

small children and babies are being constantly bombarded with errant kicks while senior citizens are forced to "duck and dodge" while trying to enjoy the companionship of their grandchildren. Not only is this a dangerous safety issue but it also exposes the Town of Seymour to potentially serious litigation. The proximity of the field to the playground; its benches and picnic tables is minimal and I have personally witnessed numerous soccer balls strike children and adults. Fortunately, none of these collisions have caused serious injury as yet but this really is a serious accident waiting to happen. At the eastern end of this perimeter stands a gazebo with picnic tables. This gazebo is approximately 15' behind the adjacent field. I have also witnessed soccer balls entering this picnic area sending plates and food in the air. I can fully appreciate that the present economic environment in Seymour and the surrounding area is not strong but I do believe that if we fail to address this issue now we run the risk of enduring future legal issues by not responding appropriately. I would be more than willing if you wish to assist in the planning for and the installation of a new fence. Thanks you for listening and your attention is most certainly appreciated.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Would like to comment on Item # 18, Presentation from CCM. As a former member of the Board of Finance, CCM was very helpful. He would like the Town to give support to CCM because they provided a tremendous service to the Town.

ITEM # 7 - Discussion on adoption of Tax Incentive Program.

Kurt would like any questions and/or comments for the Tax Incentive Committee so we may send them to them and then have the Tax Incentive Program ready for approval at the March 6, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting. Then the Economic Development Director can take it to his meeting in Hartford on March 7, 2012 to present to potential businesses.

Karen: Paragraph B #6 -- add after building permit "and not in violation of any town codes including the fire code."

Paragraph G: Last paragraph -- shall be by first class mail "certified, return receipt requested" and shall apprise..

Karen: Also asks about parking downtown and if the Town will be buying the property downtown that was proposed by the Economic Development Director.

Kurt: Losing one crossing guard when Anna LoPresti School will be closed and the Chief of Police would like to replace that position by hiring a parking attendant and also looking at the possibility parking meters downtown. The purchase of the property downtown for parking has been moved into the capital plan.

Theresa: As long as smaller businesses are included in the plan she is happy with it.

Gary: Just would like to repeat his last statement about this plan in wanting to make sure that the tax incentive does not kick in until project/building is completed.

Kurt: The plan was designed to accommodate each kind of business in Town. It also gives the Board of Selectmen the leeway to negotiate with the businesses to get the best benefit for the Town of Seymour and the businesses. The Economic Development Commission will be sending their recommendations to the Tax Incentive Committee as well. The Board of Selectmen will be taking action on the plan at their March 6, 2012.

ITEM # 8 - Discuss and take action on Fire Marshal's office stipend position.

Town Counsel Rich Buturla: Took a look at the issues that were raised about this issue. Is comfortable to proceed with the motion that was made at last meeting.

Kurt: If the Board of Selectmen decide to approve the position then it will go to the Board of Finance. If approved then the Board of Fire Commissioners will interview the candidate and give their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Motion to hire an additional part-time fire marshal for a stipend of \$3,000 on the condition that time sheets be provided on a quarterly basis to the Office of the First Selectman detailing the locations of all inspections and how much time each inspection and re-inspection required with a minimum of 48 activities annually.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 9 - Discussion and take action on the updating of the phone system for town departments.

The First Selectman, Finance Director, and Assistant Finance Director were ready to make a recommendation and another vendor came with another offer.

Motion to table the updating of the phone system for town departments until the March 6, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 10 - Approve resolution for the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection including the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all document which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

Further Resolved, that W. Kurt Miller, as First Selectman of the Seymour Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Seymour and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that W. Kurt Miller now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since December 5, 2011.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 11 - Approve Grant Application for the State Library in the amount of \$4,000 for the Town Clerk's office.

Motion to approve grant application State Library \$4,000.00 for Town Clerks Office.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 12 - Resolution concerning extension of Seymour Ambulance Association Contract, per contract. (Take action)

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, the Town of Seymour hereby ratifies and approves the two year extension of the agreement with the Seymour Ambulance Association, Inc. from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

Be it Further Resolved, the Town of Seymour acknowledges and confirms the waiver of the three percent (3%) base increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; and

Be it Further Resolved, the Town of Seymour confirms that the base amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 is \$52,787.50, all other terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement are to remain in full force and effect.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 13 - Approve disposition of funds from RAF Claim. (Take Action)
Will discuss this issue in further detail under transfers.

ITEM # 14 - Approve contract from Constellation Energy. (Take Action)
This contract is an extension of the current contract for electricity for the Town. The savings for the Town in the first year will be approximately \$29,695.10. The savings for the Board of Education will be approximately \$100,000.00. The rate will change from 0.0842 to 0.0699.

Motion to approve contract with constellation energy as presented. 10/24/12-10/28/14.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to authorize the First Selectman W. Kurt Miller, from the Town of Seymour to enter into a contract with Constellation Energy to prove electricity requirements for the terms set forth in the contract.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

- Gary asks that the 800# is sent out to all emergency services personnel.

ITEM # 15 - Accept Forest Hollow Road as a Town Road, per recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Take Action)
Motion to accept Forest Hollow Road as a Town road per recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Theresa Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Maintenance bond being held in the amount of \$80,000.00 until released by P&Z.

ITEM # 16 - Accept Hidden Meadow Road as a Town Road, per recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission. (Take Action)
Motion to accept the southerly section of Hidden Meadow Road as Town Road per recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Maintenance bond for the southerly section of Hidden Meadow Road being held in the amount of \$17,500.00 until released by P&Z.

ITEM # 17 - Approve tax abatement list for emergency services volunteers for the 2011 tax year. (Take Action)

Karen: Questions why she sees that only the Great Hill members list their points?

Tom Eighmie: States that both captains from each Fire House keep track of the points earned and produce their own report. The SAA have a different system.

Gary Bruce: States that there is a point criteria, which includes drills, training, etc. Each member needs 150 points to qualify. You also have to live in town to meet the criteria on the list.

Motion to approve tax abatement list for emergency services volunteers as presented for the 2011 tax year.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes (W. Kurt Miller, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek)

0-No

2 –Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Gary Bruce)

The First Selectman excuses Town Counsel at 8:25PM.

ITEM # 18 - Presentation from CCM.

Kurt and Annmarie have heard before, important, need to make a decision, due to budget time, please review packet.

Kevin Maloney: Would like the chance to work with the Town. Work with Towns that are similar to Seymour and can help us by letting us know what they are doing. Will get answers quickly from their open ended research service. They get approximately 1,500 research requests per year. At the State Capital they are the municipal lobbying group. Diligent in looking for state aid for the municipalities. Lobbied for a property tax relief grant that will go into effect this year saving approximately \$9,700 per year. Possible new grants available in the amount of \$171,000, not sure if Seymour has taken advantage of it. Helps town save money, reverse auctions on equipment. Try to relieve towns of state mandates. The current Governor used to be the President of CCM. CCM has their own insurance company, liability, workers comp, etc., called Cirma, a division of CCM. They also offer training for employees/workshops for professional development. CCM had worked the past 3 years with a 0% increase, but this year there may be a small increase. Other towns in our area use CCM such as Ansonia, Oxford, Beacon Falls, and Naugatuck. They also provide energy programs that offer savings. Shelton has purchased into the electric program. They also provide a municipal salary survey. Very helpful and important. Annual membership, CCM would like the opportunity to work with the town. Workshops for Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, or appointed and elected board members. If proposal and in budget for July 1st, services would be opened at the time of agreement, prior to budget. Theresa Conroy: States that she is aware that the Town of Seymour are members of Cost now, and belonged to CCM a while back.

Kevin Maloney: COST does a great job with what they do. CCM deals with more issues. CCM also has a great website that has a lot of information and password protected for members.

Theresa: Would like the Town to consider joining CCM and feels that they would provide a beneficial service.

*The Board of Selectmen will review the packet handed out by CCM and take action at the March 6, 2012 meeting.

ITEM # 19 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Paul Sponheimer to the Building Review Committee for a term expiring upon completion.

Motion: Karen Stanek

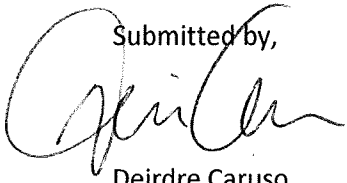
Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

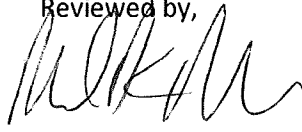
0-Abstain

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman