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Town of Seymour
Board of Selectman
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria (7:43pm), Gary Bruce, Karen Stanek, Al Bruno and Town Counsel Rich Buturla.

Members Absent: Annmarie Drugonis and Theresa Conroy.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Sean Walsh, Al Yagovane, Michael Flynn and Paul Roy

Item #1 –Call meeting to order.

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

Item #2 –Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 –Public Comment.

Paul Roy, 80 Washington Ave: The town needs a resource officer. With the staff of 42 police officers there is no reason the community, school and statewide narcotics officer. We need to work with the Chief to make this happen.

Item #4–First Selectman's Report

Update on West Street intersection; a few issues with parking at the Historical Society and will have meetings in the next couple of days with project completion at the end of the month. Public Works is in the process of road patching. Planning to use STEEP grants for funds to pave two roads and possibly two others. Spoke to owner of Henny Penny and demolition should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Attended two meetings with the Boys and Girls Club with further information to follow during this meeting under the agenda item. Along with superintendent Christine Syriac and Board of Education Chairman Yashu Putorti to welcome kids off of the bus on the first day of school. Met with Housatonic Counsel of Boy Scouts of America to discuss options and brainstorm to increase participation in Seymour. Had coffee with members of Senior Center and contract negotiations still continue, progress is slow but moving forward.

Item #5—Approve Minutes from August 20, 2013 Special Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from August 20, 2013 Special Meeting.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to add to the agenda set a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:15pm regarding the acquisition of 111A Squantuck Road.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Gary Bruce
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

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Motion: Al Bruno
Yes: 4

Second: Gary Bruce
No: 0

O: Abstain

Item #6—Discussion and take possible action on designating September 19, 2013 as “No Texting While Driving Day”.

Whereas texting has become the way many people communicate today, which means some people are doing it at the worst possible time – while driving, and

Whereas texting while driving is involved in over 100,000 motor vehicle crashes each year, often causing injuries and deaths, and

Whereas those who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in some type of safety critical event as compared to those drivers who don’t text while they drive, and

Whereas in 2009 AT&T launched the public awareness campaign “It Can Wait” to educate the public about the dangers of texting while driving by encouraging consumers to take the personal pledge not to text while driving, and

Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the Town of Seymour designates September 19, 2013 as “No Texting While Driving Day” to focus attention on the dangers of texting while driving, and

Be it further proclaimed that the members of the Board of Selectmen have taken the personal pledge to not text and drive, support efforts to raise public awareness about the dangers of texting while driving and encourage others to take the pledge not to text and drive.

Motion to accept the proclamation as read.

Motion: Gary Bruce

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 4

No: 0

O: Abstain

Item #7—Discussion and take possible action on designating September as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, blood cancers currently afflict more than 1,012,533 Americans with an estimated 140,310 new cases diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 53,010 people in the United States this year, and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seymour joins with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in designating the month of September 2013 as Leukemia Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness

Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Signed at the Town of Seymour on the 14th day of August 2007.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #8—Discussion and Take Possible Action on recommendations from the Public Works Board on the open position at DPW.

Letter read from the Chairman of Public Work Board recommending the hire of one employee for the open Truck Driver position.

Motion for the Town of Seymour to extend an offer of employment for the open position of Public Works Truck Driver to Robert Prihoda pending a background check, license verification, pre-employment drug screening and any other screening the town deems necessary.

Motion: Gary Bruce Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #9—Update and discussion regarding Boys and Girls Club

Discussions with the Boys and Girls Club have begun to open a branch in the Community Center. The Fire Marshal was asked to review the condition of the building and provided recommended upgrades that are required. Work needs to be started to complete the necessary upgrades required in time for the target open date. Town Counsel was asked to contact the Boys and Girls Club to begin the legal processes to present to the Board of Selectmen in October 2013.

Motion to allow the Town of Seymour to spend previously approved LoCIP funds to be used for updates at the Community Center.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #10—Discussion and Take Possible Action regarding 2013-2014 WPCA Budget.

The Board of Selectmen must approve the WPCA budget. The proposed budget was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for review. Kurt Miller stated there was not enough information provided and would ask the WPCA provide further details for review at the September 17, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion to reject the WPCA 2013-2014 budget as presented.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 4 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #11—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Blight Ordinance Revision

Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion regarding the inclusion of a section regarding trees. The Board of Selectmen are in favor of removing the discussed section.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria arrived at 7:43pm

Town Counsel Rich Buturla provided an opinion regarding the discussion from the Special Meeting on August 20, 2013 regarding private and public view stating limiting the Blight officer to public view and not

allowing private view is not a violation of constitutional rights but a policy. The majority of the Board of Selectmen are in favor of the ordinance stating public view only. Attorney Stanek will be asked to update the ordinance and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Item #12—Set Public Hearing for Tuesday September 17, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall regarding Blight Ordinance Revisions.

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:30pm in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall regarding Blight Ordinance Revisions.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #13—Update from Broad Street Park Committee

Al Yagovane presented an update regarding Broad Street Park. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for September 15, 2013. The Broad Street Park Committee members would like to remain active to help with the maintenance and care of the park. Kurt Miller stated there is no discussion at this time to disband the committee.

Item #14—Executive Session (Strand Contract Negotiations, Paul Beres)

Motion to add to the agenda an executive and public discussion for the purpose and approving a stipulated heart and hypertension award to police officer Paul Beres.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:06pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to exit Executive Session at 9:02pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion of approval of stipulated heart and hypertension award to Paul Beres subject to documentation in form and content satisfactory to Town Counsel.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Karen Stanek
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Town Counsel Rich Buturla is excused at 9:04pm

Item #15—Appointments

Motion to appoint Mike Horbal to the Broad Street Park Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on September 7, 2015.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Elizabeth Carson to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2014.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Patty Macko to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Jon Szuch to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2014.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Dave Bitso to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Elizabeth Conrad to the Downtown Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on September 4, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Gary Bruce
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Jon Szuch to the Economic Development Committee for a term of three (3) years expiring on September 7, 2016.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #16—Tax Refunds / Abatements

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #17—Transfers

None.

Item #18—Correspondence

Check Register

Note cancelling the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Letter from the State Delegation to the DOT regarding safety upgrades needed on Rt. 34

Item #19—Public Comment

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street: Old Ansonia Road has a lot of cracks. Are there any appropriations for sealing?

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street (Public Works Chairman): There was an issue at the Public Works facility the other night and he is concerned that three people were walking through the parking lot and through vehicles and no one questioned why they were there. The camera system is only as good as the people monitoring it.

Item #20—Selectmen's Public Comments

Karen Stanek: Complimenting Citizens Engine for the Lobster and Steak Dinner last week. Would like to ask the status of the Great Hill Dam. Kurt Miller stated the police have arrested 4 or 5 kids. Police are

monitoring. The bigger issue is the condition of the dam itself and more information would be provided as it is received. Concerned about the renovation of the West Street intersection and making sure the Historical Society does not loose parking. Has driven the stretch of Route 34 that has been discussed at previous meetings and agrees with the people that speeding is an issue. More police presence is necessary.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Thank you Al Yagovane for your hard work at Broad Street Park.

Al Bruno: Happy to be a part of Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month. His mother is a lymphoma survivor and because of wonderful doctors she is still with us. Great job at Broad Street Park, looking forward to the dedication.

Gary Bruce: Great job to Al Yagovane on the Broad Street Park. Does not see the Broad Street Park Committee getting disbanded anytime soon.

Item #21—Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:22pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:



Michelle Walsh
Recording Secretary

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman