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Board of Selectmen Tuesday, July 10, 2012 @ 7:30PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Annmarie Drugonis, Karen Stanek, Theresa Conroy, Gary Bruce, Al Bruno, and Town Counsel Richard Buturla.

Others present: Deirdre Caruso, Rick Belden, Christine Syriac, Fred A. Messore, Carol Ralston, Sean Walsh, Frank Loda, Wayne Finkle, Ruthann Haluschak, Michael Komaromi, William Price, Roberta Pratt, Jeanne Loda, Linda Bellavance, Paul Roy.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order. Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Wayne Finkle, 1 Jay Lane, Board of Public Works, I would like to bring to the Selectmen's attention the reservoir on the bottom of Botsford Road. People are swimming in reservoir and Public Works is responsible for maintaining the area. There is nothing posted about not swimming. If you go by the bridge and walk out about 5 or 6 feet it drops off and if a little kid goes out there, he/she could get hurt. This maybe something to consider who is liable if someone gets hurt there.

Ruthanne Haluschak, 88 Cedar Street, in my opinion, I think that the Bamboo Ordinance is a waste of time.

Mike Komorami, 10 Sunset Terrace, Bamboo issue is with me. Over a year ago I came before the Selectmen stating that would put a barrier up and I have. I built a 30 inch trench. I invited the First Selectman over today to take a look and show how it is not an infestation. I had a Wayne Cahill from New York Botanical Gardens and inspect my property. He is the one who told me what to do; showed me the best way that I can contain the Bamboo. I assure you the Bamboo is fully contained from her property.

Linda Bellevance, 7 Molsick Road, Secretary of Culture & Art Commission. I will be speaking about Item #11. We are booked for the next calendar year with outside organizations. We are also attempting to keep the movies going. We can't bombard the Theater with live performances in one given month. We are almost complete with the Marquee renovations. We will be done in July or beginning of August. We plan to go inside and do renovations. First thing we will attempt to do is renovate 3 restrooms. Keep us in mind if you are planning to do anything with Strand. We want to make sure we don't overlap. Judy Simpson received email form one of the Town Attorney's today stating that we were given a contract with one of the groups we already had a verbal contract with. From this point on, everything has to be in writing.

ITEM #4: Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation). No Executive Session. ITEM #5: Approve Minutes from June 20, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting.Motion to approve minutes from June 20, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting with changes topage 10 requested by Al Bruno which have been filed in the Town Clerks Office.Motion: Karen StanekSecond: Al BrunoVote: 7-Yes0-No0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #6: Approve Minutes from June 27, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting.Motion to approve minutes from June 27, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting.Motion: Al BrunoSecond: Karen StanekVote: 5-Yes0-No2-Abstain (Annmarie, Theresa)

Motion to add to agenda approval of the Seymour Downtown Action Strategy.			
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis		Second: Theresa Conroy	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	

Fred explains how Planimetrics was hired to put the Seymour Downtown Action Strategy together so we can implement going forward with downtown improvements. The Economic Development Commission adopted this plan at their last meeting and the plan is now coming to BOS to approve and accept. He explains how the Board of Selectmen had to adopt the Seymour Downtown Action Strategy 60 days prior to applying for a Main Street Investment Fund Grant. Fred distributes Seymour Downtown Action Strategy to Selectmen.

Motion to adopt the Seymour Downtown Action Strategy as presented to the Board.

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

Motion to add to the agenda approval of a certified resolution for Main Street Investment Fund Grant.Motion: Annmarie DrugonisSecond: Theresa ConroyVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

Deirdre Caruso, Manager of Operations and Grants, explains that this resolution is basically giving us authorization for us to apply for the Main Street Investment Fund Grant. If we receive grant funds, we will implement strategy. Economic Development Director and I are working on improvements in the downtown area. The grant shall be used for improvements for downtown area as well as commercial downtown property. Business owners can be reimbursed at a rate of 50% for eligible projects. An eligible Town, which we are, can get up to \$500,000.00 depending on their project. As soon as plans are set, we will apply for this. We just learned about this grant; it was recently passed by legislation. Town is eligible for STEAP funding. We are currently working on additional STEAP Grants.

Certified Resolution of the Board of Selectmen:

- 1) Authorizes submission of the funding application "Seymour Downtown Action Strategy" under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1; and
- 2) Identifies, W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman, as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment fund application and administer the project. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Al BrunoSecond: Annmarie DrugonisVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #7: Presentation and take action on the Board of Education Cisco switch proposal. Christine Syriac discusses the benefits of the Cisco Systems Switch proposal and briefly describes it.

Rick Belden goes into detail about the Cisco Switch proposal financing: Chatfield School when it opens will be state of the art. They will be upgrading their network infrastructure in Seymour Public schools. Number of replacement switches will include 17 at the High School 17 at the Middle School, 11 at Bungay School, one at central office and one spare. With the efforts of Roberta Pratt, IT director, the Seymour Public Schools have been presented with a time sensitive opportunity to obtain the technology equipment at a 0 % interest if they buy the equipment now. We had the Board of Education look at this deal and they approved it 6-2. The Board of Education waived the bidding on this project because this was taken off the State Bid List. The lifetime of the equipment is 7 years. There will be an upfront payment and no interest cost to us.

Motion to approve and forward the Board of Education Cisco Switch Proposal to a Special Town Meeting to be held on August 14, 2012 at 7:15 PM.

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

ITEM #8: Discussion and take action on requests from Skate Park Committee for Fundraisers at Hot Tamales and the All American General Store.

Kurt- Matthew Thompson would like to take this on this undertaking to benefit the Skate Park. Matt states he is seeking approval to get clearance to have fundraiser. Also states these fundraisers will be held at Hot Tamale's and at the All American General Store and both places are donating time and space. No money is being asked for, he is just seeking approval. The first event on August 5th will be starting at 5:00PM and ending around 8:00PM. The second event will be held on August 12th starting at 3:00PM and ending around 8:00PM.

Theresa- How much more money are we looking to raise for the Skate Park?

Kurt- We got \$187,000.00 from state. Don't believe Skate Park Committee has a finalized budget.

Motion to express gratitude and endorse Matthew Thompson's idea to raise money with two fundraisers at Hot Tamale's and All American General Store.

Motion: Karen Stanek		Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain

ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action on Skate Park location.

Kurt states that they will be digging the test pits on Thursday, July 12, 2012. We will take action after that.

Motion to table Skate Park Location until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on August 14, 2012.Motion: Al BrunoSecond: Nicole Klarides-DitriaVote-7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

Motion to add to the agenda discussion on increasing the hours for the Municipal Agent for the Elderly.Motion: Annmarie DrugonisSecond: Al BrunoVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

Kurt states that the email from Bonnie Wilkes, the Municipal Agent, is a request to increase her hours form 4 hours to 8 hours. He also states that the Commission on Aging accepts this proposal. Kurt then asks everyone to read email and come with ideas on how this will be paid for at the August meeting. Jeanne Loda, Chairman of the Commission of Aging, states that our Current Municipal Agent, Bonnie Wilkes, is a great asset to the seniors in our community. She is paid \$3,120.00 for her 4 hours and puts in a lot more.

Bonnie currently has a small office and suggestions were made to get Bonnie a locked file cabinet, her own email and maybe a used computer.

This will be discussed at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, August, 14, 2012.

ITEM #10: Discussion and take action on a request from Culture & Arts concerning an event at the Strand Theater.

Kurt states that at the last meeting the Board of Selectmen gave tentative approval for the Full Monty Production. Rich put together an agreement. The biggest thing is with the insurance.

Brian Zullo states that the insurance had to be renewed and everything is being fixed.

Rich states that the agreement form was modeled off previous forms used by Seymour before. This was sent as a model agreement specifically for this performance.

Karen asks about having every group sign agreement and Rich states that he is leaving up to the Board of Selectmen to decide that. The Town is responsible for signing agreement.

Al disagrees and thinks that we will have more Commercial coming in to use The Strand, the Town should make sure that it is covered. He also thinks it is wise to use agreement and get something in writing.

Linda Bellevance states that they are in the very beginning stages of people using The Strand. Now we are getting into a year full of scheduled events. She believes that it is better for the Town to have everything in writing.

Kurt states that everything will be online for people who would like to use The Strand

Motion to allow the First Selectman to enter into agreement with PAC Shows, LLC using the Theater Use Agreement once all requirements are satisfied.

Motion: Al BrunoSecond: Karen StanekVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #11: Discussion and possible action on proposal regarding Seymour Junior Players.

Kurt states that Kathy Vrlik has an idea for something that we can offer to kids as a theater program at no cost and believes it will be a great value for kids.

Kathy goes into detail about Seymour Junior Players. She feels this is a great opportunity for kids to gain life skills. This is not for profit self-sustaining organization. The program may not start until next year, 2013. We would like to keep productions local, working with schools. We hope to have all the kids from Seymour and the age depends on the production. We are not excluding children from other communities and at first we will probably need them. More details to come once this is supported and approved.

Motion that the Board of Selectmen support the idea that was presented on the Seymour Junior Playersand ask that this proposal be presented to the Seymour Culture & Arts Committee for further approval.Motion: Nicole Klarides-DitriaSecond: Karen StanekVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #12: Discussion and take action on Recycling Bids. Two bids:

Winter Brothers Waste Systems:

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013: \$2.22 per unit per month.

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014: \$2.22 per unit per month.

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015: \$2.30 per unit per month.

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016: \$2.35 per unit per month.

The above pricing includes collection and disposal of materials. Winter Brothers will offer the Town a rebate of \$10.00 per ton for all recycles collected in one year. Each year thereafter, the rebate will be determined based upon the yellow sheet OBM June Issue for each subsequent year.

Latella Rubbish Removal, LLC:

July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013: \$2.36 per unit per month.

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014: \$2.40 per unit per month.

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015: \$2.45 per unit per month.

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016: \$2.50 per unit per month.

The above pricing includes collection and disposal of materials. Latella Rubbish Removal, LLC will offer the Town of Seymour a rebate of \$10.00 per ton for the recycled materials.

Motion to forward bids from Winter Brother's and Latella Rubbish Removal to the Operations Department for determination and review.

Motion: Al Bruno		Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain

ITEM #13: Discussion and take action on RFQ's for Engineering Services for the Chamberlin Road Project. Kurt states that there were 3 candidate firms and read off the bottom of the Rating and Ranking Sheet.

The Town of Seymour has reviewed submissions from respondents to the RFP for construction oversight services on Chamberlain Road and Brothers Court and would like to engage Nafis & Young to provide oversight on the Chamberlain Road and Brothers Court Small Cities Project. Nafis & Young demonstrates mastery of the principles and practices of Civil Engineering and has familiarly with the Town and its projects.

Motion to accept recommendation to use Nafis & Young to provide oversight on the Chamberlain Road and Brothers Court Small Cities Project.

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

ITEM #14: Discussion and possible action on request for funds to fill vacant paging position at the Library.

Kurt states that we have a request from the Head Librarian Carol Ralston asking that we refill the vacant paging position.

Motion to allow the Librarian to hire a vacant paging position pending approval of the Board of Library Directors.

Motion: Theresa Conroy		Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain

ITEM #15: Discussion and take action on the Telecommunications Policy.

The Board members who were a part of putting together a draft of the Telecommunications Policy, (Nicole, Gary, and Karen), discuss what they came up with and came to the conclusion that the draft that was emailed to Kurt is what they would like Rich, the Town Counsel, to look over.

ITEM #16: Discussion and take action on Bamboo Ordinance.

Kurt states that, in his opinion, the whole point of the Bamboo Ordinance is to make sure residents property is being protected and doesn't think should we should ban bamboo. He thinks that if people who have Bamboo are taking appropriate steps to contain it, they shouldn't be penalized and believes that the Ordinance should be geared toward people who are abusing it. Kurt mentions a suggestion in the first section, section 2 about the 10 ft. setback, doesn't have an issue for new bamboo being planted. Kurt reads part of Section 2- #3: "whether planted or growing in a container, as described here, all bamboo plants shall be located, trimmed or maintained so that no part of the plant shall be closer than 10 feet from any property line." He thinks this should be new plantings.

Theresa states that the plan is not to ban Bamboo; as long as adjoined property is being protected from it. The plan is to have something in Ordinance to protect both property owners.

The Board of Selectmen agrees to move this Bamboo Ordinance Draft forward to Ordinance Committee with changes.

ITEM #17: Discussion and take action on the Videotaping Policy.

Motion to table discussion and possible action on the Videotaping Policy to Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

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

ITEM #18: Discussion and take action on Human Resource position.

Kurt discusses that we have received 14 or 15 resumes and have narrowed it down to 4 or 5 people to interview. We have also been reaching out to consultant firms and have heard back from one so far, HR Consulting Group. Their proposal allows for someone on site for half a day and service will be via Internet, email, telephone, etc. Kurt then asks the rest of the Board's thoughts on a hiring a consultant or hiring an individual person.

The majority of the Board would like an individual in the position, more of a permanent employee, rather than hiring out of a Consultant Firm because they feel it would be more personal. Board members also discussed possible hours for the Human Resource Position. The Board also came to the conclusion that they all would like a part of the interview process. For the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on August 14, 2012, they will set up some times where we can come in and interview final candidates, and everyone can have a say.

ITEM #19: Discussion and take action on Blight Enforcement position and Anti-Blight Ordinance. The Board starts with discussing what they would like to do about the Blight Enforcement Officer Position. They decide they have two avenues, either they can reach out to one of the two who were previously Blight Officers because they do have interest and understanding, or they can go out and find new person. The majority of the Board members decided that they would like to advertise the position so that anyone can apply. This doesn't exclude any of the current or previous officers. The Board then discusses the Anti-Blight Ordinance. The Board would like to clean up the Ordinance with adding a fee schedule. The Board is sending the Anti-Blight Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for review.

ITEM #20: Discussion and possible action on Tax Abatement Agreement and Application. Kurt states that he had Rich Buturla, Town Counsel, to come up with two formal documents the first being what a business would use to apply and the second being a Tax Abatement Agreement. Rich discusses that the Tax Abatement Incentive Policies all have one thing in common 12.65b of the Connecticut State Statute. It is a statute that allows the legislative body of a municipality to fix an assessment. Rich also states that this will require a significant amount of work by assessor. The application form is something that was put together that was modeled from other communities.

Motion to accept the Tax Abatement Agreement Application as presented by Town Counsel.Motion: Karen StanekSecond: Annmarie DrugonisVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #21: Discussion and take action on the Adopt-A-Spot Policy and Procedures.Motion to accept the Adopt-A-Spot Policy and Procedures in agreement as presented.Motion: Theresa ConroySecond: Nicole Klarides-DitriaVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

Town Counsel was excused at 9:30PM.

ITEM #22: Appointments.

Gary Bruce sent an email to the First Selectman stating that he will be resigning from his position on the Board of Recreation to take effect immediately.

Another letter resignation comes from Mary Jezierny stating she will be resigning from her position on the Commission on Aging.

Motion for Janice Keough to replace Gary Bruce on the Recreation Commission for the remainder of a 4year term with an expiration date of August 3, 2012.

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

Motion to re-appoint Janice Keough on the Recreation Commission for a 2-year term with an expiration date of August 3, 2014.

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

Motion to appoint Raymond Faustich on the Recreation Commission for a 2-year term with an expiration date of July 10, 2014.

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

Motion to re-appoint Glen Greene on the Recreation Commission for a 2-year term with an expiration date of August 3, 2014.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes O-No O-Abstain

Motion to appoint Courtney Hassenfeldt as a student representative on the Technology Committee for a 2-year term with an expiration date of July 10, 2014.

Motion: Theresa ConroySecond: Annmarie DrugonisVote: 7-yes0-No0-Abstain

Motion for Kathy Pagliaro-Rich to replace Mary Jezierny on the Commission on Aging for the remainder of a 2-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2012.

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

Motion to re-appoint Steve Plotkin on the Inland Wetland Commission for a 4-year term with an expirations date of August 1, 2016.

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

ITEM #23: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Kurt reads aloud:

The following overpayments in the total \$1,074.07 need to be approved for refund in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General State Statutes 12-129.

Dated at Seymour, this fifth day of July, 2012. Signed Cayenne Spremullo our Assistant Tax Collector. Motion to approve refund in the amount of \$1,074.07.

Motion: Al BrunoSecond: Nicole Klarides-DitriaVote: 7-Yes0-No0-Abstain

ITEM #24: Transfers.

Motion to approve Transfer of \$17,230.54 from Health Insurance Finance 41-1550-450-210 in the amount of \$3,834.00, and Health Insurance Assessor 41-1550-465-210 in the amount of \$13,002.00, and Health Insurance Retiree 41-155-485-210 in the amount of \$394.54 into Health Insurance Selectman 41-1550-430-210 in the amount of 6,004.86, and Health Insurance Tax Collector 41-1550-455-210 in the amount of \$3,224.44, and Health Insurance Town Clerk 41-1550-475-210 in the amount of \$2,948.00, and Health Insurance Fire Marshall 41-1550-560-210 in the amount of \$43.88, and Health Insurance Public Works 41-1550-570-210 in the amount of \$4,964.08, and Health Insurance Recreation 41-1550-620-210 in the amount of \$45.28.

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

ITEM #25: Correspondence.

-There is a letter to the Board of Selectmen from Fire Chief Tom Tomasheski talking about the reestablishment of the Dive Team.

-Kurt reads our Insurance Clerk, Anne Golbieski's, letter:

This is to advise you that I will be retiring effective January 30, 2013. My last day of work will be September 13, 2012. I will be applying my banked time of 324 hours (16 weeks plus 12 hours) which will extend through the last pay period of 1/10/13. The 12 hours will be added to my last pay check. It was a pleasure working for the Town of Seymour as the Insurance Clerk. Signed by Ann Golebieski.

-There is also a letter to the First Selectman from the Board of Fire Commissioners.

-Letter from Seymour Pink. Seymour Pink is asking the Town of Seymour to proclaim Wednesday, October 17, 2012 as Seymour Pink Day. We will put a proclamation together for our August meeting, which we will read and approve.

-The Wildcat Way sign was stolen. Someone had made a comment that said "let's call Haynes and put a big boulder out there that says Wildcat Way; it'll be a little hard to steal that." Haynes came to me and said they would love to help with boulder. Three other area businesses also have said that would like to donate the sign. We will be working on in the next month.

ITEM #26: Other Business. No other business.

ITEM #27: Public Comment.

Paul Roy, 80 Washington Avenue, Matt Thompson came up with the fundraiser all on his own. We are digging test pits on Thursday so anyone interested please stop by. I had a conversation with Rick Dunn concerning the walk along river. Rick said that there might be funding to do a walk along river connecting over to Broad Street Park. I wanted to encourage you to talk with VCOG.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street, There are some repairs that need to be done at the transfer station. We are coming up to the end of the contract. The contract will be up for bid and issues need to be taken care of before contract is up. Would like to make sure it is taken care of.

ITEM #28: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen-I gave everyone a letter that I received from Geri Swinick, the Strand Theater Manager. I would like for this to be put on next agenda about the damage done at The Strand Theater. She has recorded it and documented it. I saw pictures yesterday and the stage is a mess. The curtain has been damaged, the men's room mirrors are smashed, there was a light fixture that was broken and candy that was stolen. I think this is a matter that we should look into through the Culture & Arts Commission. I also have some concern with access to the building. The doors frequently are not locked. There is also a concern about church equipment.

Kurt- Yes we can put this on the Agenda for our next meeting in August because there are a lot of these issues I have comments on and will discuss on next meeting. Kurt then discusses the issues with the stage at the Strand Theatre.

Karen-Is Town Hall now closed Thursday evenings? Did we change that?

Kurt- That is correct and the agreement was only until the end of April. The usage did not justify staying open.

Karen- Someone called me today and said that it would make sense to be open later in July because we are paying our taxes.

Kurt- That is something that needs to be negotiated with the Union.

Theresa- Can I get a copy HR Consultant's report? The other request I'd like to make with the Economic Development Director. We have our quarterly reports, but this is something we are invested in the Town; getting some Economic development in here. Can we get a monthly summary of activity of what is going on and then quarterly, a comprehensive report so we know that we are having movement? We had this position funded in the hopes of bringing people in. Can we see what we are getting out of it? Kurt- Would you like it from the director and not the Commissioner?

Theresa- The Quarterly reports we get, in looking through the ones that are most recent, a lot of them don't have substance. I'd just like to refer to the Fire Marshal's Report, we've had him here before us telling us how backlogged he is, but when I look at the report it doesn't seem to show exactly if we are catching up. That is information that I would like to see in these reports. We have concerns that a lot of places weren't checked. Can we can try and get some more quality?

Kurt- As I've said to the Department heads, I want them to get in the habit of writing Quarterly Reports and then we would have one unified form everyone would use. One of the things I did say to them was that if you don't provide the proper amount of information and the Selectmen have questions, it is well within their rights to call you in and you have to come in. If you're feeling you aren't getting enough information from the Fire Marshal, I can ask him to come to our meeting in August and you all can ask him any questions.

Theresa- Maybe at the end of the year we can graduation rate or the drop out date, etc. from the Board of Education? These are the things that people come to us about and would be nice for us to have that information.

Kurt- I want to get them in habit of writing it and then we will get them all in a unified structure.

Al- We have a vandalism and theft issue in our community. We have a lack of respect for our community, which is being exhibited with the Wildcat Way sign being stolen in under a month. We have three confirmed pools vandalized in Town. We have parks continuously vandalized. We have bases that are being stolen from the Middle School. We have Gary Park constantly being trashed, with the bins over tipped and dumped. We have port-o-potties tipped over. We have this July 8 Strand Theater letter that Karen has brought to our attention. I understand there is not one solution. I think this is an overall malaise for our community and a lack of respect for anything that is perceived as nice in our Town. We have a problem, but I want to ask, what is the Police Department doing to prevent this? What is their plan? How many more incidents will occur before they do something? I don't see patrols going around our community. I think this is a leadership issue. I would like to know what he is doing about all of this, what is his plan? Secondly, when we catch the people that are doing this, are we taking steps to prosecute them, are you releasing a statement or the Police Chief releasing a statement after such acts of vandalism and theft that this will not be tolerated in our community? This is a problem that other people have come to me about, not just my opinion.

Kurt- If you'd like we can have the Chief come in and weigh in on it. I was away last week when events happened. I know they had investigations started and I don't believe there was no formal statement put out by the Chief.

Theresa- I think the Chief should come in for next meeting. We are getting a lot of incidents. You weren't here to make a public comment but we do have a Police Chief to make a comment. Al-I am not saying it is just a Police Department issue. I would just love to ask Police Chief face to face

what he is doing to help and deter this.

Kurt- For August meeting we will invite the Lieutenant and Police Chief.

Nicole- The Police Officers are doing some things to hopefully deter some kids, but we should get the Chief in here to answer questions.

Annmarie- I went through the Fire Commissioners notes. In their notes, they had a Special meeting held on June 19 to appoint the Chiefs position. Chief Tomasheski was appointed for 6 months, Jane Smith was appointed for 6 months, Steve Childs and John Cronin Jr. were all appointed for 6 months but then they send us a letter stating they were all appointed for a year. I think they need to go back and check with the Ordinance state under 6.21 (she reads off 6.21 of Ordinance). There is either a typo in Commissioners minutes or in the letter they sent us. It has to be a year per the ordinance and they can't change to suit their needs. The notes from Inlands Wetlands states that "on June 5 they discovered a newly constructed boat house on the Naugatuck River, opposite Aragon Drive. Investigation showed James Halligan had it built without permits, encroachment on DOT highway boundary. Investigation still proceeding." Do we tax people on sheds or boat houses?

Kurt-That boat house was illegally put up. I assure you that will be coming down.

Annmare- Again on June 28 that now we are waiting for not only an investigation from DEET but also the DOT property manager and this is supposed to be discussed at the Wetlands Committee meeting on July 23.

Kurt- This person lives on non-river side of Ret. 34. They crossed street and built themselves a little party area. It is not their property.

Annmarie- I have a couple questions on the new Zoning fees. The generator now has a \$50 fee, is that a portable generator?

Kurt- It should be for a permanent generator.

Annmarie – The Zoning Officer needs to make that clear that the fee is for a permanent generator. Some people may think it is a temporary one. The Planning & Zoning Board needs to be clear that it's for a permanent generator and these are for new pools. The Zoning Officer told me that my filter needs to be 5 feet away from my pool. My pool has been there since before I bought the house. I feel that this needs to be clearer. Then in the Fire Marshal's notes, number 3, which states that there will an intern in the Fire Marshal's Office, while she learning things can't she help him bring up to date on the computer with things?

Kurt- She is working with Deputy Fire Marshal. We could have the Fire Marshal come in next meeting and address that.

Gary- I would like to thank the Economic Development Committee that did the work on Seymour Action Plan. I looked everything over well and it looks good. I'd be proud to say I live in Seymour. The proposed park and walkway from bridge to bridge, along the river; I think this is what Seymour needs to enhance downtown district.

ITEM #29: Adjournment. Meeting to adjourn at 10:01pm Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Karen Stanek 0-Abstain

Submitted by,

Lianna Staffieri ⁷ Recording Secretary

Reviewed by

W. Kurt Miller First Selectman