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**MINUTES**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Tuesday, September 2, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Kurt Miller, Al Bruno, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, Karen Stanek, Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
(7:06 PM)

**Members Absent:** Len Greene Jr.

**Others Present:** Mike Kearney, Michael Flynn

**Item #1: Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

**Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance**

All present stood and recited

**Item #3: Public comment**

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street – The fence rails by the Marine Corps League have still not been tightened. The fence rails on Humphreys Street are still bent.

Mike Kearney, 72 Mountain Road – I just wanted to comment on the service on Saturday. I want to thank the Board and the Town for their participation and their turnout. I think we need a new sound system. I think the Randall family was very pleased. I just wanted some followup on the stones for French Park. Once that begins, we need to start gathering names to get the bronze plaques in place.

**Item #4: Approve minutes from August 19, 2014 regular meeting**

**Motion** – Nicole Klarides-Ditria

**Second** – Annmarie Drugonis

W. Kurt Miller – Yea

Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea

Al Bruno – Yea

Paul Roy – Yea

Annmarie Drugonis – Yea

Karen Stanek – Abstain

**Vote:** 5-0-1

**Item #5: First Selectman's report**

As part of the 2014-15 capital plan, we included \$17,000 to get the stones. We worked with Stan Jachimowski to order those and he might have done so today. The plaques might be an additional \$10,000 but we're looking for grant money for that.

1. Work on the 2013-2014 budget is just about finished. The 60 day accrual was just completed and came back better than expected. We project this will push our surplus up to a bit over \$240,000. We expect to have the final audited numbers in by the end of 2014.
2. Work and review of the 2014-2015 budget has begun. On the income side we are in line with projections with regards to tax collection. Other revenue numbers are also as expected. On the expenditure side, the only area of concern is Retiree Health Benefits. We have currently

expended about 29% of the account which is ahead of budget. Final budget approved amount was lower than requested amount. We will continue to monitor this throughout the year.

3. I was informed by several residents affected by the chip sealing issue that their claims are being rejected by Seymour Sealing's insurance company. The insurance company is saying there is no claim because Seymour Sealing did nothing wrong. The information has been passed on to town counsel to be included as a part of the town's lawsuit.
4. Met with the Board of Education regarding the consolidating of Technology services for the town. I am expecting them to take action this evening to move us forward in that direction. We are targeting an October 1<sup>st</sup> start date.
5. Attended the Henny Penny Ribbon cutting ceremony. Jon Hendel and his team did a great job getting everything ready. They are certainly a welcome addition to the town and I look forward to working with them in the future.
6. Attended the first meeting of the new 19 town Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments. I was honored to be appointed co-chairman by my fellow mayors and first selectman.
7. I will be taking in CCM's Legislative Program Development for 2015 Session. I have been assigned to both the Labor Relations Committee and the Tax and Finance Committee again this year. I will also be serving as Vice Chairman of the Task Force on Sustainability. I am looking forward to working with my fellow Mayors and First Selectmen to develop our lobbying efforts for the betterment of all the towns and cities in Connecticut.
8. Attended the Citizen's Engine Lobster and Steak Dinner with my family. I want to congratulate the firemen on another fantastic dinner and night out. I am already looking forward to next year.
9. Union negotiations with the Police, Administrators, Clerks and DPW are ongoing. Over the last two weeks we have made a considerable amount of progress and I hope to be wrapping some of these negotiations up in the coming weeks.
10. Attended the rededication of the Ronald Randall field. The event was very well attended and it was a privilege for me to be a part of it.
11. As a reminder, the Pink Promenade will take place on Sunday, October 12, 2014. The event will begin at 1:00 pm. We are currently looking for walkers as well as sponsors for this great event. Anyone with any interest please let myself or Rory know. I hope to see all of the male members of the board there and ready to walk.
12. Finally, I received today an update from the Boys and Girls Club regarding enrollment numbers for September. They currently have 56 kids and are expecting that number to grow to over 60 by the end of the month.

Motion to add to the agenda – 2 resolutions for Ronald Randall Field

**Motion** – Annmarie Drugonis

**Second** – Al Bruno

W. Kurt Miller – Yea

Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea

Al Bruno – Yea

Paul Roy – Yea

Annmarie Drugonis – Yea

Karen Stanek – Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

Discussion and possible action on resolutions for Ronald Randall Field

Kurt - We'll be reaffirming the original resolution from 1969 and signing the new one to give to the family.

**WHEREAS**, Lance Corporal Ronald Mitchell Randall, USMC was a resident of the Town of Seymour; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Ronald Mitchell Randall entered the United State Marine Corps in the service of his country; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Ronald Mitchell Randall served with valor and distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the said Ronald Mitchell Randall was killed in action in the Republic of South Vietnam, and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the Town of Seymour desire to acknowledge his bravery and the supreme sacrifice he made for his country,

**NOW THEREFORD BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Seymour in Town Meeting assembled that the Seymour Junior High School Field shall be named: "The Ronald Mitchell Randall Memorial Field," and the actions of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education in so naming said field are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Motion** – Paul Roy

**Second** – Karen Stanek

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek –	Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**WHEREAS**, service to one's country is the greatest sacrifice that one can offer, and **WHEREAS**, the Town of Seymour strives to honor and remember the service of its residents, and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 45 years has passed since the original dedication of the Ronald Mitchell Randall Memorial Field, and

**WHEREAS**, Ronald Randall gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country, and

**WHEREAS**, the enduring legacy of his service deserves recognition and reaffirmation,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen do hereby reaffirm the resolution first brought forth at the Town meeting held December 18, 1969, and do rededicate the Ronald Mitchell Randall Memorial Field at the Seymour Community Center.

**Motion** – Paul Roy

**Second** – Al Bruno

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek –	Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item #6: Discussion and take possible action regarding project bid recommendation from Town Engineer for the reconstruction of Patton Avenue and Jay Lane**

A letter from Town Engineer Jim Galligan was read:

Dear Mr. Miller,

The Town of Seymour opened bids for the above-referenced project on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

There were four bids submitted. The low bidder was A & J Construction with a bid of \$319,086.00. This office has reviewed the bids and found that the bid submitted by A & J Construction complies with the bid documents. Therefore, this office recommends award of the referenced project to A & J Construction in the amount of \$319,086.00.

Al – Who was on the RFP committee?

Kurt – Town Engineer Jim Galligan.

Nicole – We've used these contractors before?

Kurt – Almost all.

Paul – The normal bid bond will be in place?

Kurt – Yes, for one year after completion to give us some flexibility. The company plans to start the middle to end of September and be done by mid-October.

Nicole – Can you ask why he selected this contractor since there's not much difference in the bids?

Kurt – Absolutely.

Motion to accept the bid as recommended by Town Engineer to A & J Construction in the amount of \$319,086.00.

**Motion:** Paul Roy

**Second:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria

W. Kurt Miller –

Yea

Nicole Klarides-Ditria -

Yea

Al Bruno –

Yea

Paul Roy –

Yea

Annmarie Drugonis –

Yea

Karen Stanek –

Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item #7: Discussion and take possible action on usage of LoCIP funds for line painting**

A memo from the Director of Public Works, Dennis Rozum:

The Seymour Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectmen to authorize \$8,000.00 from the Local Capital Investment Program (LoCIP) to perform line painting of roads throughout the Town of Seymour.

**Motion:** Karen Stanek

**Second:** Al Bruno

**Discussion:** Paul – Is this in addition to what's been done already?

Kurt – Yes.

W. Kurt Miller –

Yea

Nicole Klarides-Ditria -

Yea

Al Bruno –

Yea

Paul Roy –

Yea

Annmarie Drugonis –

Yea

Karen Stanek –

Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item #8: Discussion and take possible action on strategic planning finance ordinances**

Kurt - We're going to create two ordinances for debt service and fund balance. We need to forward this to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion to forward the ordinances to the Ordinance Committee

**Motion:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria **Second:** Al Bruno

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek –	Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0			

**Item #9: Set special Town meeting for September 16, 2014 at 6:40 PM regarding strategic planning finance ordinances**

No action was taken.

**Item #10: Set special Town meeting for September 16, 2014 at 6:50 PM regarding financing of 2014-15 capital items**

Kurt – This is the last piece that bond counsel is asking us to go through.

RESOLVED that notwithstanding the prior action of the Board of Selectmen, the resolution regarding a \$220,000 appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs with respect to various Town facility, various public works and public safety equipment acquisitions and improvements, as previously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, shall be submitted for consideration and action at a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:50 PM in the Norma Drummer, Town Hall, 1 First Street, in Seymour.

**Motion:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria **Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek –	Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0			

Motion to proceed out of order

**Motion:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria **Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek –	Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0			

**Item #13: Discussion and take possible action on Veolia contract extension**

Motion to accept an extension of Veolia's contract until December 31, 2014

**Motion:** Al Bruno **Second:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria -	Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy –	Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Abstain	Karen Stanek –	Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 5-0-1			

**Item #11: Discussion and take possible action regarding extension of Winters Brothers Contract**

Kurt – Tony and I have been working with the Town vendors to either lower the cost of service or improve service. Winters Brothers used to handle just the Town's recycling, but they purchased Latella's interests and are therefore doing our rubbish removal as well. I asked them to see what they can do to improve their service. Winters Brothers is looking into purchasing a truck that can do both recycling and garbage simultaneously on a weekly basis and to furnish each resident with 1 96-gallon recycling container and 1 96-gallon garbage receptacle. The receptacles will remain owned by Winters Brothers so they will repair/replace them as necessary. For the additional service, they would like to extend the contract from June 2016 to June 2021. In the extension, Winters Brothers will hold the price for 2016-17 and then gradually move up. The increase is 1.18% on average per year. On page 2, you'll see the reference to them providing and maintaining the receptacles. For recycling, 2014-15 the Town pays \$2.40 per unit per dwelling per month or about \$144,000 annually for service every other week. In 2015-16 it will go to \$2.45 by contract. They will hold it the first year and then increase it to \$2.70 per unit by the end for 1.28% increase but with double the service because it will be weekly. Tony and I ran some number and they're willing to increase the reimbursement from \$10 to \$12 per ton of recycling. We do about 2,500 tons per year currently. We are paid \$75.25 per ton to get it out of the transfer station. Every ton we recycle will save the Town \$87.25. If we increase this by 72 tons, we can make this a better deal for the Town than our current one, with just a 2.9% increase in recycling. Even if the tonnage doesn't change, the difference in the projected revenue will increase \$5,000 anyway.

Annamarie – So just to clarify, we won't have to separate our recyclables? Also, will apartment buildings have multiple receptacles?

Kurt – Correct and yes. I think they're offering us a good deal because we will be the first town to do this and I think they'd like to do more of it. They'd be making a more than \$1 million investment to do so. We have one small issue. Contracts this size need to be competitively bid.

Memo from Town Counsel Rich Buturla:

We have reviewed the present proposal by Winters Brothers for curbside collection for MSW and recycling. At the present, Winters Brothers services the Town as assignee of the Latella MSW contract. A contract of the magnitude of the proposed agreement falls within the scope of Section 2-263 et. seq. of the Seymour Town Code, the competitive bidding ordinance.

Section 2-268 of the Seymour Town Code contains a number of exemptions from the competitive bid requirement. Section 2-268(a) is the only applicable exemption that may apply to the proposal. Section 2-268(a) provides as follows:

(a) Any purchase or contract for purchasing which is authorized by town meeting action may be exempted from the provisions of this article by the action of the town meeting authorizing the purchase. Therefore, a properly noticed special Town Meeting pursuant to Section 13.2 of the Town Charter can be called to exempt the proposed Winters Brothers transaction from the requirements of the competitive bid procedure.

In the event a quorum of fifty individuals are not present at the duly noticed special Town Meeting, then the Board of Selectmen may transact the "Business on the call." Seymour Town Charter Sec. 13.1(f). In

such an event, the Board of Selectmen can authorize the exemption pursuant to Section 2-263(a) of the Seymour Town Code.

Rich – We have a competitive bid ordinance and we've gone out to bid on this in the past. If you deem this proposal advantageous, the only mechanism available is to call a special Town meeting in order to bypass it. If you do not get a quorum, the Charter authorizes the Board to act in lieu.

Kurt – The last time we bid the rubbish removal we received one from Latella and Winters Brothers. If we do go out to bid, we might not get the same offer from Winters Brothers. Knowing what we know, I think they're reputable and strong and that the person they've hired to work with municipalities is a former mayor. I think they work well with the residents. It is my, and Tony's, recommendation that we move forward with the special Town meeting. To Rich's point, I doubt we'd get 50 residents so I'd like to make sure we're all together on this.

Paul – You answered my question in terms of whether competitive bidding would yield any more results. It also seems we have no reference if we'd be the first.

Annmarie – My only concern is that if we don't move forward, people will ask why we did or didn't do things.

Kurt – We could probably ask Winters Brothers to send out a mailer to let the residents know. Also, this wouldn't be effective until November because they'd need some time to purchase the truck and bins. Would anyone want a representative from Winters Brothers at the next meeting?

Annmarie – What happens if you have more rubbish than can fit in one container?

Kurt – I don't know so I will see if someone can be at the meeting to answer questions.

**Item #12: Set special Town meeting for September 16, 2014 at 6:30 PM regarding Winters Brothers Contract**

<b>Motion:</b> Al Bruno	<b>Second:</b> Nicole Klarides-Ditria	
W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0		

**Item #14: Discussion and take possible action increased compensation for the Registrar of Voters**

Memo from First Selectman Kurt Miller to the Board of Selectmen:

I would like to recommend the board strongly consider providing long overdue raises to the Registrar of Voters office. The last raise that was given to this office was prior to the 2009/2010 budget year. The salary is currently \$22,000 which is split equally by the Democratic and Republican Registrars, with each currently being paid \$11,000 per year. The requested \$2,000 raise would increase the salary line to a total of \$24,000, increasing each salary to \$12,000 per year. The approved 2014/2015 Town of Seymour Budget contains the full amount of \$24,000 for salary in line 410-1400-440-101.

Kurt – What I'm asking tonight is that the Board provide a \$2,000 increase to the salary of both Registrars, \$1,000 each. The amount was already approved in the 2014-15 budget.

<b>Motion:</b> Karen Stanek	<b>Second:</b> Annmarie Drugonis
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**Discussion:** Nicole – Is this in line with what other Registrars get?

Kurt – They're well below others. This is long overdue.

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item #15: Discussion and take possible action on ConnDOT Master Municipal Agreement**

Kurt – Rich had reached out to DOT.

Rich – I could read the entire letter, but the DOT says they won't make any changes to it, which is what we expected. With that, I would recommend moving forward by authorizing Kurt to enter into the agreement.

Motion to allow the First Selectman to sign the ConnDOT

**Motion:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria **Second:** Al Bruno

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Item #16: Discussion and take possible action on veterans' tax exemption**

Kurt – What the State is looking to do is increase the deduction for 100% disabled veterans to \$24,000.

Rich – Is this something you need to do tonight? In most municipalities the tax exemption programs are adopted by way of ordinance. Let me look into this.

Kurt – Our current ordinance is tiered and there are income requirements. What I would like you to look at is if it would be possible for a veteran who is 100% disabled to have all of their taxes exempted.

Rich – I'll look into it and let you know. What Joe is saying is you need a State statute authorizing the program. As much as you might want to, you can't.

Kurt – The Town is reimbursed with the current program. If we want to go above and beyond without reimbursement, are we able? In conversation with the Assessor, it's only 4-5 people. The current program only saves them a few hundred dollars. Can we have that for the first meeting in October?

Rich – Yes.

**Item #17: Executive session**

There was no executive session.

**Item #18: Appointments**

Nicole Klarides-Ditria to the Board of Education Communications and Community Advisory Committee.

**Motion:** Al Bruno

**Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Abstain
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea

**Vote:** 5-0-1 (Nicole)

Dan Zaniewski to the Technology Committee for a 1-year appointment expiring 10/2/15.

<b>Motion:</b> Karen Stanek	<b>Second:</b> Nicole Klarides-Ditria	
W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Abstain
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0		

**Item #19: Tax Refunds/Abatements**

Motion to accept the refunds/abatements as presented.

<b>Motion:</b> Paul Roy	<b>Second:</b> Annmarie Drugonis	
W. Kurt Miller –	Yea	Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea
Al Bruno –	Yea	Paul Roy – Yea
Annmarie Drugonis –	Yea	Karen Stanek – Yea
<b>Vote:</b> 6-0		

**Item #20: Transfers**

There were no transfers before the Board.

**Item #21: Correspondence**

Letter from St. Augustine

**Item #22: Public Comment**

Mike Kearney – I want to thank you for the resolutions; I think the family will really appreciate it. I want to comment on the tax exemptions. I think this is something they would be interested in. I don't know what the Town's position is but we own the building at the corner of Wakely and Bank. Our two tenants were served papers but everything is too expensive and they're very nervous. We're going to follow the lead of the Town.

Michael Flynn – 85 Skokorat Street – What are the archaeologists doing in Little Laurel Lime Ridge Park?

**Item #23: Selectmen's Public Comments**

Karen – I just want to compliment the veterans for a beautiful ceremony last Saturday at Randall field and I'm very much looking forward to the opening of the Bypass. Both Robert and Mrs. Pawlak have asked to speak. I asked for a ruling from Counsel regarding blighted property and whether a permit has anything to do with the fine.

Rich – Permits do not stop the fines from accruing. There is a provision in the ordinances wherein the Board can abate or waive the fines. That said, there is no blanket exemption once a permit is pulled.

Karen – What's the status of Seymour Lumber?

Kurt – They have everything in order but for the operator of the excavator to take the building down, they needed a certain amount of OSHA training. The contractor hired did not have that and they contacted another contractor with the requisite training. Fred Messore is checking in often to make sure the process is moving forward.

Paul – I want to thank the Town and the veterans for the service last Saturday. My classmates were very happy with it. The evening before we gathered with the Randall family and I think there were 22 at the

ceremony. The flowers were donated by the class, as well as the shirts the family was wearing. Second, you mentioned the PINK proMENade but I will unfortunately be out of state. Was there any more discussion about the Christmas parade interfering with Small Business Saturday?

Kurt – It has been moved to Sunday.

Nicole - I wanted to apologize for missing the ceremony, but I heard it was wonderful.

Al – I just want to echo that the ceremony was wonderful. Karen, you mentioned the high school not recycling. Maybe you and I can reach out to the student government. The Seymour Lumber situation is unacceptable. I think residents are thinking that the owners aren't as committed as the rest of residents, but I want to voice my frustration.

Annmarie – I have nothing.

Kurt – I thought the ceremony was well done with a lot of groups from around the Valley. I want to apologize because I messed up because I accidentally didn't let Paul speak. To everyone who received a letter, the DOJ has said they want everyone to read it and understand the need for ADA compliance. The Town is spending \$100,000 this year and we'll continue to work towards achieving compliance.

**Item #24: Adjournment**

**Motion:** Annmarie Drugonis

W. Kurt Miller – Yea

Al Bruno – Yea

Annmarie Drugonis – Yea

**Vote:** 6-0

**Second:** Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Nicole Klarides-Ditria - Yea

Paul Roy – Yea

Karen Stanek – Yea

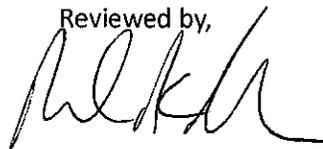
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Submitted by,



Rory Burke  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman