

MINUTES  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, April 3, 2012 @ 7:30PM  
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Sean Walsh, Frank Loda, Alex Danka and Len Greene.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:31PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Present certificates to the Seymour High School Cheerleaders for their District 4 Regional Championship.

State Representative Len Greene, Jr. and First Selectman W. Kurt Miller

Deputy First Selectman Nicole Klarides-Ditria calls everyone up to get their certificates from the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen.

Len gives team the citation from the State of Connecticut congratulating the girls on their Regional Championship.

ITEM # 4 - Public Comment.

Bob Koskelowski, Pearl Street: Charter Section 10.21, Sewer Rate Use Board. Would like to see the Board appointed. Last year raised rate by \$0.75 a cubic foot. Charging for 12 months at a time more than once a year. In 1991 was told that the sewer use would only charge for the 6 winter months, not the summer months. Sent letter and went to meeting but it was cancelled. Was told he would be contacted in 2 weeks in November and has never heard back from them. They know about the problem and are not addressing it. Believes that the Town of Seymour residents are being over charged for sewer use.

Alex Danka, 203 Pearl Street: Would like an item added to the agenda tonight concerning the Seymour Land Trust and issues that have arisen today.

ITEM # 5 - Approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/20/12.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/20/12.

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 6 - First Selectman's Report – 100-Day Plan Update.

Sent update to the Board Members VIA email.

Met with Jamie Cohen from the Valley Community Foundation and will be joining and assisting in raising money for the plaques for the memorials that had been stolen.

Housatonic Wire: Was told with the Finance Committee DECD has the loan and should have money in a few days. \$500,000 Brownfields Grant was awarded and will begin after the cleanup on the site. Thanks to the Economic Development Director and Town Counsel.

LOCIP: \$200,000+. Not used in a couple of years. Working on a list to use the \$\$\$. Will bring to the Board for approval.

Capital: All departments have to resubmit their capital projects. Will bring to the Board for approval. Need to use Justification Form.

First Quarter Reports: Emailed. Please review. Will organize the format of the reports during staff meetings.

Code Red: Information on research. Will ask Tom Eighmie to come to the next meeting.

Bell: Researched original company that made the bell and will be sending it out for refinishing for approximately \$2,400.00. The bell is currently in front of Town Hall and there are plans being made to have the lawn landscaped.

ITEM # 7 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).

None.

ITEM # 8 - Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting held on 4/3/12 @ 7:15PM.

Motion to act in lieu of Special Town Meeting held on 4/3/12 at 7:15PM to approve transfers for the Department of Public Works totaling \$59,500.00 from Transfer Control # 10 dated 1/30/12.

Motion: Karen Stanek                      Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain

ITEM # 9 - Request from the Friends of the Library to approve an Antique Appraisal to be held at the Seymour Public Library to be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2012. Rich, hold harmless agreement sent to the Library. Need to be signed.

Motion to allow the Friends of the Seymour Public Library to hold an antique appraisal and serve wine on Sunday, May 20, 2012, pending receipt of signed hold harmless agreement.

Motion: Theresa Conroy                      Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain

ITEM # 10 - Award the 2012 Small Cities Community Development Grant Application and Administration.

There were 3 RFP's received in the First Selectman's Office; L. Wagner & Associates, Lisa Low & Associates, and Strong Design Associates, in response to the Request for Proposals put into the paper for the submission and administration for the 2012 Small Cities Grant Program. The First Selectman's Office went through a ranking system. Lisa Low and Associates did receive the highest ranking. This was due to the fact that her fees come strictly out of the grant at no additional cost to the Town, as well as her knowledge and other work with the Town and being a local business.

Motion to hire Lisa Low & Associates to send the application and administer the 2012 Small Cities Grant.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria                      Second: Gary Bruce

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain

ITEM # 11 - Approve Fair Housing Resolution.

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal



RESOLVED: That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby authorizes W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour to execute an instrument and to take all necessary steps to terminate the aforesaid Lease, as modified, on behalf of the Town of Seymour.

Motion to approve the resolution to terminate the lease between the Town of Seymour and SHA Development Corp. for Randall Field, per Charter Section 3.2.

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

ITEM # 15 - Request from the Fire Department to begin charging a \$25.00 fee for fire reports requested by insurance companies.

The Fire Department would like the money to go back into the clothing and/or general supplies line items.

Motion to approve the Fire Department's request to charge a \$25.00 fee to send insurance companies fire reports.

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

Motion to add to the agenda discussion with Seymour Land Trust concerning outstanding zoning issues.

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

Kurt found out that there are some zoning issues concerning the deck and retaining wall at the Seymour Land Trust building today. Some members of the P&Z Commission and the ZEO came to him to tell him that they have some issues with the deck on the building being on Town property.

Alex Danka: Received a phone call from Kurt today. There was a meeting with Jim Baldwin, Bill Paecht, Bob Looker and was told that they want to close the land trust building. Have parties planned, etc. Town Counsel had been approached. He is reviewing the file. Alex would like to know if the Land Trust can do a hold harmless agreement and take full responsibility. Town Counsel states that part of the deck was built on town property. There may be liability issues and also maybe original plans did not include the deck. The Zoning Commission may have responsibility also.

The Land Trust members are upset and were under the assumption that they had approval for the temporary CO for the building. Will have the A2 and as built survey done by Mike Horbal. They have upcoming events booked in their hall including a wedding and do not want the building closed.

ITEM # 16 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint William Wilkin to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 4/3/14.

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

Motion to appoint Theresa Spak to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 4/3/14.

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

Motion to appoint Sandy Cass to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 4/3/14.

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

Motion to appoint Melissa Girard to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 4/3/14.

Motion: Al Bruno    Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes    0-No    0-Abstain

Town Counsel excused at 8:26PM.

ITEM # 17 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,706.60.

Motion: Theresa Conroy    Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes    0-No    0-Abstain

ITEM # 18 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 19 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk Report, March 2012.
- Letter from the Community Foundation for donations.
- Letter from Fire Marshal concerning the closing of the top floor of the Community Center.
- Library Board letter of support for projects.

ITEM # 20 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 21 - Selectman's Public Comment.

Karen Stanek: Would like to know if Public Works can clean up the wooded area in front of Seymour Middle School there are a lot of trees down and debris. Dennis states that the Board of Education is responsible for that area.

Theresa Conroy: Concerned about the Land Trust issue. What is the ZEO's responsibility and do they do inspections? Kurt will be checking into this matter further and Town Counsel has the file for review. The ZEO gave temp CO and P&Z Commission didn't agree.

Gary Bruce: Will forward Code Red info to Bill Yule at OSAC and others so they can respond to the findings. He will also send it to Everbridge and will come back to next meeting with findings. May have people at next meeting. Would like this to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Kurt: Telecommunication Policy group will be meeting tomorrow and Videotaping Policy group will get info to Kurt when they will be meeting.

ITEM # 22 - Public Comment.

Pat Lombardi: Surplus equipment has to be offered to other departments in town before it is advertised for bid to purchase.

Al Yagovane, Washington Avenue: The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 27, 2012. He would like all of the Selectmen at the reviewing stand at 10:50am. Also on April 26 there will be the ground breaking at 4pm at Broad Street Park. The lights will be coming in this week, brick already in.

Paul Roy: Skate Park update: Chuck Lee, DEEP and the Connecticut Hurricanes will be attending a meeting with the Committee to discuss the impact of the Skate Park being moved to the Community Center and the move from the current location.

ITEM # 23 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

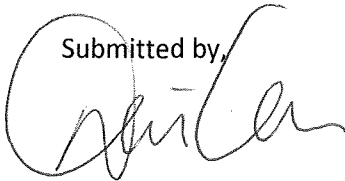
Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Theresa Conroy

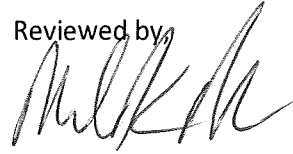
0-Abstain

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,  
First Selectman