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# Town of Seymour Board of Selectman MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 19, 2012 @ 7:30PM Norma Drummer Room / Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria (8:01pm), Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek and Town Counsel Warren Holcomb.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Frank Loda, Sean Walsh, Rick Belden, John Stelma, Bill Silver, Amanda Cleveland, Jennifer Magri, Michele Pavlik, Paul Wetowitz, Deirdre Caruso, Thomas Eighmie, Fred Messore and Jason Weaving

# Item #1 -Call meeting to order.

First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

# Item #2 -Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion of recent incidence in Newtown, CT.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Karen Stanek requested the town designate a location for residents to commemorate and publically display their sorry for the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School and suggests the statue of the children in front of town hall.

Gary Bruce suggests and end date for the memorial. Theresa Conroy suggests two weeks, to the end of the year. Gary Bruce comments the memorial should run through the first week of January 2013.

Motion to create a memorial for those who lost lives at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in front of Seymour Town Hall by the children statue.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Gary Bruce

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

#### Item #3 -Public Comment.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: Thanks the Board of Selectman for reaching out to Newtown and for their swift response in keeping Seymour's children safe.

# Item #4—First Selectman's Report.

Fish Bypass bids were to be opened on December 18, 2012, however, the state needed to delay and will be opening bids on January 3, 2013.

Open positions have been posted for a full time fiscal aide and a part-time payroll and benefits coordinator.

Kurt Miller stated he met with FEMA and has scheduled meetings will all department heads to discuss 2013/2014 budgets. An update will be provided at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

The Middle School audit is going well. Ed Arrow, a private auditor, has been hired the paperwork should be ready for the state the first or second week of January.

Monday, December 17 there was a meeting with the Board of Education, Police and EMS to discuss the safety of Seymour Schools. Tasks have been set and another meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2013. Police will be present at the schools until the end of the week. Thanks to the hard work of the Board of Education, Seymour schools are in excellent shape. This group will be working hard to keep our kids safe.

# Item #5—Approve Minutes December 4, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve Minutes from December 4, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Annmarie Drugonis noticed her name misspelled throughout the document and asked to please have her name spelled correctly and on Page 4 "her" must be changed to "his".

Yes: 5

No: 0

1: Abstain (Theresa Conroy)

Motion to add to the agenda a discussion and possible action on the use of LOCIP funds.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Letter from Deirdre Caruso read stating the need of a fence between the playground and the soccer fields at Gary Park and requests the use of LOCIP funds for the project in the amount of \$8,680.00.

Motion to use \$8,680.00 of LOCIP funds to provide a safety fence between the soccer fields and the playground at Gary Park.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to go out of order from the agenda and discuss item 16 Discussion of Skate Park Committee progress.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

The DEEP and Kurt Miller attended the December 10, 2012 Skate Park Meeting. All outstanding paperwork from ADS and Stantek has been received and town counsel stated he approved the signing of steps 3 and 4 of the contract. The ground breaking is still several months away. Al Bruno commented that Paul Roy stated he had a hard time receiving the needed paperwork from ADS and Stantek, but now all the paperwork has been received quickly? Deirdre Caruso stated, yes, she contacted the companies and found they were unclear what was needed. This situation has been resolved and moving forward. Kurt Miller stated he would sign the payment and contracts Thursday December 20, 2012.

# Item #6—Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:01pm.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria arrived at 8:01pm.

Board of Selectman came out of Executive Session at 8:20pm with no motions or actions taken.

Item #7— Possible action regarding the employment status of Cayenne Spremullo.

Motion to approve the First Selectman, Kurt Miller, to dismiss Cayenne Spremullo immediately.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Item #8— Distribute and discuss EMSOC semi-annual report.

Michele Pavlik reviewed the EMSOC semi-annual report. Theresa Conroy noticed the report stated there difficulty with staffing overnight and inquired if there is an issue with enough staff. Michele Pavlik replied they are never without a crew. Doug Thomas the finance director has been requested to attend the EMSOC meetings.

Item #9— Discussion and take possible action on signage resolution for White Deer Lane and Fawn Hollow Drive

Kurt Miller read a letter from Town Counsel discussing the town placement of signage for safety reasons does not automatically make a town road. The residents in the area requested stop signs and street signs for safety reasons. Resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS, Fawn Hollow Drive and White Deer Lane are unaccepted roads in the Town of Seymour.

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen has been informed that there are no street signs identifying Fawn Hollow Drive or White Deer Lane.

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen has been informed that there are no stop signs located on Fawn Hollow Drive or White Deer Lane or intersections thereof.

WHEREAS, there is a desire and intent to place street signs upon Fawn Hollow Drive or White Deer Lane for the purposes of providing proper identification to the Town's residents as well as for police, fire, and emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, there is a desire and intent to place stop signs upon Fawn Hollow Drive or White Deer Lane, and intersections thereto, for public safety purposes.

WHEREAS, there is no intent by the placement of street signs and/or stop signs upon Fawn Hollow Drive or White Deer Lane to accept the roads as a public highway in the Town of Seymour, either expressly or by virtue of an implied dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS,

 The Town of Seymour Department of Public Works is authorized to place street signs upon Fawn Hollow Drive and White Deer Lane properly identifying each.

- 2. The Town of Seymour Department of Public Works is authorized to place stop signs upon Fawn Hollow Drive and White Deer Lane and intersections thereto.
- 3. The Town of Seymour is not accepting these streets as public road

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Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

# Item #10— Discussion and take possible action on 2013 Founder's Day Request (Seymour Animal Shelter).

Motion to name the Seymour Animal Shelter as the beneficiary of 2013 Founder's Day.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Theresa Conrov

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

# Item #11— Discussion and take action on MOU for Region 2 Homeland Security.

Thomas Eighmie stated a standard MOU has been requested by the state and a sample resolution was provided but not available at the time of the meeting.

Motion to table action on MOU for Region 2 Homeland Security to the January 8, 2013 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

#### Item #12— Discussion and take action on CCM Prescription Discount Program.

CCM Prescription Discount Program is in use by the town of Beacon Falls, yet the local pharmacy does not participate. Kurt Miller will contact Seybridge Pharmacy to discuss the CCM Prescription Discount Program and report back to the Board of Selectmen at the January meeting.

# Item #13— Discussion on report with Director of Economic Development.

Kurt Miller stated Fred Messore is a great help when meeting with business owners. Fred Messore opened discussion of the report provided with questions from the Board of Selectmen. Theresa Conroy requested a listing of vacant and available sites in Seymour. This information would be helpful to review. Fred Messore stated he would need to research how to obtain that information for her, at this time he does not know how to obtain that information but maybe with further funds in his budget he could hire someone to collect the information.

Al Bruno asked Fred Messore if he has attended conventions in the last three months and closed any deals of new business for Seymour. Fred Messore stated he did attend a convention in November 2012, but not as Seymour's Economic Director and that no deals have been closed at this time.

Karen Stanek explained her concern with downtown parking and recent vehicle's that have been towed. Fred Messore stated he opened up conversations with the merchants and would like to work on providing residents and visitors with mapping of approved parking areas.

Item #14— Discussion and take possible action on Building Committee recommendations.

Presentation on recommendations by the Building Committee was provided by Bill Silver and Amanda Cleveland from Silver Petrucelli & Associates. The Board of Selectmen was asked to review the provided plans for discussion at the January 8, 2013 meeting.

Item #15 — Set public hearing for Small Cities 2013 Grant for Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Motion to set the public hearing for Small Cities 2013 Grant for Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Town Counsel is excused at 9:30pm.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria left meeting at 9:30pm.

Item #16— Discussion of Skate Park Committee progress.

Discussed earlier in meeting.

Item #17 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Annmarie Drugonis to the WPCA for a term of four (4) years expiring on December 31,

2016.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Gary Bruce

Yes: 5

No: 0

1: Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)

Nicole Klarides-Ditria returned to meeting at 9:31pm.

Motion to appoint Bryan Ryan to the South Central Regional Council Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 22, 2013.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Deborah Ice as the Animal Control Officer for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 31, 2013.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Theresa Conroy

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Teri Montana as the Animal Control Officer Assistant for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 31, 2013.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Ralph Noel to Inland Wetlands for a term of four (4) years expiring on December 1, 2016.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Al Bruno

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Thomas Eighmie to the Northwest CT Communications for a term of two (2) years expiring on January 1, 2015.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Karen Stanek

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

Motion to appoint Paul Tontini to the Western CT Tourism District for a term of three (3) years expiring on January 5, 2016.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Yes: 7

No: 0

0: Abstain

# Item #18—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 #19-Transfers.

None.

# Item #20—Correspondence.

Check Register.

Letters to Kimberly Dulka of the All-American Valley General Store, Jacqueline Yannes of the Kopokelli School of Music, JoElle Anderson of Dragonflies, and Renee Jackson of Freckled Frosting from Kurt Miller congratulating them on their grant award from the Greater Valley Chamber Women in Networking Group.

#### Item #21—Public Comment.

Patrick Lombardi, 149 Derby Avenue: The town is in the right direction in heightening security at the schools. The costs will be well worth our kids' safety.

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

Karen Stanek: Requests the town webpage be updated to include information on the Sandy Hook memorial at Town Hall. Kurt Miller stated he would make certain all communications are updated. An address error on the Blight Officer's report could embarrass the town, please confirm information before making public.

Theresa Conroy: Commends Kim Dolca on a great job with the Bedford Falls event this weekend. Questioned if house numbers are required on every house. Thomas Eighmie states yes, there is an ordinance on the books requiring house numbers on both the house and the mail box. Asked that residents be made aware of the ordinance for emergency purposes.

Al Bruno: Nice to see Housatonic Wire site cleaned up. Appreciate the moment of silence for the victims of Newtown. Educators acted courageously on that day and is proud to work with educators every day. Hug you kids often, no matter what age they are.

Annmarie Drugonis: Great job to volunteers and educators for keeping our kids safe.

Gary Bruce: Offers condolences to the parents and families of Newtown. Asks the town of Seymour to continue to support Newtown and asked residents to donate as liberally as possible. Thanks to Tom Tomasheski for his service as Fire Chief and welcomes James Smith as the new Fire Chief. Would also like to welcome Mike Lombardi as the newest assistant chief.

Kurt Miller: Firemen will be conducting a Boot Drive and the proceeds will go to Newtown. Alberto's restaurant will also donate proceeds on meals purchased Sunday December 23 to Newtown. Thanks to Ted Holly and TEAM and about 600 bicycles were stored at Tri Town Plaza for donations. Videotaping grant money was extended and measurements were recently taken for completion in January 2013. The town

has received \$102,956 in Matthies grants in 2012. Problems of the past will not be repeated. Thanks to all the people that attended the vigil on Sunday on the Derby green.

# Item #23—Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:49pm.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno No: 0

0: Abstain

Submitted by:

Yes: 7

Michelle Walsh

**Recording Secretary** 

Reviewed by:

W. Kurt Miller First Selectman