

**REVISED
MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 21, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Town Engineer, Jim Galligan; Don Smith, Trish Danka, Jennifer Magri, Paul Sponheimer and Michael Flynn.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:01 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 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from September 16, 2014 special meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from September 16, 2014 special meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #6: Approve minutes from October 8th joint special meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from October 8th joint special meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Abstain

Len Greene, Jr. – Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #7: First Selectman's Report.

1. Abatement Services has just about completed the remediation work on the inside of the Seymour Lumber building. This was a change from the original remediation plan. The demolition contractor has met with

the Town's Building Inspector both yesterday and today about final requirements for the demolition permit. We are hoping things will be finalized in the next few days and actual demolition will start shortly thereafter.

2. Union Contract Negotiations are ongoing.
3. Third quarter reports have been emailed out to each of you and are also available on the website. After review, should you have any questions, please let me know and we can discuss or ask for the department head to attend an upcoming meeting.
4. The Finance Department is continuing to work with Town Auditors on finalizing the 2013-2014 budget. We are now projecting an unaudited surplus of about \$215,000.
5. Weekly review of the 2014-2015 budget is ongoing. On the income side we are in line with projections. On the expenditure side, we are showing two areas of potential concern - Retiree Health Benefits and Town Building Maintenance. We will continue to monitor these accounts and will provide updates as the year goes on. All other accounts are trending as projected.
6. I have started the process for the 2015-2016 budget. I expect to have my recommendations to departments, boards and commissions by late November. I will be recommending several changes to the overall budget to continue to stream line the process.
7. Road work has started on Patton Ave and Jay Lane. Because of favorable pricing, we are able to have extra work done and will be including Halsey Street as well. We will have a request for use of LoCIP funds later in the meeting.
8. The Adopt a Spot signs have been approved and they should be starting to go up in the next week or so. Fred Messore is working with several businesses that had interest in adopting certain spots.
9. The beginning of the potential consolidation of Technology Services for the town of Seymour took effect on 10/1/2014. Rob Dwyer will be working jointly for both the Board of Education and Town for the next few months. During that time, Rob will be asked to make suggestions and recommendation on how best to move forward with this partnership. We will re-assess the overall plan and direction in May of 2015 to determine if we will move forward long term or not with the full consolidation efforts.
10. I am in the process of finalizing the structure changes and job descriptions for the new Community Services Department. I expect to have that completed and ready to be presented to this board at our November 4th meeting for approval.
11. The official opening ceremony of the Paul Pawlak, Sr. Fish by Pass and Park at Tingué Dam will take place on Thursday, October 30th at 10:00am. Formal invitations will be going out this week but wanted to let everyone know in advance.
12. Conversion to our new garbage and recycling program is underway. Winters Brothers has begun the delivery of the new bins to each house. They expect his process to take about a week. Next week they will be working to address any issues or mistakes that might arise. We expect the program to be fully underway the first week of November.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on Nina Poeta Day Proclamation.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Discussion and possible action on Nina Poeta Day Proclamation.

Kurt read proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is a community that prides itself on having a strong network of support for its residents, and

WHEREAS, residents of Seymour have always been willing to help out neighbors in need and to support worthy causes, and

WHEREAS, Nina Poeta is a resident of Seymour whose story has stirred the compassion and support of the whole town, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is committed to supporting her throughout her battle against her illness, then be it therefore

RESOLVED, that I, W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of Seymour, Connecticut do hereby proclaim Friday, October 24, 2014 to be Nina Poeta Day in Seymour, Connecticut. I encourage all Seymour residents to recognize Nina's strength and courage and to wear pink and grey as a symbol of their support of her fight.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and this 21st day of October, 2014 caused this seal to be affixed.

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman

Motion to accept the proclamation as read.

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

Karen made mention of Homecoming Week at the high school and Friday October 24th is Blue and Gold Day at the High School.

ITEM #8: Action in lieu of special Town Meeting regarding potential bond issue for Category B roads (ballot question).

Kurt read resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Moderator of the Special Town Meeting held on October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. determined that a quorum of 50 persons was not present and therefore adjourned the Special Town Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter permits the Board of Selectmen to meet thereafter and transact the business of said Special Town Meeting if the lack of quorum was not due to inclement weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 13.1(f) of the Town Charter hereby determines that the failure of the Special Town Meeting held on October 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. to obtain quorum was not due to inclement weather.

Motion to accept resolution as presented.

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

Karen Stanek – Yes

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR ACTING IN LIEU OF THE TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATING \$5,600,000 FOR THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 2014; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

RESOLVED,

1. That the Town of Seymour appropriate FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,600,000) for costs in connection with the design, engineering, and reconstruction of, or improvements to various town roads designated in Category B of the Town of Seymour Road Improvement Program 2014 by James H. Galligan, P.E. of Nasis Young Engineers, Inc., which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. To the extent of available funds, roads designated in Category C of the Road Improvement Program may also be included. The appropriation may be spent for costs of planning, engineering, surveys, design, inspection, reclaiming, paving, repaving, reconstruction, milling, curbing, drainage, catch basins, easements, appurtenances, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its 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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,600,000) 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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,600,000). 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 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.

The foregoing resolution shall be submitted to a referendum vote of the voters of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.1 of the Charter to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, as provided in the notice of the Special Town Meeting and by the prior action of the Board of Selectmen

Motion to accept resolution as presented.

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

Kurt explained that the board is taking action in order to move the question forward to be voted on at the November 4th election.

ITEM #9: Town Engineer report on acceptance of roads in Rolling Hills Acres subdivision.

Motion to release a maintenance bond for Forest Hollow Road.

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

Jim Galligan, Town Engineer, stated that Forest Hollow Road was accepted by the town. The developer posted a maintenance bond for this road to allow the Town to recoup funds for any damages. He recommended that the maintenance bond be released because there was no damage. He stated that he doesn't foresee any future problems.

Motion to accept Hidden Meadow Road, north of Fox Run, and that a maintenance bond in the amount of \$55,000.00 in a form approved by the Town Attorney be placed with the Town of Seymour in accordance with the Seymour subdivision regulations.

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

Jim stated that the road construction has been completed for this section and meets the town regulations for a subdivision road. The protocol is to accept the road because it is completed and the \$55,000.00 maintenance bond is held in place for one year that is in favor of the town.

Motion to accept Hidden Meadow Road, between Fox Run and Red Oak Lane, and that a maintenance bond in the amount of \$17,000.00 in a form approved by the Town Attorney be placed with the Town of Seymour in accordance with the Seymour subdivision regulations.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Jim stated that this is the center section of Hidden Meadow Road.

Motion to release the maintenance bond for Red Oak Lane and the southern end of Hidden Meadow Road.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Jim stated that these sections were approved by town over a year ago and the maintenance bond period is over and they have found no damage or fault.

ITEM #10: Award bids for Citizens Firehouse Brickwork Repairs and Waterproofing project.

Kurt read letter as follows:

Dear Mr. Miller:

This office opened bids for the above-mentioned project on October 6, 2014. Five (5) bids were opened.

Holmes and Masonry in the amount of \$24,465.00

New England Masonry and Roofing in the amount of \$53,290.00

Armani Restoration in the amount of \$68,075.00

G.L. Capasso in the amount of \$74,833.00

Scholar Painting & Restoration in the amount of \$89,830.00

The low bidder was Holmes Masonry with a bid of \$24,465.00. We have reviewed their bid and found it accurate and responsive to the bidding documents. Please note that members of Holmes Masonry inspected the entire building prior to bidding. They have also performed previous masonry work for the Town without incident.

Therefore, Nafis and Young Engineers, Inc. recommends award of the bid for the Citizens Firehouse Brickwork Repairs and Waterproofing to Holmes Masonry in the amount of \$24,465.00
Sincerely, James H. Galligan, Town Engineer

Motion to award the Citizens Firehouse Brickwork Repairs and Waterproofing to Holmes Masonry in amount not to exceed \$24,465.00 as recommended by Town Engineer.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len inquired about the town's protections in case it doesn't go as planned. Jim Galligan stated that the bidding documents included a performance bond and a payment bond for 100% value of the work. Holmes Masonry is the only one who walked the entire project. He stated that they are a small company and he felt comfortable with him. He stated that Homes Masonry has done work for the town in the past.

Motion to go out of order to Item # 12: Discussion and take possible action on Public Works LoCIP request for Dauria Drive & Halsey Street.

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

ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action on Public Works LoCIP request for Dauria Drive & Halsey Street.

Kurt read a letter from Jim Galligan regarding the reconstruction of Patton Avenue and Jay Lane as follows:

Dear Mr. Miller:
Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. inquired into what would be the extra expense above the \$350,000 allocated for the above-referenced project to add Halsey Street to the existing contract. Based on the unit prices bid by the Contractor, NYE estimates that the Town could allocate \$30,000 of LoCIP money for Halsey Street to the project. Please note that our original estimate for Halsey Street was \$80,000. The Town could save significant money by taking advantage of the current bidding market.

Therefore, Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. recommends that the Town of Seymour secure \$30,000 of LoCIP funds from the State of Connecticut, designate said funds for reconstruction of Halsey Street and approve incorporating said work into the existing contract for Patton Avenue and Jay Lane.
Sincerely, James H. Galligan, Town Engineer

Motion to allocate \$30,000.00 of LoCIP funds for the reconstruction of Halsey Street in conjunction with the road construction project being done on Patton Avenue and Jay Lane.

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

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

The Seymour Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectmen to authorize \$12,650.00 in road repairs on Dauria Drive. Repairs to include approximately 130 feet of road, milling, re-asphalt, curbing and all necessary labor and sweeping.
Regards, Dennis Rozum.

Motion to authorize in an amount not to exceed \$12,650.00 out of LoCIP to complete road repairs on Dauria Drive.

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

ITEM #11: Set Special Town Meeting for November 5, 2014 at 6:45 PM regarding financing for 2015-15 capital items.

Motion to set Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 6:45PM regarding financing for 2015-16 capital items.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Rory Burke stated that there was a mistake made with the publication of the notice.

ITEM #13: Discussion and possible action on CT DEEP grant for Seymour High School athletic field.

Read first paragraph of a cover letter that was sent from Connecticut DEEP as follows:

At a meeting of the Connecticut Bond Commission, the above referenced project received funding approval under a Special Act authority. The amount of this grant, for the development of the playground, totals \$1,985,000.00. In order for the Town of Seymour to access the grant funds for this project the enclosed Personal Services Agreements (PSA) need to be executed.

Kurt stated that the packet is 50-60 pages and most of it includes forms that need to be filled out. He stated this is for the turf field, press box, bleachers, etc.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is seeking a grant in the amount of \$1,985,000 CPAP 2015-07, for improvements to the Seymour High School Athletic Field; and

WHEREAS, the First Selectman is required to enter into certain documents in connection with the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved:

That W. Kurt Miller, the First Selectman, of the Town of Seymour be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of Seymour a Personal Service Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance for improvements to the Seymour High School Athletic Field, CPAP 2015-07 in order to access the grant Funds; and

Furthermore, the First Selectman is authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

Motion to accept resolution as presented.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #14: Discussion and reaffirmation regarding energy agreement between the Town of Seymour, Board of Education and Constellation Energy.

Motion to reaffirm the town of Seymour joining with the Board of Education on the approval of a new 4-year agreement with Constellation New Energy utilizing the MAC consortium.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

The board discussed the purchasing options and process by which the town and Board of Education used to find the best cost solution. Kurt stated that the Operations Director, Tony Caserta, and Rick Belden reached out to a variety of providers and did some research. They decided to go with a company with which the town is already working with. He stated that the town is at a locked in rate of .0131 and will be locked in over the next 4 years. They also discussed 100% bandwidth, winter reliability and marketing.

ITEM #15: Discussion and take possible action on block grant agreement.

Motion to authorize the First Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Seymour to enter into the Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #16: Discussion and take possible action on TOD application.

Kurt stated that a new grant will be available to help plan and to establish Transit Oriented Development within the State of Connecticut. He stated that he met with VCOG and several communities in the area and they will be using their collective powers to start to apply for the grant. The initial phase has begun and the final application is due in December. It will not be less than \$50,000.00 and not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Motion to authorize Seymour to apply for a Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant and to further authorize the First Selectman to execute any documents in conjunction with the grant process.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Motion to add to agenda discussion and possible action regarding the 2014 grant to connect to the Nutmeg Network.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2014 grant to connect to the Nutmeg Network.

Kurt read letter from Tony Caserta, Director of Operations:

The Town of Seymour is in the initial stages of developing a comprehensive network and communications solution that will utilize the resources of the Board of Education's existing fiber network and incorporate the current and future needs of the Town. Our intent is to consolidate telephone, internet, broadband and electronic digital surveillance into one platform. This grant will allow us to expand the municipal infrastructure network and connect or allow for future connection of Town buildings. We are working with the Board of Education and their consultant, the police department, the communications department and the Town Hall to develop a plan and implementation strategy. This grant is an integral stage in this development.

Sincerely, Anthony Caserta

He read the following letter from Anthony Caserta, Director of Operations:

The Town of Seymour is in the initial stages of developing a comprehensive network and communications solutions that will utilize the resources of the Board of Education's existing fiber network and incorporate the current and future needs of the Town. Our intent is to consolidate telephone, internet, broadband and electronic digital surveillance into one platform. This grant will allow us to expand the municipal infrastructure network and connect or allow for future connection of Town buildings. We are working with the Board of Education and their consultant, the police department, the communications department and Town Hall to develop a plan and implementation strategy. This grant is an integral stage in this development.

Kurt explained that this is a new, time sensitive project. He explained that Anthony Caserta is seeking approval from this board to move forward with the analysis of this grant and to determine if this will be in the best interest of the town. The amount of this grant is \$36,100.00. He explained that before they accept a grant they need to understand the backend costs.

Motion to authorize **W. Kurt Miller, the First Selectman, on behalf of the Town of Seymour** to make an application for the 2014 grant to connect to the Nutmeg Network and authorize the First Selectman to execute any documents in connection with the grant process.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #17: Discussion with Strategic Planning Committee

Trish Danka stated that she is hoping that everyone is seeing the benefits of having a 10-year strategic plan in place. She discussed the pillar on Efficient Use of Town Buildings. She discussed the study done on town buildings a few years ago. She discussed the issue with the library. She explained that the study found that the basement area is not useable because of a mold issue. She stated that the town needs to start looking at the roads, buildings and anything that the town has as an asset. She stated that the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee recommends establishing a permanent town building committee. She explained that this committee will be responsible for looking at everything and coming back with what is needed.

Don Smith stated that there is a total 39 town buildings. He explained the importance of getting our hands on these buildings. He expressed the importance of the long term vision for the town buildings. Discussion ensued about the recommendations from the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee. They discussed the type of people that should be appointed to the recommended permanent town building committee and how it will be established. The 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee also discussed establishing an infrastructure program. Kurt discussed the funds that will be available down the road for such a program. The Board continued to discuss recommendations from the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

ITEM #18: Discussion and take possible action regarding Community Services Department structure and job descriptions.

Kurt stated that he is almost done with the job descriptions. He stated that he plans to have two different ideas ready for the meeting on November 5, 2014. He stated that he is going to let the board decide which route to take. Once the board makes decision, Kurt will bring forth the idea to the unions.

ITEM #19: Executive session (union contract review).

Motion to add to enter into executive session at 8:30 PM with Town Counsel, Richard Buturla.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Motion to exit executive session at 9:13 PM with no actions or motions made.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #20: Appointments

Motion to appoint Theresa Conroy to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Ed Strumello to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Paul Roy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Jay Hatfield to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Paul Sponheimer to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Bill Paecht to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Len Greene, Jr.
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Jack Liedke to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Al Bruno
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Tim Sadick to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Sean Walsh to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee until term is completed.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #21: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve October 2, 2014 Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to approve October 14, 2014 Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
0-Abstain
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #22: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #23: Correspondence.

- Culture & Arts schedule of events.
- Resignation letter from an Alternate on the Board of finance.
- Letter from the Naugatuck Valley Health District regarding the property on 123 Pearl Street.
- Letter from Town Counsel with regard to the insurance settlement with 'We Can Do That.'
- Letter from Governor Malloy with regard to the declaration of public emergency regarding the Ebola situation.
- Check registers.

ITEM #24: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #25: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen Stanek stated that she is happy to report that 89 Buckingham Road has been substantially cleaned up. She stated that she is frustrated by the lack of progress on Seymour Lumber. She also was told that the Blight Officer has discretion on the collection of fines. She would like to know where this is in the Blight Ordinance. She inquired about the status of LoPresti School.

Kurt stated that they are looking at January or February. The principal had gone away for a few weeks and is back working with Planning & Zoning on getting information together on the issue with the WPCA fees.

Karen stated that she had mentioned a month ago investigating painting a crosswalk to the Broad Street Park and inquired how that can be arranged.

Kurt stated that in conversations with Dennis Rozum, he found out there are a few other spots as well as those that are state roads that need crosswalks. He stated that he will get back to the board tomorrow in an email. He also told the board that the trestle has finally been painted.

Karen stated that the dedication to Fish Bypass is a week from Thursday. She hasn't received an invitation but Paul has. She stated that the people who are invited need notice that the ceremony is going to take place. She stated that it is up to us to jump in and take control of our park.

Kurt stated that it is our park and that they have to be respectful of State of Connecticut DEEP. He stated that they were under the assumption that the invitations were sent out when Rory compiled a list and sent it to Chuck Lee. The information is now getting around. He stated that he believes that the reason they didn't push the information out is because they had reservations that things were not going to be done on the 30th. He stated that he and Fred Messoro toured with the company that makes the electric charger for cars. They will be bringing them down and will help install. He said hopefully by next Thursday they will be installed.

Paul Roy stated that in talking about town buildings, he would like to make sure that they try to find alternative energy sources.

Kurt stated that he is learning a lot more about alternative energy sources. He stated that he plans to push for an educational series for new Mayors and First Selectmen.

Al Bruno stated that the Proclamation for Nina Poeta was a nice gesture from the town and is proud to be a resident of Seymour.

Len Greene, Jr. stated that more and more invitations are going out. He also mentioned the brush pile and tug grinder issue at the transfer station. He stated that there were concerns raised again about the potential liability to the town. He stated that there needs to be a strategy in place to address the tug grinder or get rid of it.

Kurt stated that the Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz has been discussing this for 6 months in conjunction with the Risk Advisor. He stated that the town applied for a burn permit but was denied by the state as the pile is too big. He also stated that they have been looking to outside vendors to come in and chip it but it is quite pricey. Kurt stated that there is only one employee working at the transfer station which is difficult for one person and too expensive to hire a second employee. He stated that this will be addressed. Kurt stated that the recycling bins will be dropped off on the day that the garbage is picked up. Every home will be receiving a green bin for recycling and blue bin for garbage. With regard to paving on Patton Avenue, Jay Lane and Halsey Sreet, he stressed that the project is not done yet but within the next week this will all be addressed.

ITEM #26: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

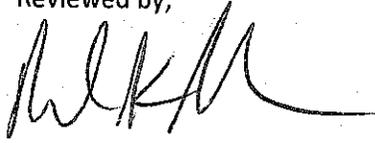
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman