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Town of Seymour
Board of Selectman
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Jamie Brennan, Joe Majoros, Meredith Shook, Joan Daum, Gayle Bannon, Sean Walsh, Frank Connors, Debbie Ice, Al Yagovane and Paul Roy

Item #1 –Call meeting to order.

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Item #2 –Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 –Public Comment.

None.

Item #4 –First Selectman's Report

None. Will review the town bond rating at the August 6, 2013 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting.

Item #5—Approve Minutes from July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 6 No: 0 1: Abstain (Theresa Conroy)

Item #6—Approve Minutes from June 25, 2013 Ordinance Committee Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from June 25, 2013 Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 3 No: 0 0: Abstain

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

Item #7—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Skate Park Committee Recommendations

Motion to go out of order and skip Item #7 Discussion and Take Possible Action on Skate Park Committee Recommendations at this time.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

Item #8—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Deputy Fire Marshal Vehicle

The purchase of a vehicle for the Deputy Fire Marshal was included in the approved 2013-2014 Capital Plan. A resolution needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to proceed.

Motion to add to the agenda resolution of the 2013-2014 Capital Plan.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

Resolution Read:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$250,000 for costs with respect to 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); acquisition of a large mower and related equipment for use by the Parks Department (estimated cost \$70,000); oil tank removal at the Community Center (estimated cost \$15,000); improvements to the Great Hill Firehouse Roof (estimated cost \$25,000); acquisition of a Fire Marshall truck (estimated cost \$33,000); and miscellaneous financing costs (estimated costs \$15,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to finance the appropriation.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

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

The town engineer is working on the intersection renovation with expected completion in six weeks. The pole on the island will be moved in the next week.

Item #10—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: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to add to the agenda setting of a Special Town Meeting for action on the 2013-2014 Capital Plan for Tuesday August 6, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting for action on the 2013-2014 Capital Plan for Tuesday August 6, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 7 No: 0 0: Abstain

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

Attorney Fred Stanek was present to answer questions regarding the Blight Ordinance revisions. The Board of Selectmen had a lengthy discussion regarding concerns voiced by residents at the Public Hearing on July 16, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Attorney Stanek recommended having another Public Hearing regarding the Blight Ordinance Revisions if they were not filed with the Town Clerk's Office. Concerns regarding the fourteen day compliance window and the \$100 per day fine were discussed. The Selectmen debated compliance windows from the stated 14 days to 21 days to 30 days. Possibilities of setting up avenues to help residents were discussed.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the allowance of the Blight Officer onto private property if invited by a resident to inspect an adjacent property that is felt to be blight but is not viewable from the road. Language regarding house gutters and disabled individuals needs to be revised. The Board of Selectmen will continue discussion on the Blight Ordinance Revision for action at the August 6, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Attorney Fred Stanek dismissed at 8:10pm.

Motion to go out of order and return to Item #7 Discussion and Take Possible Action on Skate Park Committee Recommendations at this time.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Yes: 7 No: 0 O: Abstain

Bid was received from RS Site and Sport LLC in the amount of \$74,500.00. The Skate Park Committee approved sending the received bid to the Board of Selectmen for approval. The Skate Park budget had been updated and provided to the Board of Selectmen. Paul Roy and the Skate Park Committee would like to retain Donald Smith's services throughout the building phase of the park.

Motion to accept the Skate Park Committee recommendation to accept the bid from RS Site and Sport LLC in the amount not to exceed \$74,500.00.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 7 No: 0 O: Abstain

Motion to allow the Skate Park Committee to hire Donald Smith PE for the construction phase in the amount not to exceed \$4,400.00.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Al Bruno
Yes: 7 No: 0 O: Abstain

The Skate Committee would like to put two signs stating the future site of the Seymour Skate Park with a phone number to call for donations.

Motion to allow the Skate Park Committee not more than \$800 for the purchase of signs to place on Pine Street and the entrance to the Community Center.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Theresa Conroy
Yes: 7 No: 0 O: Abstain

Item #12—Discussion and Take Possible Action on Building Review Committee Recommendations

No updates provided at this time. LoPresti School has been getting cleaned up by Public Works.

Item #13—Executive Session

None.

Item #14—Appointments

None.

Item #15—Tax Refunds / Abatements

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Yes: 7 No: 0 O: Abstain

Item #16—Transfers

None.

Item #17—Correspondence

None.

Item #18—Public Comment

Frank Connors, 26 Union Street: Blight complaints should be provided on a form and people should not be allowed to make anonymous complaints. What dictates who can make a blight complaint?

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road: His 250 year old home never had gutters and does not agree that not having gutters is considered blight. Does not agree with site lines visible from complaining person’s property. A tax payer has the right to their own property.

Al Yagovane, 25 Elaine Drive: Broad Street Park had the last brick installed today on the main walkway. Grass cannot be planted until September.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: The current Blight Ordinance covers all of the complaints that were made today. The town cannot dictate how much firewood is too much. Agrees the time frame is too short and the gutter dilemma is covered by removing the word “missing” from the ordinance. In agreement with Theresa Conroy and thinks the sign the Blight Officer has posted on properties looks tacky and ridiculous. Blight can happen overnight when the ordinance is abused with complaints on boats and bicycles. Wording is needed to restrict repeat complaints on a property that has been deemed not blighted by the officer and maybe a penalty is needed for continual false complaints. The town has an obligation to protect all residents, even if you don’t like how it looks.

Mike Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street: The police are needed to stop speeding on Skokorat. The town may want to look into dehydrated foods in the unfortunate fate of a catastrophic event.

Item #19—Selectmen’s Public Comments

Karen Stanek: A big proponent of the Blight Ordinance and would like to see it enforced at TriTown Plaza. Would like to see the trash at Gary Park picked up either before the kids arrive or after the kids leave for Summer Camp. Dennis Rozum stated trash would be picked up prior to kids arriving for camp. Asked if commission would be paid on the sale of LoPresti School; Kurt Miller stated “no”.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Congratulations to the Seymour All Stars moving onto Regionals.

Al Bruno: Glad to hear all the public comments.

Gary Bruce: Would like to see the Check Register included in the correspondence. Kurt Miller stated he would have it included with every packet. Thanks to Al Yagovane for a job well done at Broad Street Park.

Kurt Miller: Over the last couple of meetings the Board of Selectmen have done a lot of good for the town. He is proud to sit with the six of them.

Item #20—Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

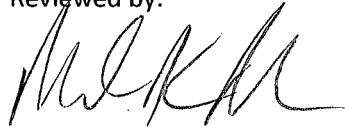
0: Abstain

Submitted by:



Michelle Walsh
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman