DATE: 5/24/11/5/M TIME: TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

MINUTES Board of Selectmen Tuesday, May 17, 2011 @ 7:30PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Sean Walsh, Ron Skurat, Elise Wood, Craig Stevens, Dawn Valeski, Dennis Rozum, Bob Rich and Ted Holly.

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 5/3/11. Motion to approve minutes from Public Hearing on 5/3/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/3/11. Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/3/11.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/11/11. Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/11/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy)

0-No

2-Abstain (Karl Trybus, Annmarie Drugonis)

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting for sale of 21 Paramount Drive.

Motion to approve the sale of property at 21 Paramount Drive.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting for transfer of property owned by the Town of Seymour located in Beacon Falls to the Seymour Land Conservation Trust.

Motion to transfer 13± acres of property owned by the Town of Seymour and located in Beacon Falls to the Seymour Land Conservation Trust.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #8 – Take action on recommended salary increases of 1.99% for the following non-union employees: Finance Director, Head Librarian and Public Works Director effective on July 1, 2011.

The Library Board evaluated and made the recommendation for the Head Librarian increase, the Board of Public Works did the same for the Public Works Director and the First Selectman made the recommendation for the Finance Director.

Motion to approve the 1.99% salary increase effective July 1, 2011 for the Public Works Director, Head Librarian and Finance Director.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis, W. Kurt

Miller)

1-No (John Conroy)

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to add to the agenda Report on the Transfer Station.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to get the Report on the Transfer Station from members of the Public Works Department.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Forman Craig Stevens, Assistant Dawn Valeski, and Director Dennis Rozum: Explained that last Saturday evening there was a fire started at the Transfer Station. The roof burned off of the building and the back-hoe was damaged. The building structure is now deemed unsafe and must be repaired or come down. They are hoping that part of the building can be saved and that the project should take approximately 3 to 4 days. They have a local mason who has volunteered to lay the block and have other volunteers to help. The Transfer Station needs to be closed for approximately 3 to 4 clays for safety reasons. Although the insurance deductible is \$10,000.00, they believe that the labor and material should exceed that amount. Town Counsel will call the insurance company in the morning and talk to them to try to establish a time frame for the repairs to be done. The First Selectman states that the Grants Coordinator said the Town can use LOCIP funds to start the project now.

Motion to add to the agenda the use of LOCIP Funds for the Transfer Station repairs.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to use up to \$10,000 in LOCIP Funds for repairs to the Transfer Station.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Executive Session (Property Negotiations – 19 Patton Avenue and 22 Paramount Drive) (Personnel, Pending Litigation).

Motion to go into executive session at 7:57PM for Personnel issues with Town Counsel, the Board of Selectmen, Bob Rich and Ted Holly and then into Executive Session for Property Negotiations for 19 Patton Avenue and 22 Paramount Drive with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Mr. Rich and Mr. Holly left the Executive Session at 8:35PM.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:44PM with no action or motions taken.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to hire Ferdinand Messore for the Economic Development Director position for a \$40,000 base salary pending a background check.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy)

1-No (W. Kurt Miller)

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to authorize Town Counsel to negotiate the sale of 19 Patton Avenue consisting of .71± acres and 22 Paramount Drive consisting of 1.71± acres as discussed in executive session.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to add to the Agenda to set a public hearing on May 31, 2011 on the Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour for Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to add to the agenda to set Public Hearings for the sale of 19 Patton Avenue and 22 Paramount Drive for Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the sale of 19 Patton Avenue on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the sale of 22 Paramount Drive on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:20PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Declaration on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Municipal Declaration

Whereas: USA's seniors deserve to live safely with dignity, and as independently as possible, with the supports they need.

Whereas: Elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare.

Whereas: Eliminating abuse to older persons is each community's responsibility; the Town of Seymour is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional or physical abuse.

Whereas: All of our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends or caregivers; and

Therefore: I, First Selectman Paul Roy, on behalf of the Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen and the people of our great city, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2011 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and encourage everyone to commit to build safer communities for our elderly residents.

Motion to accept the above Declaration on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Set an additional Referendum date for Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street from 6am to 8pm, if needed.

Motion to set an additional Referendum date for Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Seymour Community Center, 20 Pine Street from 6am to 8pm, if needed.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 - Appointments.

None.

ITEM # 13 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$449.11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 - Transfers.

Motion to transfer \$8,000 for the Registrar of Voters from Revenue from Fund Balance account # 2-001-390-0000-000-000 and into Purchased Professional Services account # 1-001-410-1400-440-310 for funds needed for 2 additional referendums.

Motion: John Conrov

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Police Enhancement Accounts.
- Invitation for Selectmen to sit on the review stand at the Memorial Day Parade.
- Reminder about Earth Day on Sunday, May 22, 2011.

ITEM # 16 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 17 - Public Comment.

Al Yagovane, 27 Washington Avenue: The update on the Broad Street Park project is that the only thing holding it up is the Lease at the Attorney Generals office from the DEP. They have had several trees removed under the direction of the Tree Warden. The loads of brick are at Public Works. As soon as the final paperwork comes through from the Attorney Generals Office they will begin working. They would like to put up a sign promoting the project and asking for volunteers and he will be at the site every Saturday. He will come back in a couple weeks with another update.

ITEM # 18 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

W. Kurt Miller: Would like an update on the HR Audit.

Paul Roy: Met with Linda Meola and have been collecting information and the HR Audit should start on June 2, 2011.

W. Kurt Miller: Would also like updated financials for the next meeting and information on Housatonic Wire.

Paul Roy: States that he and Town Counsel will be meeting with the owner of Housatonic Wire tomorrow.

Paul Roy: First Selectman's Report:

- Conducted Interviews with candidates for Economic Development Director.
- Attended National Day of Prayer Ceremony here at Town Hall, about 30 people attended.
- Attended the mock drunk driving demonstration at Seymour High School, very good program.
- Attended Bridgeport MPO Meeting-discussed Long Range Transportation plans.
- Attended VCOG Meeting- Our Small Cities Grant was supported by VOCG.
- Met with representatives from Human Resources to get outline of upcoming Human Resource Audit.
- Attended the 40 Year celebration of Seymour High School Softball, presented Coach Pereiras with a plaque.
- Took part in clean-up activities at Seymour Historical Society.
- Rte. 115 from the Strand Theater to the Trestle will be paved by the State.

Annmarie Drugonis: Asks for an update on the apartment fire on Main Street and would like to know the status of the mold problem at the Police Department.

Paul Roy: States that the apartment fire is being investigated and the Police Department cleanup and roof repairs are being scheduled.

Philip Wilhelmy: Would like an update on all openings on the Boards and Commissions.

ITEM # 19 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Karl Trybus

0-Abstain

Reviewed by,

0-Disqualify

Submitted by

Deirdre Caruso,

Recording Secretary

Paul Rov.

First Selectman