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Town of Seymour
Board of Selectman
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 6, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria (7:07pm), Theresa Conroy, Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Karen Stanek, Al Bruno and Town Counsel Rich Buturla.

Members Absent: Karen Stanek.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Jamie Brennan, Sean Walsh, Don Smith and Paul Roy

Item #1 –Call meeting to order.

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Item #2 –Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 –Public Comment.

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: Asked the town to not allow anonymous blight complaints and to place some restrictions to only adjacent properties.

Item #4 –First Selectman's Report

New website is under development and the full website launch is planned for mid-September. Attended a meeting with VCOG regarding the Route 67 widening project. Continued contract negotiations with unions productive with administrators union but long way off with the clerks union and public works.

Attended the Kids police academy graduation luncheon. Met with CCM and operations staff about the building energy efficiency program and scheduled a meeting with the Board of Education on August 20, 2013 to discuss options. In the beginning of September 2013 we will begin road repair with \$100,000 of chip sealing to be completed in October. A favorable bond rating was awarded to the town of Seymour and the report was passed out to the Board of Selectmen for their review.

Item #5—Approve Minutes from July 16, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from July 16, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 5 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #6—Approve Minutes from July 24, 2013 Ordinance Committee Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from July 24, 2013 Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 4 No: 0 1: Abstain (Gary Bruce)

(Ordinance Committee consists of three members: Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria and Theresa Conroy)

Nicole Klarides-Ditria arrived to meeting at 7:07pm

Item #7—Action on Special Town meeting regarding Capital Financing

No Action needed.

Item #8—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Skate Park Committee ARC contract approval

Skate Park ground breaking is scheduled for 6pm on August 7, 2013. Don Smith handed out an updated Skate Park Budget to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion to add to the agenda authorize authority to the Skate Park Committee to issue a purchase order to New England recreation under the State bid list for equipment not to exceed \$63,000.00.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

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Motion: Al Bruno Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #9—Discussion and Take Possible Action on West St. Intersection Renovation

CL&P will remove the telephone pole in the middle of the intersection. Once the telephone pole is removed the Public Works Department will take over the project. More information will be provided at the August 20, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Item #10—Discussion and Take Possible Action on light pole at 16 Dogwood Drive (#F8476)

The resident at 16 Dogwood Drive is asking the Board of Selectmen to approve the moving of the light pole next to the driveway entrance. The resident has contacted CL&P and would assume all costs associated with moving the light pole.

Motion to allow the relocation of the light pole at 16 Dogwood Drive as presented pending approval by CL&P.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #11—Discussion and Take Possible Action on ConnDOT Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects (MMAC)

Resolution Read:

Resolved that the honorable W Kurt Miller, First Selectmen, be hereby authorized to sign the agreement titled Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects (MMAC) adopted by the Board of Selectmen for the town of Seymour, CT on this 6th day of August 2013.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #12—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Light Duty Provision for Union Contracts

Motion to table Discussion and Take Possible Action on Light Duty Provision for Union Contracts.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #13—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Blight Ordinance Revision

An updated copy of the Blight Ordinance Revisions was provided to the Board of Selectmen. Attorney Fred Stanek was asked to provide wording regarding larger parcels of property and lawn allowances. The Town of Seymour Blight Officer provided a statement with suggested ordinance revisions. The Board of Selectmen requested the Seymour Blight Officer attend the Board of Selectmen meeting on August 20, 2013 to discuss his recommendations. A Public Hearing will be scheduled in September 2013.

Item #14—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Building Review Committee Recommendations

Attorney Brian Lema and Fred Messore, Economic Development Director, drafted and presented to developers the legal notice on LoPresti School.

Item #15—Executive Session (Squantuck Road: Blight Officer)

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:46pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:37pm with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Attorney Rich Buturla dismissed at 8:37pm.

Item #16—Appointments

Motion to appoint Dave McAndrew to Inland Wetlands Alternate for a term of four (4) years expiring on August 6, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Joe LaRovera to the Recreation Commission for a term of two (2) years expiring on August 6, 2015.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Gary Bruce
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Marian O'Keefe as the Town Historian.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Tom Schutte to EMSOC for a term of two (2) years expiring on August 6, 2015.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 5 No: 1 (Theresa Conroy) 0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Rory Burke to the Technology Committee for a term of one (1) year expiring on August 6, 2014.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #17—Tax Refunds / Abatements

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Yes: 6 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #18—Transfers

None.

Item #19—Correspondence

Letter from Chief Metzler recommending Sergeant David Parratt and Officer James Duda for the Seymour Police Department's Life Saving Award.

Letter from the Great Hill United Methodist Church regarding the "Blessing of Backpacks" event.

Letter from the Culture & Arts Commission regarding the Strand Theater.

Item #20—Public Comment

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: He couldn't make the Ordinance Committee Meeting on the twenty-fourth but wanted to mention a statement that only single family properties would be allowed assistance under the Blight Ordinance. Owners of multifamily properties are not all wealthy and could benefit from the same assistance provided to single family properties. Under the discussion of public and private view regarding the Blight Ordinance, please keep in mind the Blight Officer cannot go onto private property without a warrant. Recently, another town lost a lawsuit because the Blight Officer does not have the right to enter private property.

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: What is Blight? Is it the de-valuing of property or a neighbor not liking what is in the yard?

Ron Hallaman, 100 Day Street: He had concerns with the proposed Blight Ordinance Revisions. He assumes the comments regarding RV's has been removed. With rain and work obligations he could see where the lawn could reach greater than 12 inches. Also, owning property does not make it a yard. Businesses and not just residents are in violation of blight.

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: Motor vehicles in yards should be reported to the tax assessor as motivation to clean up or pay taxes.

Item #21—Selectmen's Public Comments

Theresa Conroy: Thanks to Marion O'Keefe for providing background information on her appointment, she is a great historian. She is proud of the Seymour Police Officers. The home she was staying at in Florida was burglarized—only one officer arrived to the scene with a poor response time. We complain about local taxes, but the services are not the same.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Thanks to Sergeant David Parratt and Officer James Duda for a great job. Our emergency services do a great job.

Al Bruno: Congratulation to all the youth sport successes. Seymour softball team state champs, baseball team Mudcats won Nolan Ryan World Series. Congratulations to Chris Sealant who has played in Seymour youth sports and recently made the Olympic Development Program team for soccer.

Annmarie Drugonis: Great news on the Skate Park ground breaking. Can't say enough about Seymour Police and it is nice to recognize the softball and MudCats accomplishments.

Gary Bruce: Inquired about the status of Great Hill Dam. Kurt Miller stated four kids from Trumbull were arrested and they are working on how to stop swimmers. There are concerns with the dam structure where the town may see a sizable cost, but they are exploring it at this time.

Item #22—Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 6

No: 0

O: Abstain

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:



Michelle Walsh
Recording Secretary

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman