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Town of Seymour  
Board of Selectman  
MINUTES-Amended  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 22, 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, Paul Roy, and Jason Weaving

**Item #1 –Call meeting to order.**

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**Item #2 –Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3 –Public Comment.**

Michele Astordi, 19 Lakeview Avenue: Requesting the Board of Selectmen add her to the agenda on the next meeting. She is having issues with complaints at the address. Copies of the issue was passed to the Board of Selectmen members.

**Item #4—First Selectman's Report.**

Budgets for 2013/2014 are in and Kurt Miller plans to present his budget to the Board of Finance on February 4, 2013. Most of the budgets for the 2013/2013 year are on target as discussed monthly with the Director of Finance.

Parks Commission is reviewing parking at Chatfield Park, a report of the status will be provided at the February 5, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

The information the Board of Selectmen requested regarding the Building Committee recommendations will be provided at the February 5, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting. On February 19, 2013 the Ambulance contract will be brought to the Board of Selectmen.

Chief Metzler provided a list of officers that volunteered time to help after the incident at Sandy Hook. Seymour Police volunteered 294.5 hours to Newtown.

**Item #5—Approve Minutes January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting.**

Motion to approve Minutes from January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 6

No: 0

1: Abstain (Nicole Klarides-Ditria)

Motion to change the order on the agenda to discuss Item #14.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 7

No: 0

0:Abstain

The Board of Selectmen discussed the disbursement of FEMA funds recently received from storms Irene and Alfred in 2011. A total of \$194,000 was deposited into the town's fund balance. Emergency town departments were contacted for input as to the disbursement of the funds. The money would be placed in line items under the contingency section of the budget to insure they are spent on the items designated.

Motion to approve the FEMA funds transfer, Transfer #05 First Selectman – Various from Fund Balance to Middle School Trees- Fema Reimb, DPW Trees, Generators FEMA Reimb, Police Overtime, DPW Overtime, Ambulance FEMA Reimb, Fire Dept FEMA Reimb, Emergency Mgt FEMA Reimb, and Dept of Public Works FEMA Reimb for a total of \$199,349.00 as read.

Motion: Al Bruno  
Yes: 6  
Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
No: 1 (Gary Bruce) 0: Abstain

**Item #6—Discussion and take possible action on CCM Prescription Discount Program**

Motion to allow the First Selectman to sign the agreement with CCM pending town counsel approval.

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

Attorney Troy Raccula representing Dawn Valeski requested to present testimony in open session prior to entering into Executive Session; testimony was provided during Executive Session as requested by Dawn Valeski.

**Item #7 – Executive Session (personnel action—Valeski grievance, pending litigation)**

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:29pm.

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

Motion for the Board of Selectman to come out of Executive Session at 7:44pm with no motions or actions taken.

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

**Item #8— Discussion and Take Possible Action on union grievance on behalf of Dawn Valeski.**

Motion to deny the union grievance on behalf of Dawn Valeski

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Yes: 5  
Second: Al Bruno  
No: 2 (Theresa Conroy and Karen Stanek) 0: Abstain

**Item #9— Set Public Hearing for Small Cities Grant for February 19, 2013 at 6:30pm**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Seymour will conduct a public hearing by the Office of the First Selectman on February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Norma Drummer Room, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits are \$700,000 for Public Facilities; \$700,000 for Public Housing Modernization of 25 units or less, or \$800,000 for 26 units and over; \$500,000 for Infrastructure; \$400,000 for Housing Rehabilitation Program for single towns, \$500,000 for two-town consortium, and \$600,000 for three or more Towns; \$25,000 for Planning Only Grants; \$500,000 for Economic Development Activities, and \$500,000 for Urgent Need.

Major activity categories are: Acquisition, Housing Rehabilitation, Public Housing Modernization, Community Facilities, Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National Objectives: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizen's views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be part of the Town's Application for funding.

Also, the public hearing will be to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the program and for approval of the Program Income Reuse Plan. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Town of Seymour's First Selectman's Office, Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483 or you may telephone First Selectman Kurt Miller at 203-888-2511. In addition, information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

The Office of the First Selectman on behalf of the Town of Seymour anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$500,000 for infrastructure under the Community Facilities category. In addition, the Town of Seymour will create a revolving loan fund with program income (principal and interest) generated from the grant, if any, for community facilities.

The Town of Seymour promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low - and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

The Town of Seymour is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and fair housing advocate. Minority, disadvantaged, and section 3 businesses are encouraged to apply.

Motion to set the public hearing for the Small Cities Grants on February 19, 2013 at 6:30pm as read.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

**Item #10— Discussion and take possible action on eligibility for boards, committees and commissions.**

All of the Board of Selectmen agree the ruling provided by Town Counsel was extensive.

**Item #11— Discussion and take possible action on Silvermine Road easement.**

Planning and Zoning is reviewing the request.

**Item #12— Discussion and take possible action on additional street lights in the Town of Seymour.**

Motion to install a streetlight on pole #G5494 at the end of the Silvermine cul de sac.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to install a streetlight on pole #24837 and 2 streetlights on pole #G6265 near the corner of Wakeley St and Deforest St.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

**Item #13— Action in lieu of special Town meeting regarding Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement between the Town of Seymour and Covanta Energy.**

Resolution read as follows:

RESOLVED, the Town of Seymour is hereby authorized to enter into the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement dated as of December 21, 2012 (the “Disposal Agreement”), between Covanta Bristol, Inc. and one or more of the following Connecticut municipalities: the City of Bristol, Connecticut, the Town of Berlin, Connecticut, the Town of Branford, Connecticut, the Town of Burlington, Connecticut, the Town of Hartland, Connecticut, the City of New Britain, Connecticut, the Town of Plainville, Connecticut, the Town of Plymouth, Connecticut, the Town of Prospect, Connecticut, the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, the Town of Southington, Connecticut, the Town of Warren, Connecticut, the Town of Washington, Connecticut and the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of the Municipality, is duly authorized to execute and deliver the Disposal Agreement on behalf of the Municipality, and he is further authorized to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary and/or required in connection with the Disposal Agreement.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

**Item #14— Discussion and take possible action on FEMA funds disbursement.**

Discussion earlier in the meeting

**Item #15— Set Town Meeting on FEMA funds disbursement for February 5, 2013 at 6:30pm.**

Board of Finance approved transfer #5 FEMA Funds disbursement.

Motion to set a Town Meeting on FEMA funds disbursement for February 5, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

**Item #16— Discussion and take possible action on recommendation from the Technology Committee on website redesign.**

Jason Weaving presented the recommendation of having Deleware.net provide website redesign and hosting for the Town of Seymour. Board of Selectmen discussed and requests the Technology Committee to obtain a contract for service from Deleware.net and have town counsel review. Comments regarding the contract are requested of Town Counsel for the February 5, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Item #17— Discussion on Skate Park Committee progress.**

Paul Roy reviewed the supplied Skate Park spending timeline and budget.

Motion to allow the Skate Park Committee to contract with SHA Development for phase 2 testing.

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

Motion to make available to the Skate Park Committee the consulting fee not to exceed \$2,800 for Don Smith PE.

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

**Item #18— Appointments.**

None.

**Item #19—Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to accept the Tax Refunds / Abatements as presented.

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

**Item #20—Transfers.**

None.

**Item #21—Correspondence.**

Check Register.

Resignation letter of Rich Kearns from the Skate Park Committee.

**Item #22—Public Comment.**

None.

**Item #23—Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Theresa Conroy: Asked if the Human Resources Job Descriptions have been completed. Kurt Miller stated, yes.

Al Bruno: Requested updates from Fred Messoro and the HR Director.

Annmarie Drugonis: Requested a copy of the last quarter reports from department heads. Kurt Miller stated they would be sent out.

Gary Bruce: Happy Birthday Kurt Miller.

**Item #24—Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 7

Second: Al Bruno

No: 0

0: Abstain

Submitted by:



Michelle Walsh  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman