

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 18, 2014 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 11/20/14
TIME: 9:45am
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Al Bruno, Paul Roy, Karen Stanek, Annmarie Drugonis (7:01Pm) and Len Greene, Jr.

Members Absent: W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman;

Others Present: Richard Buturla, Town Counsel; Mike Cronin, Lianna Staffieri, and Rory Burke.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by Deputy First Selectman, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, at 7:00 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 November 5, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from November 5, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Abstain

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

None.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding the 2015 STEAP application.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2015 STEAP application.

Nicole read resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. 4-66g, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Seymour, CT make an application to the State for \$200,000.00 in order to undertake the STEAP Town of Seymour Sidewalk Replacement Project Phase V and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Seymour Board of Selectmen

(Governing Body)

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by

C.G. S. 4-66g

(State Statutory Reference)

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by

The Town of Seymour

(Applicant)

in an amount not to exceed \$ 200,000.00 is hereby approved and that

W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman

(Title and Name of Authorized Official)

is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Seymour, CT.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action on Seymour Fire Department surplus equipment request.

Annmarie Drugonis stated that she would like more information. Nicole stated that the Fire Chief was not in attendance at the moment.

Motion to table Item #6: discussion and take possible action on Seymour Fire Department surplus equipment request.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on FFY 2015 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement.

Nicole read the follows resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that W. Kurt Miller, as First Selectman of Town of Seymour, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that W. Kurt Miller now holds the office of First Selectman and that he/she has held that office since December 5, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 19th day of November 2014.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #8: Executive Session.

None.

ITEM #9: Appointments

Motion to appoint Paul Roy to the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee Alternate until completion.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

1-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Mary Reyher to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on December 2, 2017.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Paul Roy

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Andrew Venditti, Jr. to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on November 20, 2015.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Al Bruno

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Frankie Casanova to EMSOC for a term of two (2) years expiring on November 20, 2016.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Rebecca Golebieski to the Housing Authority for a term of four (4) years expiring on November 30, 2018.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Paul Roy

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Brenda A. White to the Housing Authority for a term of four (4) years expiring on November 30, 2018.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Al Bruno

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Jeff Dussetschleger to the Valley Health District Board for a term of three (3) years expiring on November 18, 2017.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #10: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

0-Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #11: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #12: Correspondence.

- Check register.
- Attorney Buturla’s response regarding the blight fines.
- Resignation Letter from Len Greene, Jr. from the Livable Communities Committee.
- Letter to the Board of Selectmen from the Board of Public Works.
- Letter from a resident about her road.

ITEM #13: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #14: Selectmen’s Public Comments.

Karen Stanek stated that she has received the letter from Town Counsel regarding blight fines. She stated that she doesn’t understand the ruling.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that the Ordinance does not allow the blight officer to waive any fines after they start accruing after 14 days. He stated however, the Board of Selectmen have the authority to waive the fines. The Blight Officer has a lot of discretion when he gives the notice of violation and once given the notice, fines start accruing. If the Blight Officer does not give the notice of violation, then the fines will not accrue.

Karen inquired about what if the fine is not paid after the Blight Officer blights a property and the fine starts accruing. Town Counsel, Richard Buturla stated that the town would record a lien against the property. He stated that with that lien, the town will claim priority, the same priority of taxes and then foreclosure is commenced. He stated that it will not cost the town to acquire the property. He gave an example of a current situation where the town is in the middle of foreclosing on a house. He stated that two things will happen, either the town will take back the property, or someone else will acquire it. He discussed a similar program in the City of Derby.

Karen inquired if Town Counsel’s advice would be to revisit the Blight Ordinance to tighten it up.

Richard Buturla suggested that the board work with it, see where it goes and then make recommendations. He stated that the ordinance is relatively new in terms of its use by Seymour.

Motion to take Item #6: Discussion and take possible action on Seymour Fire Department surplus equipment request off the table.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Discussion and take possible action on Seymour Fire Department surplus equipment request.

Fire Chief, Mike Cronin, identified Engine 10 and Engine 18 as being 35 year old vehicles that have outlived their usefulness. He stated that they have identified a replacement and funding sources. He stated that he is asking the Board of Selectmen to allow him to sell the two vehicles on the open market. He stated that they do believe these vehicles have a value of \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00 but they won’t know until they sell them. He stated that he would like to move forward with this before he goes into financing for the new vehicle.

Annmarie stated that she would like to review the information.

Mike stated that Engine 10 and Engine 18 are pumper trucks and don’t see much use by the fire department. He stated that if he cannot sell these vehicles out right, he will have to come before the board and ask for an increase in the line item.

Karen inquired if these vehicles service the Great Hill area.

Mike stated that one truck does and hasn’t been used to bring water to that area in 20 years. He stated that the trucks are both out of service.

Mike also discussed the very little use of the trucks in the recent past. He also discussed what the trucks are used to transport. Len inquired if there would be a problem if the board took a couple weeks to decide on this matter. Mike stated that it will not and the goal is to get the trucks out on the open market. He stated that he also can't guarantee they will sell.

Len inquired about the replacement vehicle. Mike stated the Fire Department's mission is to obtain more of a utility type truck to carry equipment to the scene. He stated that they have been dealing with a lot of different things with the past few storms and this vehicle will a better fit in those situations.

Karen inquired about the capability of bringing water to the areas in Seymour that do not have hydrants.

Mike discussed the four vehicles that are able to bring water to those areas. He also discussed the future of some of the fire trucks. He stated that the NFPA does not recommend any front line apparatus to be older than 10 years, reserve up to 20 and nothing older than 30. The Fire Department is looking at high replacement costs in the 2017/2018 year for front line apparatuses and/or equipment.

Motion to table discussion and possible action on Seymour Fire Department surplus equipment request to the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #15: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:31 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary