

MINUTES  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011 @ 7:30PM  
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy, and Town Counsel Colleen Fries.

Others present: Ed Pollack, Joan Gee, Harry Marks, Wayne Finkle, Sean Walsh, Howard Simpson, David Elder, Alfred Yagovane and Barbara Jean Wilhelmy.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by the First Selectman at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Public Hearing on 2/1/11.

Motion to approve minutes from Public Hearing on 2/1/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller                                  Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis)

0-No                                  2-Abstain (John Conroy, Karl Trybus)                                  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/1/11.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/1/11, with the addition of item # 8 to state that the Board of Education should come to the next meeting.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller                                  Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John

Conroy)                                  0-No                                  1-Abstain (Karl Trybus)                                  0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – First Selectman's Report.

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ITEM # 6 – Public Comment.

Wayne Finkle, 1 Jay Lane, Board of Public Works: Thanks the Board of Selectmen for trying to bond the needed equipment for the Public Works Department. Disappointed that the Board of Finance rejected it and feels that false information was given. The money was to replace old equipment, not add to the fleet. Also the \$80,000+ vehicle listed in the bonding resolution was for the Parks Department, not Public Works. Very concerned to where this is going to leave the Town.

Ed Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Still has many concerns about the flooding problem on his property and would like a letter stating that the Town is responsible for cleaning the drainage pipe under the street and would like a letter from Town Counsel stating her reasons for the Town not taking responsibility for his problem so he can give it to his attorney.

Mike Komaromi, 10 Sunset Terrace: Thanks the Board for being so patient about the bamboo issue. He states that he has no plans to remove his bamboo, which is well maintained, especially since he has not broken any Town or State Laws. He is trying to work with the neighbors and has agreed to dig trenches along his property line to avoid any invasion issues and contain the bamboo.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street, Board of Public Works: Is in agreement with Wayne Finkle on the Public Works issues. Is concerned about aging broken equipment and being able to support the roads in Town with what is available.

**ITEM # 7 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting per Charter Section 13.1(f).**

Motion to adjourn Special Town Meeting to Referendum on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street, from 6am to 8pm.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, John Conroy)      2-No (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis)      0-Abstain      0-Disqualify

- W. Kurt Miller would like to state for the record that he would still like to see this done on the budget referendum to save money.

Motion to place on the table discussion and take possible action on re-classification of Holbrook Road, and Canfield Road.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes      0-No      0-Abstain      0-Disqualify

David Elder, VCOG: Would like the Board of Selectmen to empower the First Selectman to enter into agreements to re-classify and upgrade Holbrook Road into a Major Collector Road and to de-classify Mountain and Canfield Roads into Minor Collector Roads in order to possibly obtain more funds from the STP (Surface Transportation Grant Program). The Board would like to keep all roads with the status of Collector Roads.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with the CTDOT to reclassify Holbrook Road, Mountain Road and Canfield Road and to keep their status to at least a Minor Collector Road.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes      0-No      0-Abstain      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 8 – Human Resources Audit Proposal.**

W. Kurt Miller: Spearheaded obtaining this proposal because he feels that Human Resources is essential and the Human Resources Audit will justify why HR is needed in the Town of Seymour.

Linda Meola, Human Resources Inc.: Would like to propose an audit to the Board, which will include speaking to the Directors/Managers to find out goals in each department, performance evaluations, job descriptions, etc. The company will be giving their recommendations from the information they gather, as well as Statute Compliance and Best Practice. The company also uses a team of people to make the determination. The proposal is for \$40,000.00, which includes \$15,000 for the audit and \$25,000 for the first year of having a Human Resource Service in house several hours a week and access to services during each work week.

The Board members would like the audit done immediately, but need to seek the funding. The First Selectman will consult with the Finance Department to see if the funding can be found.

Motion to table the Human Resources Audit Proposal until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on March 1, 2011.



The First Selectman has researched the Small Cities Community Development Grants and found out that the money can be used for the roads at the low income housing, which are Chamberlin Road, Brothers Court and Seymour Avenue. There is approximately \$500,000 available. The Grants Coordinator will be attending a course on these grants tomorrow. The Town must go out for RFQ's for the Technical Assistance.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to apply for the Small Cities Community Development Grant and go out for RFQ's for the Technical Assistance.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to move item #20 Executive Session up on the Agenda.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Philip Wilhelmy  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to go into executive session for pending litigation and negotiations with Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen at 9:25PM.

Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of executive session with no motions or action taken at 9:39PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to have Town Counsel proceed in accordance with discussions in executive session.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Discussion and possible action on Capital Plan for 2010/2011 FY.  
Board members discussed and reviewed the 5-Year Capital Plan beginning 2010/2011 FY.  
Motion to table the Capital Plan for FY 2010/2011 until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/1/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Discussion of 98 Bank Street Committee.

The First Selectman has put together a sub-committee consisting of Theresa Conroy, Paul Sponheimer, Bill Alberti, and James Garofolo to discuss, review and make recommendations on the building at 98 Bank Street. They will be meeting tomorrow, 2/16/11. The Committee will be making their recommendations by the middle of April.

ITEM # 13 – Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Walter Woods as the Assistant Building Inspector for a 2-Year term expiring on 3/1/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Rick Belden to the Energy Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 3/2/13.



Motion to reappoint Al Yagovane to the Valley Transit District for a 2-Year term expiring on 3/17/13.  
Motion: W. Kurt Miller                      Second: Karl Trybus  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Jon Livolsi to the WPCA for a 4-Year term expiring on 7/24/14.  
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy                      Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.  
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$21,317.91.  
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy                      Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Transfers.  
None.

ITEM # 16 – Correspondence.  
-Check Registers.  
-Police Department Accounts.

ITEM # 17 – Other Business.  
None.

ITEM # 18 – Public Comment.  
Harry Marks, Chatfield Street, Aging Commission: Recalls an incident recently where he went to the Senior Center and the door was locked at approximately 11am. He went in another door and found the staff there. He then reported it to the First Selectman. He has many concerns about the Senior Center. Also comments that he would like to see a check list report for each time the senior bus is used.

Joan Gee, 5 Bassett Road, Aging Commission: Is glad that some of the recommendations that the Aging Commission gave are moving along and is happy about the HR position, due to job descriptions being needed.

ITEM # 19 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.  
Paul Roy: Met with Jamie Cohen of the Community Foundation and fixed the language in the agreement for the AT&T funds for the new Chatfield LoPresti PTA. Went to a program featuring opportunities for the town to get solar panels for free on some town buildings.

John Conroy: Would like WPCA issues address ASAP for budget issues. Would like the WPCA Chairman to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting. Town Counsel states that Bonding Counsel feels that the WPCA issue is not worth it due to their financial status.  
Town Counsel states that there is also no new information on Tri-Town Plaza.

ITEM # 21 – Adjournment.  
Motion to adjourn at 10:22PM.  
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                      Second: Philip Wilhelmy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

*Deirdre Caruso*  


Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

*Paul Roy*  


Paul Roy,  
First Selectman