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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 5, 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: Dana Flach, Roger Foster, Virginia Calcagni, Sean Walsh, Al Yagovane, and Frank Loda.

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 Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/10/11.

Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/10/11.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/15/11.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/15/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – First Selectman's Report.

1. Met with Jane Montanaro of Ct. Trust for Historic Preservation to review information on grants for the Strand Theatre.
2. Met with Aging Commission and discussed upcoming Senior Fair, April 27th 10-2PM.
3. Met with principles on Derby Ave. Project to discuss. Project must start by May 1, 2011.
4. Sidewalks on Stoddard Street continuing.
5. Met with new DEP Head, Dan Esty, promised to work to get projects done more quickly.
6. Attended "Read across America" breakfast at John J. Sullivan's.
7. Attended Valley Community Foundation Annual Meeting
8. Attended Tap-Off Awards night- Christine Cretella was among honorees.
9. Attended Eagle Scout Presentation for Neeraj Madivala.
10. Attended Rotary Club Community Service Dinner, Sargent Steve Prajer, Jesse Rallis, and Phil Fritz were honored.

ITEM # 6 – Public Comment.

Gene Atkas, 3 Forest Road: Requests that the Board add "Fire Department Discussion of Rescue Truck", to the Agenda.

ITEM # 7 – Request from Seymour Traditions concerning October Fest.

Bob Lang, 27 Wood Street, Seymour Traditions Softball, 40 Years: Has been working with his group on ideas for fundraising for the Girls Travel Softball (Seymour Traditions) and they have come up with an idea for an October Fest Event.

ITEM # 11 – Proclamation for “Donate Life Connecticut Month”.

WHEREAS, one of the most meaningful gifts a human being can bestow on another is the ‘gift of life’ through organ and tissue donation;

WHEREAS, more than 110,000 men, women and children wait for a life-saving organ transplants, of which over 1,200 reside in Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the need for organ and tissue donation grows daily as a new patient is added to the waiting list for an organ transplant every 11 minutes;

WHEREAS, the critical donor shortage remains a public health crisis as an average of 19 Americans die daily due to a the lack of available organs;

WHEREAS, a single individual’s donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives, donation of tissues and eyes can save and enhance the lives of more than 50 others;

WHEREAS, over one million Connecticut residents have registered their decision with the Connecticut DMV Organ and Tissue Donor Registry to ensure their wishes to be organ and tissue donors are honored;

WHEREAS, Connecticut residents can designate their wishes to be a donor when applying for or renewing their driver’s licenses or ID cards or registering online at www.DonateLifeNewEngland.org;

WHEREAS, this observance pays tribute to organ and tissue donors and their families whose decision to Donate Life enables others to receive life-saving organs and tissues for transplant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of National Donate Life Month, the Month of April is hereby proclaimed “DONATE LIFE CONNECTICUT MONTH” in the Town of Seymour and in doing so we encourage all Connecticut residents to say “YES” to donation to Save Lives.

Motion to approve the above Proclamation for “Donate Life Connecticut Month” for April 2011 in the Town of Seymour.

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

Bruce Adams, a Seymour resident, who is here with his wife and three children is an organ recipient from this organization and received a liver and a kidney. He praises the organization and its efforts in saving many lives. Also, present is another recipient, Bob MacKenzie, who received a heart. They thank the Board of Selectmen for their acknowledgement of the organization and for flying the flag at Town Hall for the month of April.

ITEM # 12 – Approve 2011 Farmers Market for Gazy Brothers Farm from Tuesday, May 17, 2011 through Tuesday, October 26, 2011.

Motion to approve Gazy Brothers Farm’s 2011 Seymour Farmers Market from May 17, 2011 through October 26, 2011 from 12 – 6pm at the Seymour Community Center.

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

ITEM # 13 – Set Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 19, 2011 @ 7:00PM concerning Small Cities Community Block Grant Program.

Motion to set Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 19, 2011 @ 7:00PM concerning Small Cities Community Block Grant Program in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Philip Wilhelmy
0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Discussion with WPCA concerning financial matters.

John Fanotto, Chairman WPCA and other members and employees: Explain the financial status of the WPCA. Explains that operations are funded completely by user fees, impact fees, and money from the State and CL&P. The WPCA has the same fiscal year as the Town, but bills in April and October. States that there have been no increases in fees in 11 years and there has actually been a decrease. The WPCA financials are filed with the minutes every month for viewing. There has been a significant decrease in funding from outside sources and the WPCA are going to have to increase their fees this year. They have also submitted a capital project list, along with explaining all of the maintenance that needs to be done, which includes replacing and fixing aging piping, repairs to the plant and replacing the belt press, as well as several other projects that need to be done. The WPCA will have their budget available in May or June for viewing. They invite anyone that would like to tour the plant and/or come to one of their meetings if they have any further questions or concerns.

John Conroy: Explains that the debt service on sewer projects is ending within the next couple of years and would like to know if there are any additional projects that will need to be bonded for so the Town can add them to their 5-Year Capital Plan. Mr. Fanotto states that there are some projects that they would like to bond, but are not completely sure on the costs at this time. He states that the Brook Street area will need to be done and the ballpark figure is approximately \$450,000.00. He will make sure that the plans are submitted to the Town when they are completed.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Motion to add discussion with the Fire Department concerning the Rescue Truck Bid to the Agenda.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to open discussion with the Fire Department concerning the Rescue Truck Bid.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Gene Atkas, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners: States that the bid that was submitted for the Rescue Truck has expired and will not be honored. Would like a financing plan so this will not happen again and they will not lose the bids.

NO ACTION TAKEN

ITEM # 15 – Further discussion and possible action on Fire Department Clerk position.

Several Board members still have concerns about the hours that the person in this position currently is working. A comparison sheet with related expenses has been provided. There is also still concerns over whether or not this needs to be a Union position.

Motion to table until the next meeting on April 19, 2011.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek)
Conroy)

1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)

0-Disqualify

2-No (W. Kurt Miller, John

ITEM # 16 – Approve High Efficiency Lighting System Upgrade from NU for the Seymour Public Works Building through CON-SERV.

Motion to table approval of High Efficiency Lighting System Upgrade from NU for the Seymour Public Works Building through CON-SERV until the Energy Committee has final approval.

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

Motion to move item # 24 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations – AFSCME Local 1303-240)(Personnel, Pending Litigation) 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 Contract Negotiations – AFSCME Local 1303-240 with the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel Colleen Fries and Attorney Fran Teodosio at 9:15PM.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:58PM with no motions or action taken.

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

Motion to approve Union Contract 1303-240 with the language changes discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek) 3-No (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 – Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint Thomas Eighmie to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Scott Andrews to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Paul Beres to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Paul Satkowski to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

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

Motion to re-appoint Brian Anderson to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Tom Tomasheski to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Jim Smith to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Dale Cann to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Dennis Rozum to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Paul Wetowitz to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Karen Spargo to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Annmarie Drugonis to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: Karl Trybus Second: Sandra Gesek

Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy)

0-No 1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Kyle Kelley to LEPC for a 2-Year term expiring 4/21/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to re-appoint Ted Holly to the EDC for a 3-year term expiring on 4/5/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 18 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$6,578.68.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

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

Motion to approve \$6.00 adjustment to the tax refunds from 3/15/11 originally \$897.51 and changed to \$891.51.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 19 – Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 20 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Copy of letter from Attorney Fries re: Nyne Inc.
- Update on Chatfield LoPresti Project. Site walks every Saturday at 9am.
- Town Clerk Report, March 2011.
- Route 67 Hair Cut-A-Thon 4/16/11 from 2pm to 6pm \$20.00, all proceeds to benefit M.A.D.D..
- Wine tasting at J.J. Sullivans on 4/29/11 to benefit the Seymour Animal Shelter.

ITEM # 21 – Other Business.

Motion to place on the table Resolution in Support of Continued Funding for Community Services Block Grants.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS
 WHEREAS, TEAM Inc. provides critical social services to needy families and individuals in the lower Naugatuck Valley region, and
 WHEREAS, the municipalities of the lower Naugatuck Valley region lack the resources to staff individual or regional social service departments, and
 WHEREAS, TEAM Inc. competently fulfills this need and responsibly manages its resources, and
 WHEREAS, TEAM Inc.'s appropriation of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding permits it to meet this regional need, and
 WHEREAS, TEAM Inc. is one of twelve community action agencies in Connecticut which serves all 169 towns and cities, and uses CSBG funds to manage and develop regional social services, and
 WHEREAS, the President has proposed a 50% reduction in Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding nationwide, including a cut of more than \$4.2 million to Connecticut;
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Seymour urges the President Barack Obama and the United States Congress to preserve the federal Community Services Block Grant at the current funding level as it is critical for the continuation of valuable services for needy families in the region, specifically: Meals on Wheels, Head Start, School Readiness, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Energy Assistance, Eviction Prevention, Child Day Care, and Asset Development.

Motion to approve the above Resolution in Support of Continued Funding for Community Services Block Grants.

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

ITEM # 22 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 23 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.

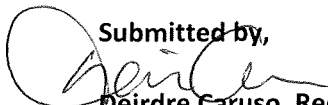
W. Kurt Miller: Would like to set the workshops for the Capital Justification and the Tax Incentive Program.

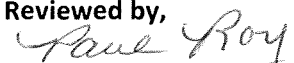
Paul Roy: Housatonic Wire and the State are pushing demolition of the building site. The State approved the first phase of Brownfields Study at the Seymour Lumber site. Also working with Cars on Location, for their cleanup and seeking funding for phase 1.

ITEM # 25 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:13PM.

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

Submitted by,

 Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

 Paul Roy, First Selectman