Valley Council of Governments to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 13-16 Town authorized to join Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

The Town of Seymour shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in accordance with Section 4-124i through 124p, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 13-17 Town's representative.

The representative of the Town of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall be the First Selectman.

Section 13-18 Financial Commitments.

Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall in no way bind the Town to any financial commitments of obligations except as may from time to time be provided by the annual budget meeting of the Board of Finance.

Section 13-19 Withdrawal.

The Town may withdraw from the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments by repeal of this article.

Section 13-20 Effect on Functions of Town Boards or Commissions.

Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall in no way abrogate the functions of any of the Town Boards or Commissions.

Motion to accept the ordinance changes as presented which will go into effect 21 days after accepted, June 3, 2014.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on hiring of Payroll Coordinator.

Kurt read memo from Human Resource Director, Michele Wasikowski, as follows:

We would like approval to hire Natalie Sinclair for the Payroll Clerk position. Natalie originally applied for the Payroll Clerk position when we posted it back in February. At the time we were considering outsourcing more of the payroll functions so we decided to hire her on a temp basis until we decided which direction to go in. After exploring options, we have decided to continue to employ a payroll clerk internally. As a result we would like to extend an offer to Natalie Sinclair. She has done a very good job during her temp assignment. She has picked up the Town of Seymour payroll system and has completed it efficiently and with no errors from week to week during her assignment. In addition, she has over 20 years of payroll experience. We recommend starting her at step 1 pay rate: \$19.97 and to keep her at 19 & 1/2 hours.

Motion to hire Natalie Sinclair for the Pay Roll Clerk position at Step 1 at 19.97/hour

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on Seymour High School softball field lighting.

Seymour High School Softball coach, Ken Perieras, gave a brief presentation about the success of the softball team and the improvements of the softball field. He also discussed the potential improvement with adding lighting at the field.

Chris O'Donnell, who has been involved with various softball organizations in Seymour, gave a brief presentation about raising funds to put up lights, fencing and a flagpole at the softball field.

The board discussed with Chris the process, timeframe, maintenance costs, and the benefits of the lighting at the field.
The board gave their approval and stated their support of the addition of lighting at the Seymour High School Softball Field.

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on LoCIP funds.

Kurt read letter from the Director of Public Works, Dennis Rozum, as follows:

The Seymour Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectmen to authorize \$14,000.00 from the Local Investment Program (LoCIP) funds money to perform pothole repairs throughout the town.

Regards, Dennis Rozum

Motion to use \$14,000.00 in LoCIP funds to purchase asphalt hot patch.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action on a resolution regarding the acquisition of 111A Squantuck Road.

Kurt explained the timeframe lapse with regard to the acquisition of 111A Squantuck Road. He read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Seymour take all necessary action to acquire title to the real property commonly known as 111A Squantuck Road (Assessor's Map 17-5, Lot 69), Seymour, Connecticut from Birmingham Utilities, Inc., subject to an easement to be retained by or granted to Birmingham Utilities, Inc. for the placement, retention, maintenance, repair and replacement of a water line, the exact location of which is to be determined, through the process of eminent domain as prescribed by the Connecticut General Statutes by filing a Statement of Compensation with the Clerk of the Superior Court and depositing the sum of \$20,000.00 with the Clerk of the Superior Court as compensation for the said real property. This action is to be referred to the Seymour Planning & Zoning Commission, if required, for a report in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 and to a special town meeting for approval of the same in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Seymour Town Charter.

Motion to accept resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

ITEM #11: Set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, June 17th at 6:20 PM regarding the acquisition of 111A Squantuck Road.

Motion to set Special Town Meeting for Tuesday June 17th at 6:20 PM regarding the acquisition of 111A Squantuck Road.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action on 2014-2014 WPCA Budget.

Kurt stated that the budget was approved by WPCA last night, but they did not provide backup detail as requested. The backup detail will be available at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on June 17th.

ITEM #13: Executive session.

None.

ITEM #14: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Al Cocchia to the Conservation Commission for a term of four (4) years expiring on June 3, 2018.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

ITEM #15: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

ITEM #16: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #17: Correspondence.

- Update on prescription discount card. To date, Seymour residents have saved \$ 26,097.28.
- Letter of support from State Representative Theresa Conroy in naming the park adjacent to the Tingue Dam Bypass Channel in honor of Paul Pawlak.
- The response letter to Mr. Rossik’s questions.

ITEM #18: Public Comment.

Richard Rossik, 34 Roberts Street, stated he received a response in regard to his FOI request and discussed his dissatisfaction with it.

Al Yagovane, 25 Elaine Drive, inquired about which park the board was speaking about in reference to naming the fish ladder.

ITEM #19: Selectmen’s Public Comments.

Karen stated that the suggestion is to name the channel and the park directly next to the channel after Paul Pawlak. Additionally, she stated that she attended the Memorial Day ceremony at French Memorial Park and the sprinklers went off. She stated that she would like an explanation.

Kurt stated that he will look into that. He also stated that we aren’t sure who owns the Tingue Dam itself.

Karen stated that she took a tour of the Thule facility. She stated that she could not find it because there are no signs of the Industrial Park. She inquired about the status of the signs.

Kurt stated that the town has pressed a claim against *We Can Do That's* bond company. He stated the town entered into a contract with *New Age Design*.

Karen inquired about the status of the demolition of Seymour Lumber.

Kurt stated that they will be taking the asbestos out while the building is standing. Also, Mr. Tkacz's sister passed away which put a hold on it.

Karen stated that 'GAS' has been added to the sign on Route 8. She stated that they have to work on adding 'DIESEL' and 'FOOD'. She stated that she participated in Founder's Day and congratulated the Founder's Day Committee in doing a job well done. She gave a special thanks to the Boy Scouts. She also attended the Annual Awards Presentation at Seymour High School and congratulated specific individuals.

Paul Roy inquired about the issue at Colony Road and if the company came up with the list of what is in the stone dust.

Kurt stated that Rory added a link on the Town of Seymour home page.

They discussed the cleaning of the roads and the cost of the project getting completed.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria attended the Memorial Day Parade and Founder's Day and thought everything was great. She stated her satisfaction about the lighting at Seymour Softball Field. She agreed with Karen about naming park after Mr. Pawlak.

Al Bruno stated that he thought the notice was adequate about the proposed sale of 29 Maple Street. He stated that Seymour Soccer's U- 14 Boys Team has made it to the Final Four in the State Cup. The game will be held Thursday night, June 5th, at the Seymour Middle School Soccer field.

Len Greene, Jr. stated that a resident had contacted him about graffiti around town. He suggested the First Selectman's Office get in contact with MTA. He also inquired about the conversation with the contact person for the State Department of Transportation regarding the Cedar Street fence issue. Kurt stated that the Department of Transportation hasn't responded to the Town of Seymour. Len stated that he would like to find out why we can't get a response about plans moving forward.

The board discussed the issue with the Cedar Street fence and the lack of response from the state.

Kurt Miller stated that in conversation with Rick Dunn, he stated that he had no specific information on dehydrated food but will look into it. Kurt stated, with regard to the police ranking system, it is a clearly defined ranking system. He also agreed with naming the park and bypass channel after Paul Pawlak.

ITEM #20: Adjournment.

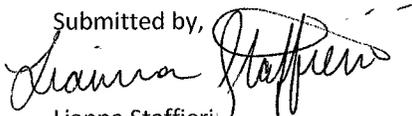
Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Paul Roy – Yes

Submitted by,

Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman