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**Town of Seymour  
Board of Selectman  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 @ 7:00PM  
Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Frank Loda, Sean Walsh, Linda Bellavance and Dennis Rozum.

**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.**

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: His wife asked if Mrs. Rich has been appointed to the Commission on Aging, will she be appointed tonight?

**Item #4—First Selectman's Report.**

Held meeting with Fred Messoro and the owner at the Shell / Sweets-N-Eats location, progress is being made and plans are being submitted to Planning and Zoning.

Food Drive held on March 10, raised \$1,181.00 as well as food donations. Thanks to Seymour pride for organizing the drive.

Attended Third Congressional meeting with Rosa DeLauro discussing issues affecting the country as well as the state of Connecticut. The Risk Assessment Audits began the week of March 11, 2013. Preliminary reports outlining next steps are expected in April 2013.

Met with town's investment advisors and bond counsel to discuss the finalize proposing of the Seymour Middle School bonding issue. Provided written testimony on House Bill 6518 expressing concerns regarding effects bill would have on the current Emergency Medical Services. Monday, March 18, 2013 Kurt Miller provided oral testimony on House Bill 5860 regarding the Middle School Bonding issue. It seemed well received by the committee. State Representative Theresa Conroy and State Senator Rob Kane also provided testimony on Bill 5860.

Continued work on union contracts with Department of Public Works, Town Hall Administrators and Town Hall Clerks. Renegotiating the contract with the Strand Theatre is continuing.

**Item #5—Approve Minutes March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve Minutes from March 5, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 7

No: 0

O: Abstain

**Item #6—Discussion and take possible action on National Day of Prayer request.**

Motion to allow the National Day of Prayer ceremony at Seymour Town Hall on May 2, 2013.

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

**Item #7— Discussion and take possible action on multiple Founder’s Day requests**

Motion to allow the Seymour Founder’s Day to use the tables and chairs from the Seymour Community Center on June 2, 2013 or June 9, 2013.

Motion: Karen Stanek                      Second: Al Bruno  
Yes: 7                                        No: 0                                        0: Abstain

Motion to allow the Seymour Founder’s Day the use of all available Downtown parking lots controlled by the Town of Seymour on June 2, 2013 or June 9, 2013.

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

**Item #8— Set Town Meeting for April 2, 2013 on Blizzard Charlotte transfers.**

Proclamation read:

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, will be held at the Seymour Town Hall, Norma Drummer Room, 1 First Street in Seymour, Connecticut, on 2nd day, April 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and voting on the following item:

- 1) Transfers for Blizzard Charlotte and other miscellaneous transfers

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 21st day of March 2013.

By,  
W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen

Motion to set Special Town Meeting for April 2, 2013 on Blizzard Charlotte transfers.

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

**Item #9— Discussion and take possible action on Tax Abatements for the Seymour Ambulance Association and Seymour Fire Department.**

Motion to accept the recommended tax abatements for the Seymour Ambulance Association and Seymour Fire Department as presented by Chief Smith and Chief Andrews.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Yes: 6                                        No: 0                                        1: Abstain (Gary Bruce)

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding the lease of State Land, Seymour CT for Route 8.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis        Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Yes: 7                                        No: 0                                        0: Abstain

A packet of information regarding the lease of State land, Seymour CT for Route 8 was received. Town Counsel will review and report at the April 2, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding the new master agreement regarding fire suppression standpipe systems on bridges.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis      Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Yes: 7                              No: 0                              0: Abstain

Town Counsel to review and report at the April 2, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Item #10— Discussion and take possible action on Agreement between the Town of Seymour and the Seymour Land Conservation Trust regarding property at Chatfield Park and Legion Pool.**

Motion to table discussion and take possible action on Agreement between the Town of Seymour and the Seymour Land Conservation Trust regarding property at Chatfield Park and Legion Pool.

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

**Item #11— Discussion and take possible action on potential Blight Ordinance Revisions**

Attorney Stanek is reviewing the proposed ordinance changes and has asked the Board of Selectmen to move the changes forward to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion to move the proposed Blight Ordinance revisions forward to the Ordinance Committee for review.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis      Second: Al Bruno  
Yes: 7                              No: 0                              0: Abstain

**Item #12— Discussion on Capital for Fiscal Year 2013-14.**

Motion to table discussion on Capital for Fiscal Year 2013-14.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis      Second: Al Bruno  
Yes: 7                              No: 0                              0: Abstain

**Item #13— Discussion and take possible action on Building Review Committee Recommendations.**

Motion to hire Facility Support Services, LLC to conduct a mold and air quality assessment at 20 Pine Street in an amount not to exceed \$2,550.

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

Concern at 20 Pine Street is the condition of the boiler. An estimated cost to remove and update the boiler is about \$68,000 to \$73,000 and costs could reach as high as \$100,000 when completed.

The Boys & Girls club did show interest in using space at 20 Pine Street. The Fire Marshal stated upgrades costing anywhere from \$6,000 to \$7,000 are necessary prior to allowing the usage.

**Item #14— Executive Session (Joseph DeFelice v. Town of Seymour, claim for Public Works for Tom Jensen, contract negotiations).**

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations, Joseph DeFelice v. Town of Seymour and claim from Public Works for Tom Jensen at 7:30pm.

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

Motion to end Executive Session at 9:45pm with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria    Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

**Item #15— Discussion and take possible action on Joseph DeFelice v. Town of Seymour.**

Motion to enter into a settlement as recommended by Town Counsel, Rich Buturla regarding Joseph DeFelice v. Town of Seymour.

Motion: Al Bruno                                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

**Item #16— Discussion and take possible action on claim for Public Works for Tom Jenson.**

Motion to enter into a settlement as recommended by Town Counsel, Rich Buturla regarding claim for Public Works for Tom Jenson.

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

Motion to add to the agenda discussion on Town Clerk's Office side letter agreement.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                                      Second: Al Bruno  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

Motion to accept the Town Clerk's Office side letter agreement as presented appointing Sue DeBarber as Town Clerk, Elizabeth Conrad as Deputy Town Clerk and Lianna Staffieri as Town Clerk Aide.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria                                      Second: Gary Bruce  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

Town Counsel is excused at 9:46pm.

**Item #17— Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Rosalie Averill to the Economic Development Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on March 31, 2016.

Motion: Theresa Conroy                                      Second: Gary Bruce  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Marianna Sabetta to the Economic Development Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on March 31, 2016.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                                      Second: Theresa Conroy  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

**Item #18—Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

Motion: Al Bruno                                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Yes: 7                                      No: 0                                      0: Abstain

**Item #19—Transfers.**

Motion to accept Transfer #7 from Fund Balance, Contingency, Contingency Emergency Shelter and Human Resource Savings to Overtime Snowplowing, Social Security, Retirement, Snow Plowing Materials, Repairs and maintenance, Gasoline, Highway Materials, Electricity, Oil, Engineering, Legal, Workers Compensations and Town Attorney in the amount of \$599,517.55 as presented.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                                      Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

**Item #20—Correspondence.**

Check Register.

Letter from Kurt Miller opposing Raised Bill No. 6518

**Item #21—Public Comment.**

None.

**Item #22—Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Karen Stanek: Disappointed that Fred Messore could not attend the Board of Selectmen meeting this evening. Kurt Miller stated he would have a written report from Fred Messore sent to the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday March 20, 2013.

Theresa Conroy: CT Senate Bill 1016 regulating the sale and planting Bamboo had a public hearing at the capital with a lot of response. Asked if there were any plans at 38 Columbus? Kurt stated yes, the owner is working on financing at this time. Is the Middle School area in the 50 or 100 year flood plan? Kurt Miller will review.

Al Bruno: Also disappointed that Fred Messore was unable to attend the Board of Selectmen meeting. Need to know the plan for Seymour in wake of the activity in surrounding towns. When will the Seymour Lumber project begin? Kurt Miller stated the tenant has until the end of March to vacate but no start date has been determined.

**Item #23—Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 10:07pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis      Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Submitted by:



Michelle Walsh  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman