Town of Seymour Board of Selectman MINUTES Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2013 @ 7:00PM Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 6/3/3
TIME: 1/13/17
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Members Absent: Theresa Conroy.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Don Smith, Brian Lima and Fred Messore

Item #1 -Call meeting to order.

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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.

Kurt Miller wanted to discuss the passing of the State Budget and the effects to the town of Seymour. The Board of Selectmen reviewed a report supplied by CCM. The flexible spending account was awarded less funding but LOCIP funding was increased. The State had awarded funds to programs that would incur less recurrence. Kurt Miller, Doug Thomas and Tony Casserta will dissect the funds awarded and the impact on Seymour beginning July 1, 2013.

Kurt Miller spent time reviewing the 2012-2013 budget which seems to fall within budget. Kurt Miller has also been working on town bonding to smooth debt service payments as well as they can. Currently the town would see a spike in debt service in the next year.

Item #5—Approve Minutes May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes from May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #6— Approve Minutes May 29, 2013 Special Meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes from May 29, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 4

No: 0

2: Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Gary Bruce)

Item #7— Announcement of First Selectman's Scholarship Recipients.

The 2013 recipients of the First Selectman's Scholarship are Katherine Acquavella, Alex Capobianco and Carissa Wasikowski. A total of \$400 was awarded to these exceptional Seymour young adults.

Item #8— Discussion and take possible action regarding the 2013 Neighborhood Assistance Act applicants.

No action taken.

Item #9— Executive session (litigation – Abrams)

Motion to enter into Executive session to discuss Abrams legal matter at 7:12pm.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to come out of Executive session with not motions or actions taken at 7:24pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #10— Possible Action on Abrams Litigation

Motion to accept Town Counsel's recommendation of resolution of settlement in the Abram's claim as discussed in Executive session.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #11— Discussion and take possible action on Agreement between the Town of Seymour and the Seymour Conservation Trust regarding property at Chatfield Park and Legion Pool.

Brian Lima representing the Town of Seymour presented the proposed land swap with the Seymour Conservation Trust regarding property at Chatfield Park and Legion Pool. The Seymour Conservation Trust requested a construction easement at Legion Pool.

Motion to grant a temporary construction easement from the town of Seymour to the Seymour Conservation Trust as presented by Town Counsel and allow the First Selectmen, Kurt Miller, to execute on behalf of the town.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to move forward to Special Town Meeting on June 18, 2013 at 6:30pm the proposed land swap between the Town of Seymour and the Seymour Conservation Trust regarding property at Chatfield Park and Legion Pool.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #12— Discussion and take possible action regarding recommendations from the Skate Park Committee.

A letter from Bob Looker, Town Planner was read to the Board of Selectmen stating the Seymour Planning and Zoning voted to submit a favorable report for the requested Sec 8-24 Referral from the Skate Park.

Motion to accept the Planning and Zoning recommendation as read in a letter dated May 15, 2013.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to approve the Skate Park Committee request to proceed with a request for bid on construction at 2 Pine Street.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #13— Discussion and take possible action regarding Town Homeowners Program.

A letter from Priscilla Altorelli, Assistant Tax Assessor was read regarding the Town Homeowners Program stating 308 applicants for a granted benefit of \$160 for those that have 100% ownership of the property.

Motion to approve the Town Homeowners Program recommendation as presented by the Town of Seymour Assessor's Office.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #14— Discussion and take possible action regarding sidewalk replacement reimbursement.

Request from John Marciniak for the Town of Seymour to consider partial reimbursement for sidewalk repair at his residence. The total cost of the repair is \$2,800. It has been Town policy to reimburse for one third of the cost of sidewalk repairs upon completion.

Motion to accept the request of John Marciniak at 20 First Street for one third of the amount of \$2,800 (\$924.00) for sidewalk repair upon completion of the repair.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #15— Discussion regarding the Town Charter changes' implications for the budget process.

Board of Selectmen discussed section 12.3 of the town charter. If the Board of Education 2013-2014 budget does not pass at the next referendum vote, the town would need to address the June 15th deadline and actions that are necessary. Town Counsel stated tax bills would not be less than the previous year to meet legal obligations. Tax bills would be sent out based on the previous year mill rate and supplements would be mailed to residents after the budget passed.

Item #16— Discussion and take possible action on Building Review Committee recommendations.

Fred Messore presented his recommendation regarding the sale of LoPresti School. He will supply the Board of Selectmen with information on another town sale of a school for reference. Recommended the Town modify the request to a Request for Developer as opposed to Request for Realtor. This could save the town 4-6% in fees.

Kurt Miller asked Town Counsel if an RFP with Qualifications could be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the July 2, 2013 meeting. Town Counsel stated a title search has been ordered to review if the parcel could be split.

Al Bruno stepped out of the meeting at 8:27pm Town Counsel excused at 8:30pm

Item #17— Appointments.

Motion to appoint Lee Heller to the Catchment Area 5 for a term of Two (2) years expiring on June 7, 2015.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Valerie D'Anna to Culture and Arts for a term of three (3) years expiring on May 31, 2016

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Jim Galligan as Town Engineer for a term of six (6) months expiring on December 6,

2013.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #18—Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented. Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #19—Transfers.

None.

Item #20—Correspondence.

Letter from Kurt Miller to Trisha Danka, Board of Finance Chairman Thank you letter from Domestic Violence Service of Greater New Haven

Item #21—Public Comment.

None.

Item #22—Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen Stanek: Asked who is responsible for the wall on lower Main Street. Kurt Miller stated the sawhorses placed have met all the requirements and the town is working with the property owner. The condition of the triangle in front of the Historic Society is poor. Kurt Miller stated plans to improve the intersection are in the works and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting. Wants to compliment Sue DeBarber on a great job in the Town Clerk Office.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria: Founder's Day was a great success.

Annmarie Drugonis: Also commented on the success of Founder's Day

Item #23—Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:37pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 5

No: 0

0: Abstain

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Michelle Walsh

W. Kurt Miller

Recording Secretary

First Selectman