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MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 4, 2011 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: John Conroy and Karl Trybus.

Others present: Frank Loda, Ed Pollack, Sean Walsh, Wayne Finkle, Harry Marks, Timm Willis, Paul Wetowitz, Bob Koskelowski, Caryn Rickel, and Joan Gee.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:33PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - First Selectman's Report.

- First Selectman was on vacation last week during the snowstorm of December 26th and 27th which was handled well by the Public Works Department. The timing of the storm worked well due to the schools being out on winter vacation and many people were not working from December 27th to December 31st. Snowfall was estimated at 18" to 24" with much drifting and blowing. Cleanup took four days with schools being cleaned on Tuesday during working hours with no overtime cost. Total cost of storm was approximately \$51,000.

ITEM # 5 - Public Comment.

Ed Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Hands out more information concerning his flooding problem on his property and would like a resolution or a response to his requests for help.

Caryn Rickel, 13 Edgehill Terrace: Has been here several times and believes that the Town of Seymour has a very serious bamboo problem. She has provided pictures, testimonies from other residents, information on the plant and legislation from other places. She would like the Town Counsel to research this to possibly establish an Ordinance against planting the running bamboo.

Lee Heller, 34 George Street: States that approximately 8 years ago she planted the running bamboo on her property and it has gone onto neighboring property. She is anticipating a large expense to remove the plants. Another neighbor planted it and it went through their pool. States that it is also growing on Third Street.

Bob Koskelowski, Pearl Street: Upset that the Commission on Aging minutes have not been filed since October 2010. He feels that the commission had been told before and he may be filing an FOI violation. He feels that the storm was taken care of by Public Works with the exception of the piles of snow by the church on Washington Ave. He does not agree with the addition to the Charter stating that an employee cannot be on the Board of Finance. He feels at this time with the economy the way it is that the Town should not be borrowing any money and would like the Board to reconsider the resolutions. Has several suggestions concerning equipment and repairs to buildings that he would like considered. Would also like the First Selectman to consider forming a committee to evaluate some of the Town Buildings.

Joan Gee, 5 Bassett Road: States that she was just made aware that the Aging Commission minutes have not been filed. States that the meeting that was held at the Sandwich Man had an agenda and was more of a holiday luncheon than a meeting. She also states that no one ever attends the Aging Commission Meetings. She states several of the recommendations that have been made to the Board of Selectmen from the Aging Commission six months ago and is upset that none of them have been addressed. She feels that the Aging Commission has done their job and would like a decision to be made.

Harry Marks, 4 Chatfield Street: Also on the Aging Commission and would like some answers or resolutions to the recommendations that the Aging Commission gave to the Board of Selectmen. He would like a remedy to this issue.

ITEM # 6 - Presentation of plaque to Dr. Nanavati.

The Town of Seymour has presented a plaque to Dr. Nanavati, a local Veterinarian who has done so much for the health and well being of the pets in the Town, for his many years of service.

ITEM # 7 - Set Public Hearing for proposed Charter revisions on 1/18/11.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the proposed Charter revisions by the Charter Revision Commission on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table to set a Special Town Meeting for Bonding Resolutions for Wednesday, January 26, 2011 @ 7:00PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Sandra Gesek
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting for Bonding Resolutions for Wednesday, January 26, 2011 @ 7:00PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Sandra Gesek
Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Sandra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis) 1-No
(W. Kurt Miller) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table quotes for Police Department roof repairs via STEAP grant.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The Town of Seymour has received a STEAP Grant to repair the roof at the Police Department for \$45,000. Two quotes were received: Nick's Roofing \$45,000 and DiGiorgi \$36,500.

Motion to award quote for roof repairs to the Police Department.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Sandra Gesek
Rescind Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Rescind Second: Sandra Gesek

Motion to table quote for roof repairs at the Police Department until the Town Engineer gives a recommendation at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/18/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Approve Fire Marshal fee schedule.

The Fire Marshal submits a modified fee schedule with the following changes:

Permit Fee -	Tank Truck (new): \$15.00
	Tank Truck (renewal): \$15.00
Information Fee -	Fire Investigation Report: \$25.00
	Photos @ \$1.00
Fire Alarm -	5,000 sf: \$75.00
	5-9,999 sf: \$150.00
	10-49,999 sf: \$300.00
Sprinkler System -	5,000 sf: \$75.00
	5-9,999 sf: \$150.00
	10-49,999 sf: \$300.00

Motion to approve proposed increase in the Fire Marshal's fee schedule.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Request from Fire Marshal for part-time inspectors.

The Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal have a presentation for the reasons why they need part-time help in their department. Their presentation includes:

Why the Fire Marshal's Department needs part-time inspectors: Saves lives and property; General Statute requirement; Reduce Liability; Long Term Plan; Morality; Legal Responsibilities. A short film was showed to the group showing that a fire can go from a spark to an inferno in 2 minutes.

They are requesting 2 part-time fire inspectors that will work 8 hours a week each at \$18.00 per hour.

The Fire Marshal will be presenting this to the Board of Finance as well.

No Action Taken

ITEM # 10 – Appointments.

None.

ITEM # 11 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,705.70.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: W. Kurt Miller**
Vote: 5-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 12 – Transfers.
None.

ITEM # 13 – Correspondence.
- **Check Registers.**
- **Town Clerk Report for December 2010.**
- **Police Department Accounts.**
- **Snow Storm Report.**
- **Up to date Financials from the Finance Director.**

ITEM # 14 – Other Business.
None.

ITEM # 15 – Public Comment.
Bob Koskelowski, Pearl Street: Concerned that the sidewalks that are being done on Stoddard Street not being able to be done correctly due to the cold weather.

ITEM # 16 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.
Philip Wilhelmy: Asks if the Town needed to use any outside contractors for the snow storm. Paul answered NO.

Anmarie Drugonis: Would like the environmental report on the oil spill at Bungay School for the next meeting on 1/18/11 if possible.

ITEM # 17 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations – Public Works Local 1303-24, Pending Litigation – 46 Bellevue Terrace/Blight Lien, Personnel).
Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:58PM with Town Counsel, Attorney Teodosio and Board of Selectmen for Contract Negotiations – Public Works Local 1303-24 and then with Town Counsel and Board of Selectmen for Pending Litigation – 46 Bellevue Terrace/Blight Lien.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: W. Kurt Miller**
Vote: 5-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

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

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: W. Kurt Miller**
Vote: 5-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to approve Public Works Union Contract Local 1303-24 as presented.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: Saundra Gesek**
Vote: 5-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to authorize Town Counsel to proceed with the issue on 46 Bellevue Terrace in accordance with the provisions in the Blight Ordinance.

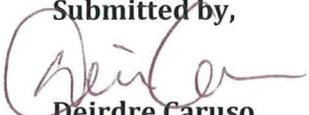
Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: W. Kurt Miller**
Vote: 5-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 18 – Adjournment.

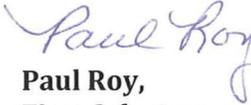
Motion to adjourn at 9:53PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

Second: Philip Wilhelmy
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,


Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,


Paul Roy,
First Selectman