

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 16, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Not Present: First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Bryan L. LeClerc, Lianna Staffieri, Recording Secretary, and Rory Burke.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by Deputy First Selectman, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, at 7:04 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from September 2, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from September 2, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

None.

ITEM #6: Presentation of certificates to George J. Hummel Little League teams.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria and State Representative Theresa Conroy presented the certificates to the George J. Hummel Little League team members.

Theresa read the following proclamation to the team members:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, General Assembly Official Citation, introduced by Representative Theresa Conroy, Senator Rob Kane and Senator Kevin Kelly, be it hereby known to all that the Connecticut General Assembly hereby offers its sincerest congratulations to (team member name) in recognition of your District 3 Championship. Congratulations on being the Connecticut State Champions for junior softball and for being a New England runner up team. Your record of 11-2 says it all. The entire membership extends its very best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses the hope for continued success; given this 16th day of September 2014 at the State Capitol.

Nicole read the certificate to the team members as follows:

The Town of Seymour, Connecticut, wishes to congratulate (team member name) for your contribution to the Seymour Little League Majors and their 2014 State Championship. W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding Diaper Need Awareness Week resolution.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria read the proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS, diaper need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry, can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and

WHEREAS, national surveys report that one-in-three mothers experience diaper need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty-eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

WHEREAS, the average infant or toddler requires an average of 50 diaper changes per week over three years; and

WHEREAS, diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

WHEREAS, a supply of diapers is generally an eligibility requirement for infants and toddlers to participate in child care programs and quality early education programs; and

WHEREAS, the people of Seymour recognize that addressing diaper need can lead to economic opportunity for the Town's low-income families and improved health for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Seymour is proud home to the Connecticut Partnership for Children, which distributes diapers to poor families through various channels and recognizes the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seymour Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim the week of September 8 through 14, 2014 as **Diaper Need Awareness Week** in Seymour and encourage citizens of Seymour to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Seymour and environs.

Motion to adopt and ratify the proclamation as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #8: Report from Blight Officer.

Nicole read the letter from Blight Enforcement Office, Michael Marganski, as follows:

First Selectman Miller:

March 2014, this office determined that the property located at 79-101 Bank Street (known as Seymour Lumber) was in a blighted condition. This office requested a meeting with several town agencies and department heads to gather supporting documentation of my findings.

The Doris M. Tkacz, Living Trust (owner) was notified and acknowledged the deteriorated conditions located at the aforementioned address. Due to the physical size, location (proximity to State CT Highways RT 67 and RT 8) and required hazardous material abatement (adjacent to inland waterway), a plan to demolish the premises required approval from the State of Connecticut and various town agencies. The plan required the hiring of an engineering firm and then a demolish company.

In regards to pursuing of fines against The Doris M. Tkacz, Living Trust, a plan for remediation was developed. The owner has worked with the necessary state and local officials in a diligent and responsible manner to date. As with any project undertaking of this size unexpected circumstances, complications and delays arise. If the owner fails to comply with the order to remediate or demolish the premises then the Town of Seymour may pursue legal action for fines.

Respectfully,

Michael Marganski

Blight Enforcement Officer

Karen Stanek stated that she felt her question was not answered. She referred back to the last Board of Selectmen meeting where Town Counsel, Richard Buturla ruled that the beginning work does not negate the blight fine. She stated that the town should be collecting fines from the property.

ITEM #9: Action in lieu of special Town Meeting regarding financing for 2014-2015 capital items.

Al Bruno read the following resolution:

The failure of the Special Town Meeting on this item to obtain a quorum was not due to inclement weather.

Motion to adopt the resolution as read.

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

Motion to approve the financing package for the 2014-2015 Town of Seymour Capital Plan as presented at Special Town Meeting.

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

Al Bruno read the resolution as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR
APPROPRIATING \$220,000 FOR THE TOWN FACILITY, PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC SAFETY
EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS
AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

RESOLVED,

1. That the Town of Seymour appropriate TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$220,000) for costs with respect to various Town facility, public works and public safety equipment acquisition and improvements including: acquisition of a dump truck and related equipment for use by the Public Works Department (estimated cost \$90,000); improvements to the Town Hall HVAC system (estimated cost \$44,000); installation of flag pole lighting at French Park (estimated cost \$15,000); acquisition of a license plate reader for use by the Police Department (estimated cost \$17,500); acquisition of portable radios for use by the Police Department (estimated cost \$16,000); acquisition of a thermal imaging camera for use by the Fire Department (estimated cost \$13,000); HVAC thermostat improvements at Citizen’s Engine Co. (estimated cost \$15,000) and miscellaneous financing costs (estimated costs \$9,500). The appropriation may be spent for costs of planning, engineering, acquisition, construction and installation, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or it’s financing. The Board of Selectmen shall determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced or modified project.
2. That the Town issue its bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$220,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds, notes or temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.
3. That the Town issue and renew its temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the temporary notes outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$220,000). The temporary notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The temporary notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes if the temporary notes do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.
4. That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate one or more

banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds or notes; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; to provide for the execution of the bonds or notes by manual or facsimile signatures; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes; or to delegate any of such determinations or actions to appropriate officers of the Town. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes.

5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

6. That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of any lessor or holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or interests therein; or to delegate any of such determinations or actions to appropriate officers of the Town.

7. That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and obtain grants to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #10: Action in lieu of Special Town Meeting regarding Winders Brothers Contract.

Al Bruno read the following resolution:

The failure of the Special Town Meeting on this item to obtain a quorum was not due to inclement weather.

Motion to adopt the resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion that the contracts for municipal solid waste and recycling be exempt from the competitive bid requirements, pursuant to Section 2-268(a) of the Seymour Town Code and Section 13.1 of the Seymour Town Charter.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion that the First Selectman is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract or contracts with Winter Brothers for collection of municipal solid waste and recycling.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Paul Roy – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #11: Executive session.

None.

ITEM #12: Appointments

Motion to reappoint Dave McAndrew as the Tree Warden for a term of two (2) years expiring on October 2, 2016.

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

Motion to reappoint Mark Thompson as an Ordinance Hearing Officer for a term of 21 months expiring on June 30, 2016.

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

Paul Roy explained that the Ordinance Hearing Officer is there to hear the case out and makes a decision in the case.

Motion to reappoint Steve Kulas as an Ordinance Hearing Officer for a term of 21 months expiring on June 30, 2016.

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

ITEM #13: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

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

ITEM #14: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #15: Correspondence.

- Check registers.
- Letter addressed to the members of the Board of Selectmen from Al Yagovane. Nicole Klarides-Ditria read as follows:

- You are cordially invited to attend to a Candlelight Service at the Broad Street Park in Seymour. It will be held on November 11th, 2014 at seven (7) o'clock. It is to celebrate the anniversary of 55 years of the Korean War and 50 years of the Vietnam War. There will be refreshments after the ceremony.

Sincerely yours, Albert R. Yagovane

- Discount Card summary.
- Letter to Kurt from State of Connecticut D.E.E.P.

ITEM #16: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #17: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy complimented Nicole on a job well done.

Al Bruno complimented Nicole on a job well done. He thanked Bryan LeClerc for his assistance. He questioned when the paving of Great Hill Road will be finished. He stated that people have been told that it would be done at the end of August and still is not done.

Karen Stanek noticed that the construction and paving stopped where the border of Seymour and Ansonia lies.

Annmarie Drugonis complimented Nicole on a job well done.

Len Greene, Jr. apologized for missing a number of meetings. He stated that he had family issues that needed to be dealt with. He stated that he is sad to have missed the Randall Field Dedication. He complimented Nicole on a job well done.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria thanked everyone for their assistance.

ITEM #18: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

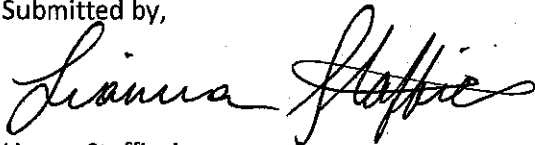
Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri

Recording Secretary