

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Gary Bruce, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek, and Town Counsel Warren Holcomb.

Not present: Annmarie Drugonis.

Others present: Sean Walsh, Gene Atkas, Michael Lombardi, Dennis Rozum, Melissa Smith-Poynton, Kaleen Barbieri, and Dana Flach.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Public Comment.

Kaleen Barbieri, 5 Kathy Drive: Seymour Lions Club collects old eye glasses for people and there are collection bins all over town, such as Smith Shell Station and Dr. Tzezos Office. The Seymour Lions has a Facebook page; please visit for more information and scheduled events.

Seymour Lions Club – Summer Cruise Nights at John J. Sullivans, May 6, 10, and 24th. June 1st - Downtown, June 7 & 21 and July 5 & 19 and August 2, 16, 30 and September 1 – Downtown.

ITEM # 4 - First Selectman's Report/100 Day Plan Update.

Updates:

- Last Thursday toured the Town Parks with our Risk Manager from HD Segur. A report is being done with the requirements and needs in the parks next week. There was an immediate safety concern with one slide, which will be taken care of immediately.
- Staff training tomorrow for prevention of back injury. Also slip and fall training next month.
- Finalizing discussion with unions about reorganizing job descriptions. All of the reorganization will go into effect next Monday if all goes well. The positions are Director of Operations, Manager of Operations, Accounting Manager and Accounts Payable Clerk.
- LOCIP list of projects will be available at the next meeting on 5/15/12 for approval.
- New organizational chart will be available at next meeting. From 26 departments to 6 departments will be reporting to the First Selectman.
- The First Selectman's Office has been working very hard on the re-creation of all job descriptions. All dept heads reviewing and then will be signed off on them for approval. The Town will begin giving reviews every 6 months starting on July 1st. Electronic and paper copies are available.
- Our new Operations Department will be in charge of building maintenance and the overall management of town buildings. The Operations Department will also be working to give an overall savings to residents by researching, merging contracts and pricing supplies and keep the buildings better maintained.
- Capital Requests were due today and some department had submitted them.
- Housatonic Wire cleanup started today and the 1st phase permits were gotten, they have yet to get the permits for the 2nd phase of the project.

- Working on Seymour Lumber site for remediation (Brownfields).
- Last week Beacon Falls FS, Haynes, VCOG met to discuss property behind Stop & Shop and development. Fred Messoro meeting with Haynes.

ITEM # 5 - Approve Minutes from April 17, 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes from 4/17/12.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 6 - Award Technology Bid for Chatfield LoPresti School Project, per recommendation from Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School Building Committee.

Don Smith, Jr., Chairman Building Committee: Moving along. 13% project time left, have 11% money left to spend. Feels very comfortable project done by August 15th and will be under budget.

The Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee has recommended the following:

Technology Package Bid: 44 smart boards, projection and sound boards, corresponding equipment, etc.:

Award Contract to RnB Enterprises. Authorized dealer for smart boards. Total: \$429,062.08 (\$41,562.92 under estimated budget)

Computer Package Bid: 260 devices, i-pads netbooks and desktops. 2 devices for every 5 students:

Award Contract to Business Network Group: \$330,115.60. (\$35,829.40 under estimated budget)

This Friday night the first dance for the LoPresti and Chatfield students in the new gymnasium.

Cafeteria being worked on now. Project moving along. Weekly Saturday morning walk-through of the facility is still being done.

Motion to award the Technology Package Bid for the Chatfield LoPresti School to RnB Enterprises in the amount of \$429,062.08.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to award the Computer Package Bid for the Chatfield LoPresti School to Business Network Group in the amount of \$330,115.60.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 7 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).

None.

Motion to add open Rescue Truck Bids and refer to Rescue 12 Truck Committee for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at their May 15, 2012 meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Open bids:

One bid was received for the Rescue Truck from Firematic Supply Co., Inc.

Kurt: I believe that the police department feels more comfortable having a police officer on the phone. Although a civilian dispatcher would free up police officers. Kurt would like any questions emailed to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Theresa: Would like the 100 day plan to show the accomplishments at the next meeting. Would like to thank the young lady from the Seymour Lions Club for her interest in politics and her public speaking this evening.

Nicole: Also would like to thank the young lady for a great public speaking job.

Al: Good to see Housatonic Wire cleanup moving along. Feels that Mr. Budzinski dragged his feet on this project and should be ashamed. Feels that the Department of Public Works needs to step up their game and clean up this town. He is not happy about all of the residents that have approached him over and over with their displeasure over the condition of this town. Although he has heard that the parks look a little better, leadership needs to step up.

Is outraged at the \$272,000 overage in the overtime at PD. Agrees with Karen that it is mismanagement and they need to do a better job. People should be going to the Board of Police Commissioner meetings and ask these questions.

Great to see the Town Meeting scheduled about Downtown aesthetics.

Would like the First Selectman to remind people to turn off their phones at the beginning of meetings, it is disruptive and inconsiderate.

Gary: Would like to know if the 9 open positions at the police department are due to sick and/or vacated positions and if so are the benefits not being paid equaling out some of the overtime?

Kurt: States that it is close to a wash.

Kurt: Would like monthly financials for each department, same reports that the Board of Finance get, given to the Board of Selectmen members.

Kurt: May 19th Seymour Soccer Association Wine & Beer tasting event at Villa Bianca from 7pm to 10pm. A great cause for a great organization.

Gary: Bricks are available to purchase and be engraved for the Broad Street Park. Applications are available in the First Selectman's Office.

ITEM # 20 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28PM

Motion: Gary Bruce

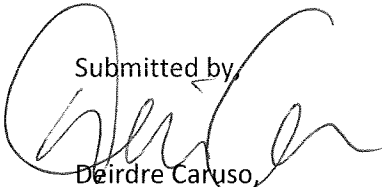
Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

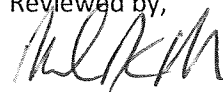
0-Abstain

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman