

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Frank Loda, Yashu Putorti, Don Smith, Sean Walsh, Dennis Rozum, Craig Stevens, Rick Belden, Richard Rossik, Yashu Putorti, Jen Magri, Paul Sponheimer, Jay Jaffer, Bob Koskelowski and Jay Hatfield.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.
Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Public Comment.
Richard Rossik, 34 Roberts Street: Who issued a special permit to Hot Tamales for Cinco De Mayo Celebration until 1am outside? Kurt: I don't know, but will check into it.

Bob Koskelowski, Pearl Street: The Budget that is going to vote on Thursday still has the salary for the Public Works Director in the document. The document shows the money being taken from the snow plowing account. The employee being let go has a right to a hearing. Feels that the Board of Finance is dictating policy. Only \$50,000 left for snow removal. Town is obligated to remove the snow. The Town will still have to pay for unemployment for the position. Why pick the public works director? Union person running the department. Serious concerns about supporting the decision to let go of the Public Works Director. Also has a concern about creating a communications department with salaries.

ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/1/12.
Motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Minutes from 5/1/12.
Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 6-Yes (W. Kurt Miller, Gary Bruce, Al Bruno, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek) 0-No 1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)

ITEM # 5 - First Selectman's Report/Update.

- We received 16 applications for the Tax Collector position. There will be 6 applicants interviewed within the next 2-weeks by a representative from the First Selectman's Office, the Finance Director and the Assessor. They will get the list down to 3 applicants, who will be interviewed by the First Selectman.
- The new Organizational Chart is in the packet from 26 Departments reporting to the First Selectman to 6.
- All other updates are highlighted in yellow on the First Selectman Resolution Document.
- Job reviews will start in July and will be done 2 times a year.
- Town buildings one department – Operations, by June 15.
- Go to town website tech committee working hard on it. Feedback is appreciated.

Rick: Had to take out of the budget. This time it has already started and is in this year's budget and next budget. Having the pool emptied this summer and handicapped access added.

Annmarie: Please notify the board when project is completed.

Karen: Why 3 months to get this report. ? Al: same question.

Annmarie: DEEP takes a long time to get reports.

Karen: Sandy Osheski was not in building when the delivery came in.

Rick: Custodians are not in the buildings at all times. This day late opening and he was delivering mail when the delivery came in.

Annmarie: Wants all deliveries to go to a specific area.

Nicole: Was there any cost to the Town?

Rick: No, costs associated with this incident.

ITEM # 8 - Discussion and possible action on the recommendation from the Rescue Truck Committee on the bid for the new Rescue Truck.

Gene Atkas: Fire Chiefs and Fire Commissioners have accepted the bid that came in from Firematic for a new Pierce Velocity Rescue Truck. Fully road ready upon receipt of vehicle.

Mike Lombardi Captain and Chairman of the Rescue Truck Committee: Truck built in Wisconsin and fabrication done in Rocky Hill.

Motion to accept recommendation from the Fire Commission, Fire Chiefs and Rescue Truck Committee from Firematic Supply for a Pierce Velocity Rescue Truck for a cost not to exceed \$498,800.00.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek)

0-No 1-Abstain (Gary Bruce)

Letter of approval must be sent to Firematic prior to June 1, 2012. The costs will increase after June 1, 2012.

ITEM # 9 - Open and take action on the bids for Department of Public Works Surplus Equipment.

EQUIPMENT DESC.	BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
2003 Ford SUV - As Is	Daddios	\$1,400.00
	Dawn or Greg Passerine	\$100.00
	Mark Ziello	\$359.00
3-8 ft fisher plow - no frames	Daddios	\$100.00
	Mark Ziello	\$59.00
2 - 8' fisher plows along road	Zamoic Construction, Inc.	\$125.00
Large Orange Flink Plow	Zamoic Construction, Inc.	\$250.00
8' Fisher Snow Plow at pumps	Zamoic Construction, Inc.	\$100.00
Air Flow Sander - 10' Hydraulic	Daddios	\$100.00
	Mark Ziello	\$259.00
Paving Box - Stewart 300 - No Motor	Daddios	\$150.00
	Mark Ziello	\$59.00
1988 GMC Pickup Truck - As Is	Daddios	\$450.00
	Dawn or Greg Passerine	\$200.00

	Mark Ziello	\$109.00
1995 Dodge Van - As Is	Daddios	\$350.00
	Dawn or Greg Passerine	\$100.00
	Mark Ziello	\$109.00
2 8ft. Airflow Sanders	Mark Ziello	\$29.00
1 Set of Forks	Zamoic Construction, Inc.	\$155.00

Refer to the Board of Public Works tomorrow after documented by the First Selectman's Office.

ITEM # 10 - Discussion and take action on recommendations from the Board of Public Works for the Four Seasonal Part-time Parks Positions.

The Director of Public Works and the Board of Public Works have submitted recommendations for the 4 part-time seasonal parks positions. Two of the candidates have worked for the Department of Public Works prior to this and they felt that the other two candidates were a good match.

Motion to hire Christopher Paecht, Ted Freeman, Sean Strumello, and Brian Thompson for seasonal part-time parks workers contingent upon background checks.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes (W. Kurt Miller, Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek) 0-No 1-Abstain (Al Bruno)

A valid CT drivers license and background checks are required.

ITEM # 11 - Take possible action on request for transfer from the Building Review Committee for a Space Needs Study and Feasibility Study.

The Building Review Committee is requesting funds to do a space and feasibility study. They are looking at the space and needs going forward in the next 10 years and will be speaking to all of the departments located in the Town Hall, Community Center, Anna LoPresti School and 98 Bank Street. Committee feels that they need outside professional help. Need the studies to make good decisions and recommendations. Looking at the lease at 98 Bank Street for the Naugatuck Valley Health Department. On September 1st the Anna LoPresti School at 29 Maple Street becomes a town building and has no budget for electricity etc. Committee is not sure of the future of the Community Center, but due to the potential of the Skate Park being there that building may stay. Kurt states that he has advised the Skate Park Committee to have alternate places for the skate park. Want best recommendations possible. Gather plans for existing buildings, need layouts. Meet with all departments, reasonable conclusion on space needs in the future. Feel for plans and conditions of the buildings for potential renovations. CAD System for renovation designs. Feasibility of any project. Meetings with contractor and committee. Report and plan to present to Board of Selectmen and reasons for the recommendations. Will need to have a Public Session to listen to comments after recommendations from the residents. Company will give recommendations.

Rich Buturla has answers to questions for Paul W concerning 98 Bank Street.

Motion to approve the transfer of control # 17 for \$24,000.00 from Contingency acct 1-001-410-1950-530-872 for \$14,000.00 and from Electricity 1-001-410-1940-510-622 for \$10,000.00 and into Contracted Services acct 1-001-410-1940-510-420 \$24,000.00.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes (W. Kurt Miller, Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek)

1-No (Al Bruno)

1-Abstain (Nicole Klarides-Ditria)

Still has to go to Board of Finance for final approval.

ITEM # 12 - Update and possible request from Seymour Tradition concerning the Smoke in the Valley II Event.

Done under item # 12.

ITEM # 13 - Go out to bid for the Town of Seymour Curbside Recycling Contract.

The Town of Seymour is requesting bids for CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE.

Specifications can be picked up at Seymour Town Hall, Office of the First Selectman, 1

First Street, Seymour, Connecticut or on our website at www.seymourct.org

Bids will be accepted until 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. Bids will be opened publicly at the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:30PM on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Motion to go out to bid for Curbside Recycling Contract for the Town of Seymour due at 4:00PM on Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 14 - Set an additional Budget Referendum date for Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the Seymour Community Center from 6am to 8 pm if needed.

Motion to set an additional Budget Referendum date for Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the Seymour Community Center from 6am to 8 pm if needed.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 15 - Set Public Hearing on 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program for May 29, 2012 at 7pm in the Norma Drummer Room. (Will have a Special Board of Selectmen meeting immediately following to approve the Resolution for the 2012 Small Cities Community Development Application.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Seymour will conduct a public hearing by the Office of the First Selectman on May 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Norma Drummer Room, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2012 Community Development Block Grant program and to solicit citizen input.

Maximum award limits include a total of \$750,000 per Fiscal Year for Public Facilities, \$700,000 per Fiscal Year for Public Housing Modernization, \$500,000 per Fiscal Year for Infrastructure, and \$300,000 per Fiscal Year for Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Major activity categories are Housing - New Construction, Housing Acquisition, Housing-Rehabilitation, Community Facilities/Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG allocations must carry out at least one of three National

Objectives, as follows: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The First Selectman's Office on behalf of the Town of Seymour anticipates applying for \$300,000 under the housing rehabilitation category for town-wide housing rehabilitation. The Town of Seymour will use funds, if any, generated from the program for the same purpose for which funds were originally requested.

The purpose of 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 Office of the First Selectman, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483. Information may be obtained at the above address or by calling Kurt Miller, at (203) 888-2511 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Individuals with disabilities who wish to attend are encouraged to contact the Town's ADA Coordinator, Kurt Miller at (203) 888-2511, to request special accommodation, if needed. The Town of Seymour is an equal opportunity employer and 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 disability.

Motion to set a Public Hearing on 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program for May 29, 2012 at 7pm in the Norma Drummer Room.

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

Motion to add to Agenda the recommendation from Town Engineer for the contractor for the Reconstruction of Chamberlin Road and Brothers Court.

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

Motion to accept recommendation from Town Engineer for the contractor for the reconstruction of Chamberlin Road and Brothers Court through a Small Cities Grant to B&W Paving and Landscaping, LLC for \$408,000 and not to exceed \$521,750.00.

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

The Public Works Director had contacted the water company and they are replacing water lines in road before the reconstruction.

ITEM # 16 - Approve Resolution for Rimmon Street Reclamation and Drainage Improvements. Rimmon Street, Reclamation and Drainage Improvements.

The proposed project is located on Rimmon Street, and a short portion of Old Drive. The proposed roadway improvement includes pavement reclamation of the existing roadway. Reclamation will require some excavation of material in order to account for swell and to maintain the existing vertical profile. The existing roadway widths will be maintained and curbing will be replaced in-kind. Drainage improvements to be performed include approximately ten (10) new catch basins and thirteen (13) new catch basin tops will replace existing ones. Approximately 850 feet of new culvert pipe is to be installed with new catch basins. Approximately 432 feet of sidewalk and the

adjacent concrete curbing will be replaced along Rimmon Street, Clifton Street and Pershing Street. The sidewalk will have to be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. An additional 20 feet of new sidewalk will be added on Rimmon Street, terminating at Old Drive across from the existing sidewalk. Traffic will be maintained during construction with alternating one-way operations.

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour has published a legal notice display ad, mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting on the proposed STP Urban Transportation project known as Rimmon Street Reclamation and Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on March 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour has selected this project as a regional priority and to utilize federal funds for right-of-way, preliminary engineering and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, the project is on a municipality owned road, all phases (preliminary engineering, right-of-way and construction) will be performed by the Town of Seymour or its consultant, utilizing 80% Federal funds, 10% state funds and 10% Town of Seymour for all phases.

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour has considered the concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed Rimmon Street Reclamation and Drainage Improvements Project is in the best interest of the Town of Seymour, and will promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public.

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour based on the above information, and by the virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.

W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman

Motion to accept resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 17 - Approve list of proposed LOCIP projects.

Motion to accept the LOCIP recommendations as presented in the amount of \$79,720.00 with the exception of the \$2,995.00 for road signs, which are pending approval from OPM.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 18 - Discussion of Report of Town Parks from HD Segur.

Motion to table until the June 5, 2012 meeting.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 19 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Rebecca Golebieski to the Housing Authority for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring 11/30/14.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to reappoint John Fedor as Treasurer for an 18-Month term expiring 12/31/14.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 20 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$333.10.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 21 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 22 - Correspondence.

- Check registers
- Town Clerk Report for April 2012.

ITEM # 23 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 24 - Public Comment.

Jay Hatfield: Would like more info on the Telecommunications Policy.

Kurt states that it will be presented at the June 5, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Paul Sponheimer: Would like to have the new street signs colors be blue and gold.

Bob Koskelowski: Happy about the 4 part time workers in public works. Make sure they only work in the parks and not on the roads. Thank you.

Kurt: Only parks.

Sean Walsh: Project bonds returned in the past before and projects have turned out bad. Hold bonds longer, at least an additional year. Do not want to pay to fix projects that have already been paid for.

ITEM # 25 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen: Does Seymour have a blight ordinance with fines? Can we do anything about the blight at the Sweets and Eats property?

Kurt: Would like Karen to submit a blight report form. Feels that the Blight Ordinance lost its bite the last time it was revised.

Karen: The High School Graduation is being held on June 19th, can we change our Board of Selectmen meeting for that night?

Kurt: We can discuss changing the meeting at our June 5th meeting.

Theresa: Explain how the code red system works.

Kurt: Tool to get information out in a simple and efficient way to all residents in Seymour.

Theresa: Feels only the BofEd people get a notification not everyone.

Kurt: What they choose to do with their system is their choice. In the past we have gotten a lot of flack for using our Code Red System for public service announcements and then we have gotten just as many complaints for not using it. There will be a code red call going out

tomorrow night reminding people to go out and vote on the budget. Information needs to get out. Kurt will use different wording. Non emergency.

Theresa: Green Light Auto on 67, there are 30 cars, is this a zoning enforcement issue?

Kurt: The Zoning Enforcement Officer has already been out there. Will get a report for the next meeting on the 5th.

Theresa: Lantern Ridge/Beacon Falls/Seymour Line. A lot of ATV's ruining the property.

Kurt: This will be addressed. There was another meeting scheduled concerning the same issue in the Laurel Ledge area.

Theresa: Coyotes in the Skokorat area. Have people look out for them.

Nicole: Bob Callow 400th win of HS Baseball team. Congratulations.

AL: Very upset that there is no records of LOCIP grants. This is why this Town is in desperate need of HR to support employees to do their jobs better. And take care of employees that are not doing their jobs.

Gary: Annual Fire Emergency Meeting Tonight at Great Hill Hose.

ITEM # 26 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations – Administrators Union, Tax Incentive Plan, Budget Item) (Personnel, Pending Litigation).

Motion to go into executive session for Contract Negotiations – Administrators Union and Tax Incentive Plan, and for Personnel updates with Town Counsel, Labor Counsel and the Board of Selectmen at 9:02PM.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:50pm with no votes or action taken.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to add to the agenda discussion of tax incentive program and negotiations with new businesses.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Meeting tomorrow with Thule, they are looking to expand and would like to utilize the tax incentive program. Town Counsel, Economic Development Director, and the First Selectman will negotiate the tax incentive plan and get back to Board. Potential Tenant 40,000 square feet at Tri-Town Plaza and will be coming in on Thursday or Friday to look at the town. Also would like to utilize the tax incentive program. Trucking School approached with potential of tax incentives, partner with other town businesses for diesel, etc. Want long tenure in Seymour. Not eligible for incentives that new businesses are but possibly 10-15% for 2 or 3 years? Will other businesses be coming forward? Maybe, something to think about. Agenda item on June 5th for discussion.

ITEM # 27 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:56PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

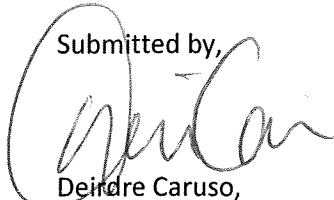
Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

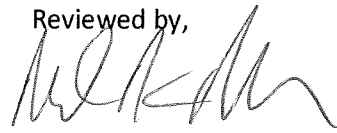
0-Abstain

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman