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MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 17, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Lianna Staffieri, Rory Burke, Frank Loda, Frank Conroy, Ann Conroy, Ron Callanan, Joe Pawlak, Rosalie Averill, Fred Stanek, SHS High School Cheerleading Team, Jennifer Magri, Bernice Konowitz, Franklin Konowitz, Danielle Merritt, Michael Flynn, Mrs. Pawlak, Evelyn Roy, Wendy Ward, Uao Zullo, James Brennan, and Robert Leggio, Sr.

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 go out of order to Item #8 presentation of congratulatory certificates for 2014 Class S State Championship Seymour High School Cheerleading Team.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Item # 8: Presentation of congratulatory certificates for 2014 Class S State Championship Seymour High School Cheerleading Team.

The Board of Selectmen presented the congratulatory certificates to the Seymour High School Cheerleading Team.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Frank Conroy, 167 Skokorat Street, spoke about his memories of Paul Pawlak. He complimented the decisions of previous Board of Selectmen over the years for voting to name various rooms, buildings and parks in memory of individuals instrumental in moving Seymour forward. He spoke of the various accomplishments of Paul Pawlak and suggested naming the Fish Bypass after him.

Ron Callanan, 2 Washington Avenue, discussed his displeasure with how the meeting was handled with LoPresti School and asked why the Code Red System wasn't used to notify people of the meeting about the proposed sale. He inquired if the project will require a zoning change. He inquired about the impact on the area's water and sewer systems. He also inquired about how many units each building will contain. He also discussed other issues and stated that he is not in favor of the sale of LoPresti School. He suggested knocking down the building and building a park for children.

Joe Pawlak (Paul Pawlak Sr.'s son) spoke about the consideration of naming the Fish Bypass Channel and Park after his father. He spoke about his father's many accomplishments and shared memories. He discussed the fact that he was the driving force for clean water not only in Seymour, but throughout the State of Connecticut.

Rosalie Averill, 38 North Benham Road, spoke about the late Paul Pawlak and the consideration of naming the Fish Bypass Channel and Park after him. She too spoke about all of his accomplishments and shared memories. She spoke in favor of naming the Fish Bypass and Park in his honor.

Fred Stanek, spoke in favor of naming the Fish Bypass and Park in honor of Paul Pawlak. He spoke of what he learned from Paul Pawlak, Sr. He too spoke of Paul Pawlak's accomplishments with cleaning up the Naugatuck River. He stated that he truly deserves the honor.

Bernice Konowitz, 61 Pershing Avenue, stated that she would not like to see the building at Maple Street just sit there. She is in support of selling the building and is in favor of it becoming an apartment building.

Ann Conroy, 167 Skokorat Street, spoke about Paul Pawlak and his accomplishments with getting the Naugatuck River clean. She discussed some history about the Town of Seymour. She spoke in favor of naming the Fish Bypass and Park in honor of him.

Jennifer Magri, 16 Union Street, stated that she was disappointed in the lack of people coming out to discuss the proposed sale of 29 Maple Street. She stated that she believes there was a misunderstanding. She stated her concerns with regard to a project going into a neighborhood that is already densely populated. She stated that there are many apartment buildings in that area already. She also stated that she still has questions about market rate vs. affordable housing.

Rosalie Averill, 38 North Benham Road, stated that there is no alternative with regard to selling 29 Maple Street. She stated that the idea of traffic in the area was there all along when the school was in operation. She stated the building is just sitting there costing the town and taxpayers too much money.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from June 3, 2014 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from June 3, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from June 3, 2014 public hearing.

Motion to approve minutes from June 3, 2014 public hearing.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.

Kurt thanked Frank Loda for is service and for all he has done for Seymour over the past 30 years.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2014 Winter Wonderland Craft Fair.

Kurt read an email form Lori Tilton that was sent to Rory Burke as follows:

Hi Rory,

We are going to have the Winter Wonderland Craft Fair again this year. I spoke with Jack Ahern and we agreed on November 1st as the date. Can you please put us on the Board of Selectmen's agenda so that we may ask for their approval? Thank you.

Lori Tilton

Danielle Merrit spoke briefly about the Winter Wonderland Craft Fair.

Motion to allow the Winter Wonderland Craft Fair to be held at the Seymour Community Center on November 1, 2014 pending all required insurance.

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

Motion to go out of order to Item #10: Discussion and take possible action on naming of Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Park.

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

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action on naming of Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Park.

Motion for the Board of selectmen to name the Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Park in honor of Paul Pawlak, Sr.

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

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on easement request for Robert Leggio Sr.

Robert Leggio, Sr., 84 Colony Road, spoke about getting approval of an easement on town property so he can use the water system. He stated that he met with the Planning & Zoning Commission and passed out a letter from the Planning & Zoning Commission recommending the approval of the easement from the Board of Selectmen. He also passed out and discussed various correspondence involved with the matter. He stated that he needs the approval of the easement to put a line across the Transfer Station’s driveway in order to move on and get approval from Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) . Documents from previous years showed denial of a line from PURA twice.

Discussion ensued with the board, Town Counsel and Robert Leggio, Sr. with regard to the easement, the denial from Pura and the family issue with regard to getting water to his industrial property. The board discussed the impact the easement will have to the town. Kurt stated that if something would happen to that line, the Transfer Station would have to shut down.

Rich Burturla, Town Counsel, stated that PURA found no hardship. He stated that means the town has no reason to approve an easement because PURA will not approve a line.

Motion to deny the easement request from Robert Leggio, Sr.

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

ITEM #11: Presentation from Veolia Water North America.

John Oglie, representative from Veolia Water North America, presented a proposal to extend the contract with the Town of Seymour. The contract expires at the end of June. Veolia has been working with the town for 20 years. He discussed the minor modifications to the contract and discussed specific capital items and various aspects of a new 10 year contract proposal. He stated that Veolia provided the town with a 60 day extension.

Kurt gave more information about the contract. He stated that Tony Caserta and WPCA will have some hard numbers in July.

John Oglie spoke in depth with regard to the other services Veolia Water North America provides. Catherine, another representative from Veolia Water North America, discussed the idea of online payments for the Seymour WPCA and the aesthetics of online payments. She stated that this will add the ability to do e-billing. She also discussed the cost component to the town and the enhancements to the online payment system.

Discussion ensued about solar energy.

ITEM #12: Action in Lieu of Special Town Meeting regarding 111A Squantuck Road.

Motion to accept the resolution to the acquisition of the property at 111A Squantuck Road.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #13: Action in Lieu of Special Town Meeting regarding potential sale of 29 Maple Street.

Kurt read notice of special town meeting as follows:

A Special Town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut will be held at the Seymour Town Hall at 1 First Street in Seymour, Connecticut in the Norma Drummer Room on the 17th Day of June, 2014 at 6:30 PM for the purpose of discussing and voting on the following item:

The proposed sale of the building at 29 Maple Street, formerly known as Anna L. LoPresti School, formerly known as Maple Street School, to The Primrose Companies, Inc.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut on this 15th day of May, 2014.

Motion to allow the Town of Seymour to enter into agreement to sell the building at 29 Maple Street, FKA Anna LoPresti School, FKA Maple Street School to The Primrose Companies, Inc. pending all necessary approvals from applicable boards and to authorize the First Selectman, Kurt Miller, to enter into a purchase and sale agreement on behalf of the town.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #14: Discussion and take possible action on resolution for bonding of Greenway Trail.

Kurt read the resolution as read:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$600,000 for costs with respect to construction of a greenway trail along the Naugatuck River approximately from the Tingle Dam Bypass Channel and Fishway Park to the Bank Street Bridge, and related improvements and amenities; and financing costs related thereto; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to finance in part the appropriation. The appropriation is anticipated to be funded in part by \$400,000 in grants from the State of Connecticut and the \$200,000 remainder, as to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, from unencumbered General Fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Kurt stated that this is Phase I of the Greenway Trail project which will extend from the Paul Pawlak Park up to the Bank Street Bridge. He stated that the town received a grant of \$400,000.00 for this project but the town will ultimately have to pay approximately \$175,000 in total cost. He stated that the town is looking to wrap a few projects together and take out a short term loan. The final decision as to how the money is used will be from Board of Selectmen.

The board discussed a timeline. Kurt stated that they are aiming to break ground next spring 2015 and hopes to have it ready for a July 2015 opening.

ITEM #15: Discussion and take possible action on resolution for bonding of Rimmon Street Project.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$2,410,000 for costs with respect to improvements to Rimmon Street, Old Drive, Clifton Street and Pershing Street including reconstruction of and improvements to Rimmon Street and a portion of Old Drive, sidewalk and curbing replacement on Clifton Street and Pershing Street, related improvements and amenities including but not limited to vertical alignment, drainage work including culvert and catch basin installation and replacement, intersection improvements, installation and improvement of utilities, sidewalks, guardrails, and curbing, and rebuilding retaining walls, and related land or easement acquisition, if any; and financing costs related thereto; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$286,000 to finance in part the appropriation. The appropriation is anticipated to be funded in part by \$2,124,000 in State of Connecticut and Federal grants and the \$286,000 remainder, as to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, from unencumbered General Fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings.

Motion to accept resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #16: Discussion and take possible action on Assessor’s recommendation for revaluation RFP.

Kurt briefly discussed a letter from the Assessor, Joe Kusiak, with regard to the 2015 revaluation RFP. Joe Kusiak is recommending Vision Government Solutions to handle the town’s revaluation efforts. He is recommending the company because of their familiarity with the town. They have on-staff MAIs and they have a long relationship with the Town of Seymour.

Motion to award Seymour’s 2015 revaluation request for proposal to Vision Government Solutions at an amount not to exceed \$84,600.00.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #17: Discussion and take possible action on Phase II Directional Signage proofs.

Kurt stated that this is the second part of the signage grant. The board had awarded this grant to 'New Age Design' and they have proofs of what the signs will look like in different areas of town. Motion to approve Phase II Direction Signage proofs as presented.

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

ITEM #18: Discussion and take possible action on 2014-2015 WPCA Budget.

Kurt stated that the budget was created by Tony Caserta and he has all of the back-up. He verified all of the numbers and signed off on the validity of the numbers. Kurt stated that this budget will come along with a corresponding change in sewer usage rates. At the next Board of Selectmen meeting, they will be appointing a Sewer Use Rate Review Board. On October 1st the rates will go into effect. Richard Buturla, Town Counsel, stated that under section 10.21 of the Charter, the Board of Selectmen will appoint 5 members to the Sewer Use Rate Review Board. He stated that under section 10.14 of the Charter, the WPCA shall work with Sewer Use Rate Review Board and should conflict arise, the Board of Selectmen will serve as the arbitrator. Richard Buturla also discussed what he found in the Town Ordinance.

Discussion about the sections of the Charter regarding the WPCA ensued.

Motion to accept 2014-2015 WPCA budget

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes Al Bruno – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – ABSTAIN

ITEM #19: Executive session.

None.

ITEM #20: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Courtney Hassenfeldt to Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on June 17, 2015.

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

Motion to reappoint Peter Jezierny as the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for a term of one (1) year expiring on June 30, 2017.

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

Motion to reappoint Paul Behuniak to the Lake Housatonic Authority for a term of three (3) years expiring on June 17, 2017.

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

ITEM #21: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #22: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #23: Correspondence.

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ITEM #24: Public Comment.

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, stated that he foresees certain dangers with Squantuck Road. He questioned if the town may be tampering with natural law and voiced his concerns about that. He also suggested investigating the property more.

ITEM #25: Selectmen’s Public Comment.

Karen Stanek thanked board for supporting her motion to name the Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Park after Paul Pawlak, Sr. She stated that ‘FOOD’ is on the sign near exit 22 on Route 8, but not ‘DIESEL.’ She inquired about more information with regard to the sprinkler system going off at the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Kurt stated that they don’t have an answer.

Karen asked about the status of the signs at the Industrial Park.

Kurt stated that the sign company ‘We Can Do That’ was given until June 12th to take down the signs or the town would have to take legal action.

Al Bruno inquired about an update on the Adopt-A-Spot program progress.

Kurt stated that the signs will be up by July.

Al inquired about an update regarding the recreation department and other departments in town.

Kurt stated that the updates will be given within the next two reports.

Al inquired about when the banners that the Downtown Committee purchased will be going up.

Kurt stated that the Downtown Committee is working with Public Works to get the banners up.

Al inquired about what is going on with Henny Penny’s landscaping.

Kurt stated that they couldn’t do landscaping until a sign went up and now they are going to finalize the landscaping.

Anmarie Drugonis stated that a deer was hit in front of McDonalds and birthed 2 babies on the sidewalk. Two police officers and Commander King wrapped the babies in blankets and put them in a box. They called every emergency line they could. They finally got in touch with Wilton and drove the fawns all the way there. She stated that the fawns are doing well and that those officers should be recognized. She finally stated that people should research more with regard to what is going on in town. She stated that people need to understand that the town can’t keep maintaining the buildings and if the town sells the building, the town can’t control what the buyers do.

ITEM #26: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman