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Minutes

Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 @ 7pm

Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria (7:11pm), Karen Stanek, Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, and Bryan Lema Town Counsel.

Not present: Theresa Conroy.

Others present: Peter Cunniff, Scott Andrews, Peter Jezierny, and Bryan Ryan.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 4 – First Selectman's Report.

- Downtown Attendant will begin next Monday.
- Emergency Management Drill.
- SERC Team members had training. Thanks to Timm Willis, Tom Eighmie, and Rich Kearns.
- Are continuing union negotiations with the administrators, clerks and DPW.
- Working on the new website, hope to have it up and running by late August.
- DPW will begin curbing next week and will continue through the summer to begin repairing damage done by the storms this winter.
- Will be finalizing light duty policy to review by the July 16, 2013 meeting.
- Has updates for Theresa's questions about Sweets & Eats, which should have permits from DOT by August, and Karen's questions about blighted properties. Seymour Lumber property is moving along. There have been some questions about a retaining wall by the DOT, but there is interest by a national tenant.

ITEM # 5 – Approve minutes from June 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2013 regular meeting.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)

ITEM # 6 – Discussion and possible action on DPW obsolete equipment request.

DPW would like the Board to approve going out to bid to sell their obsolete 1987 Mack dump truck as is and without the plow.

Motion to go out to bid to sell the 1987 Mack Dump Truck as is with no plow.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-yes

0-no

0-abstain

ITEM # 7 – Discussion and possible action on DPW road resurfacing program.

The Director of Public Works has submitted a 5 year resurfacing plan for the most needed Town roads. He is proposing a chip sealing program, which he feels will enhance the longevity of roads in selected areas. He would also recommend using Seymour Sealing since they are on the State Bid List.

ITEM #8 – Discussion and take possible action on West Street intersection renovation.

Engineer is working on this project with the First Selectman. Hopefully the process can begin by the middle to the end of August. We will be taking away the island next to historical society and moving it next to the historical society property, which will make the intersection a true 4 way stop. This will make the area safer and the historical society will gain more land. We will have more info on 16th.

ITEM #9 – Discussion and possible action on the Great Hill Reservoir Dam.

Peter Jezierney, 93 Walnut Street, Conservation Commission Chairman and Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Update on damage done at the Great Hill Reservoir Dam.

Took Tony Caserta up there and found out that the vandals have come back, fencing is in the reservoir and thrown off the dam. Garbage and debris are everywhere. Fence is required on dam by DEEP. Police have patrolled have not caught anyone swimming and have not caught vandals. Need to protect the dam somehow. Would like the Selectmen to take a walk and notice the surface of the dam that is 5 feet wide. Very dangerous. How to keep them off, barbed wire? It is also filthy, Seymour Pride cleaned the area in April and you wouldn't know it. The Town of Seymour owns the dam and has the obligation to maintain it. Potentially lower the water level, but that would only be temporary. Oxford owns a piece of the reservoir. Anything that is done must be done in conjunction with Oxford and a permit from DEEP for water diversion would be necessary. This would not be a permanent solution.

Town Counsel Brian Lema would like to see the DEEP letter so he may determine the Town's responsibility to maintain the dam. Engineers need to have a proposal. Legal Liability.

Tom Eighmie: If emergency services would need to get in there they would not be able to get down there safely.

Scott Andrews: Only John Deer could get down there, not a good circumstance.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Something needs to be done. Maybe barbed wire, but emergency vehicles cannot get down there.

Annmarie Drugonis: Can we possibly install cameras?

Gary Bruce: Perhaps a possible barrier partial way down the dam. So if someone fell they would only fall 5-10 feet.

Kurt: We could ask Nafis & Young. We need to do something. Possibly turn the area into a recreational area.

Peter: The Town will still obligated to maintain even if it is closed down or made into a possible recreational area. Relocation and access road, facility open with life guards during the summer months. Need to keep people from climbing on the dam structure and valve house.

Al Bruno: Would like the towns legal obligations spelled out by our law firm.

Brian will update the Board after evaluating the DEEP letter. Kurt will work with Peter and Nafis & Young on a plan.

ITEM #10 – Discussion and take possible action on Boys and Girls Club.

Kurt has given all of the Selectmen a copy of the Boys & Girls Club proposal for a Satellite Program. The Town needs to make an investment to get building up to code. After School Program for Seymour kids would be \$75 per month. Very good price and tremendous value. Asked Don Smith and Paul Wetowitz to come up with a list of priority repairs and upgrades that would need to be done to be able to house the B&G Club and they came up with a list of \$55,500. LOCIP funds will pay for these upgrades. The B&G Club would pay for all professional fees, such as engineering, architecture, and permits. Currently there is approximately \$308,000 in LOCIP Funds.

Nicole: This is a great idea. Great addition to our town. Redevelop that building.

Karen: Can it be ready by the end of August when school starts?

Kurt: Everyone is confident that it will be done, but if not the program will just start later.

Karen: Has anyone considered the impact on Soncca? And who would hold the Insurance liability?

Kurt: Boys and Girls Club will hold their own insurance. There are approximately 60 kids from Seymour go to Shelton Boys & Girls Club now. This will be for primarily Seymour kids, but could allow Oxford kids to come if there is room.

Motion to go out of order on the Agenda and move action on item # 10 until after item # 17.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM #11 – Discussion and possible action on the SAA Contract.

Everyone received the 2nd copy of the draft contract. Town Counsel has approved some language changes. EMSOC, SAA, and Kurt all came to agreements about stipend. Beneficial to the Town and SAA. SAA is strong and provides a tremendous service to the Town of Seymour and we would like to continue partnership. The Town of Seymour pays a stipend to help some residents that cannot pay. Used to split utilities 50/50 now SAA pay 80% and the Town of Seymour pay 20%. The contract has a stipend for 5 years with the first 2 years giving a 3% increase, the third and fourth years giving a 4% increase and the 5th year giving a 5% increase. The Town will be saving over \$6,000 on this contract. There is a clause to reopen contract in case of unforeseen problems that are beyond SAA's control. Town Counsel is satisfied with this agreement.

Motion to approve SAA contract for 5 years as presented.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-yes 0-No 1-abstain (Gary Bruce, who states that SAA does a great job)

ITEM #12 – Set Special Town Meeting regarding SAA contract.
Don't need to do this.

ITEM # 13 – Discussion and possible action on Blight Ordinance revision.

Kurt, Nicole, and Theresa with attorney Stanek and Blight Enforcement Officer Mike Marganski worked hard on this. Need to set a public hearing for the 16th for the residents. All parties believe this is a good ordinance and beneficial to have the experience of Mike Marganski on blight laws. Biggest thing was putting in fines, which will be \$100 per day for civil penalties.

Al: Would like to know if campers, pods, etc. in the front of properties will be considered. Kurt will have the section that deals with that on the 16th.

ITEM # 14 – Set Public Hearing for July 16, 2013 at 6pm regarding Blight Ordinance revision.

Motion to set a public hearing for proposed revisions to the blight ordinance for Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 630pm in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM # 15 – Discussion and possible action on Building Review Committee Recommendations. (RFP/RFQ for Maple Street School)

Fred A. Messore, Economic Development Director will spearhead the project to sell the empty school. Selectmen all have a copy of the RFP/RFQ. Town Counsel said the document is self-explanatory. A potential developer would have to file for permits to change the use of the building. They would have to disclose potential uses, understand that this is a sale not a lease, and must purchase as is. Developer would have to give at least a \$25,000 deposit. Need to have financial and professional ability to undertake the project. Town reserves the right to reject any proposal.

Fred worked with Town Counsel on language and dates, scope of work, etc. There are provisions in the proposal to protect the town's best interests. Even cover the costs of the building in the winter months if needed.

Motion to authorize the Economic Development Director to proceed with finalizing the RFP/RFQ package and publish for solicitation for the sale of 29 Maple Street.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Fred thanks the building review committee for all of their hard work.

ITEM # 16 - Executive Session – (School Security, Personnel – Blight Officer, Legal – Fawn Hollow Road, White Deer Lane, Squantuck Road.)

Motion to go into executive session for School Security, Personnel – Blight Officer, Legal – Fawn Hollow Road, White Deer Lane, Squantuck Road with Attorney Stanek and Town Counsel Brian Lema at 8:12PM.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:16pm with no action or motions.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Motion to use LOCIP funds for School Security as discussed in executive session.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM #10 – Discussion and take possible action on Boys & Girls Club.

Motion to use LOCIP funds for renovations to the bottom floor of the Community Center to house the Boys & Girls Club.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM #18 – Appointments.

Motion to appoint Lisa Andrzejewski to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a 4-Year term expiring on 7/2/17.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM #19 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$589.15.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

ITEM # 20 – Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 21 - Correspondence.

- Letter from the CT State Veterans Memorial.
- Responses to some of the Selectmen's questions.
- FEMA letters.

ITEM # 22 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 23 – Selectmen's Public Comments.

Gary: Check registers are missing from the packet.

(Rory will send everyone the check registers and the quarterly reports via email.)

ITEM # 24 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:33pm.

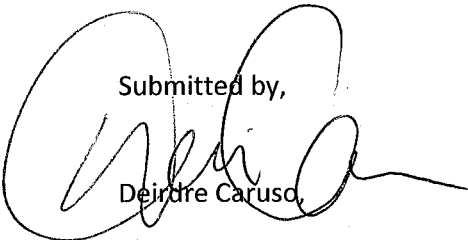
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-yes 0-no

0-abstain

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman