

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 31, 2011 @ 6:15PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, and Town Counsel Colleen Fries.
Not present: Philip Wilhelmy, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, and John Conroy.
Others present: Rita & Joe Milak, Alice S. Smith, Lou Ianello, and Steve Kulas.

ITEM # 1 - Open Public Hearing.
Public Hearing was opened at 6:15PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Discussion and Public Comment relative to the sale of real property commonly known as 19 Patton Avenue, Seymour, Connecticut consisting of .71± acres.
Alice S. Smith, 21 Patton Avenue: Lives next to the property and has major concerns about the Town selling the property as a building lot. She states that it is a very steep and wet piece of property and that there is several drainage issues associated with the property. Her property has been flooded due to the slope on this lot. It is also where the town plows all of the snow from the street in the winter. She also has a major concern about the very sharp corner that it is on and has witnessed several severe accidents as a result of the curve. She believes that the slope is too steep to build on. She states that the lot is a wildlife and tree cover for the area and access to the park. She would like to know the history of the lot and how the Town acquired it. Also, how will the lot be sold, will it be subdivided?

Joseph Milak, 13 Patton Avenue: Also concerned about the large amount of water that collects on that lot from the rest of the street and is confused about this being a building lot when most of it is wetlands. He states there is a large amount of erosion that happens there and there is a lot of drainage that needs to be put in. Who is going to pay for this drainage?

Paul Roy: States that there isn't a buyer for the property yet and the Town will send the Wetlands Officer out there to assess the land.

Lou Ianello, 21 Patton Avenue: Very worried about the drainage and erosion. Suggests giving property to the Land Trust or the park and asks if it's possible to sell him a portion of the lot so he could use it for drainage for his property.

Alice S. Smith, 21 Patton Avenue: Would like to know who is responsible for taking care of the drainage on the street?

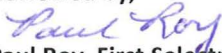
Paul Roy: Answers that the Public Works Department is responsible for the streets. If the property is given to the Land Trust or the park there will be no taxes collected, but the property can be enjoyed by the public. All of the suggestions received tonight will be considered.

Colleen Fries: Planning & Zoning has not looked at the property yet. The Town Planner will also be notified about the property.

ITEM # 4 – Close Public Hearing.
Public Hearing was closed at 6:33PM.

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Paul Roy, First Selectman