

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, December 22, 2010 @ 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: Ed Pollack, Joan Gee, Frank Loda, and Al Yagovane.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/7/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/7/10.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Saundra Gesek

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

ITEM # 4 – Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/14/10.

Motion to approve minutes from special Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/14/10.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 5 – First Selectman's Report.

- **Attended the annual meeting of PCRC held at Villa Bianca and gave the welcoming comments to attendees. This is the first time the meeting was held in Seymour.**
- **Attended annual Toys for Tots drive held at Stop & Shop. Team was very happy with the amount of toys collected this year.**
- **Attended the "Wreaths Across America" ceremony held at Trinity Cemetery. Wreathes were put on veteran graves at Trinity Cemetery and Mountain Meadows Cemetery. Program was part of a larger program which placed wreathes on graves nationwide at such places as Arlington National Cemetery and others.**
- **Sidewalk work has begun on Stoddard Street. This work is being done under the STEAP program.**
- **From about 11/15/10 until 12/13/10 one or more of the staff in the First Selectman's Office were out on leave. For approximately one week there were no staff in at all and an employee from the assessor's office worked in the office. The website fell behind on posts but as soon as Deirdre came back it was updated within a day or so on December 13 & 14th.**
- **The new CVS will be opening sometime in January.**

ITEM # 6 – Public Comment.

Mark Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Finance: Has many concerns regarding the FOI Policy that was implemented on 10/7/10, as well as the FOI complaint that was filed against him, the Finance Director, the First Selectman and the rest of the Board of Finance. He explains his concerns about

how a FOI request was handled and he feels that the Board of Selectmen should consider taking action on the FOI Policy to change it.

ITEM # 7 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting per Section 13.1.(f) of the Charter.

Motion to act in lieu of Special Town Meeting per Section 13.1.(f) of the Charter for the following: For the purpose of authorizing the Town of Seymour to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Connecticut for the property located at River Road and CT Nos. 8 and 313, known as Broad Street Park, due to lack of quorum not due to inclement weather.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Take action on Bonding Resolutions.

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$687,000 for costs related to the acquisition of various Town vehicles and related equipment, including: (a) for use by the Public Works Department, two Mason Body dump trucks and related equipment (estimated cost \$150,000), a John Deere loader and related equipment (estimated cost \$130,000), a heavy-duty full-size dump truck equipped for snow plowing (estimated cost \$170,000), and a second heavy-duty full-size dump truck equipped for snow plowing (estimated cost \$150,000), (b) for use by the Parks Department, a Ford Super Duty 4x4 rack truck equipped with snow plows, emergency lighting, and an oversized power lift (estimated cost \$74,000), and (c) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$13,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$687,000 to finance the appropriation.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$1,366,000 for costs with respect to various emergency services equipment acquisitions and improvements, including (a) acquisition of self contained breathing apparatus to comply with safety codes for front line fire fighting safety for use by the Citizens Engine Company No. 2 and the Great Hill Hose Company (estimated cost \$300,000); (b) acquisition of two general use utility vehicles equipped for immediate emergency response, one each to be used by Citizens Engine Company No. 2 and the Great Hill Hose Company (estimated cost \$90,000); (c) acquisition of a full-service rescue truck and related equipment for use by the Citizens Engine Company No. 2 (estimate cost \$600,000); (d) replacement of emergency services communication equipment located in the Seymour Police Department used to dispatch, radio logging, and telephone system interface (estimated cost \$275,000), (e) installation of a simulcast radio system to coordinates simultaneous broadcasts from multiple emergency responder transmitters in overlapping areas (estimated cost \$75,000), and (f) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$26,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,366,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the projects and to reduce or modify the projects, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$428,000 for costs related to replacement of the Seymour High School field bleachers, and related improvements and equipment (estimated cost \$420,000), and costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$8,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$428,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen, or any building committee or committees established from time-to-time by the Board of Selectmen for the projects and so delegated such authority, shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant of Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Sandra Gesek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$357,000 for costs related to improvements to various Town buildings, including (a) replacement of the roof on the Seymour Public Works Department Garage on Derby Avenue, and related work and improvements (estimated cost \$50,000), (b) installation of a new boiler and heating system at the Seymour Community Center at 20 Pine Street, and related work and improvements (estimated cost \$150,000), (c) implementation of the Energy Committee's plans to convert Town buildings into energy and cost-efficient structures(estimated cost \$150,000); and (d) costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$7,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$357,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the projects and to reduce or modify the projects, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projects be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant of Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$306,000 for costs related to road improvements on approximately seven miles of roads in the Bunting Road and Garden City areas, as to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, and related improvements, work and appurtenances and any related land or easement acquisitions (estimated at \$300,000), and costs related to the financing thereof (estimated at \$6,000); and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$306,000 to finance the appropriation. The Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of

the project and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projects be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant of Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut Revision of 1958, as amended.

Motion: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Report from Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee have submitted the following report.

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Advisory Committee which consists of Kristen Harmeling, Ted Holly, Bob Rich, and Preet Singh met three times between October 18 and November 18. The committee was given information consisting of the Master Economic Development Plan of 2007, minutes of the meetings of the Transition Team, and the results of a study done by Connecticut Main Street Center.

The committee met with Jim Ryan of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, Sheila O'Malley the Derby Economic Development Director and Oley Carpp an Economic Development Consultant. Each of these people explained how their position worked and what each position could do for the town. The committee was also given a listing of what types of positions are employed by towns and cities in Connecticut.

After much discussion the committee ruled out the use of and Economic Development Corporation. The discussion then focused on a consultant or a director. The group felt that either would work but did not want to see someone hired then not funded in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Also discussed was hiring someone part time or full time. The consensus was to hire someone part time. The reasoning was that a smaller amount in the budget would more likely be approved and the person hired may actually work the position into a full time position through accomplishments by that person. The committee also felt that the town should advertise for a consultant/director and see what kind of response is generated. In addition the opinion was to offer a salary in the \$40,000 to \$45,000 range.

The recommendation would be to advertise and interview in January and have someone hired by February. In consulting with the Finance Department, it was determined that an individual hired at the rate of \$42,000 and working a 19 ½ hour work week would fit into the budget for the salary remaining in the budget. The EDC secretary position was funded \$29,000 including benefits for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The committee would hope that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance would approve this position.

The members expressed pleasure in serving on the commission and some even expressed an interest in serving on a committee to interview the candidates. They all agreed that the meetings were helpful and gave them a better understanding of the Town's economic needs.

Motion to consider the recommendations stated in the final report submitted by the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

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

Motion to ask the EDC and the EDAC to attend the January 18, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss the recommendations as stated in the final report of the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

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

ITEM # 10 – Take possible action on Town owned building lot at 13 Dolan Circle.

The Tax Collector has brought a piece of property to the attention of the Board of Selectmen, which the Town took over in 2002, located at 13 Dolan Circle. This property is assessed at \$43,400 and the Tax Collector feels that one of the neighbors may want to take it over.

Motion to move forward with the sale of 13 Dolan Circle per Town Charter provisions.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Sandra Gesek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Recommendations from the Fire Department on the Rescue Truck Bid.

Gene Atkas, Chairman Fire Commission: The committee for the Rescue Truck is satisfied with the bid received from P&L Customs and they would like the Board of Selectmen to accept it.

Motion to accept the bid received for a new Rescue Truck from P&L Customs subject to the passing of the resolutions at Town Meeting and Referendum.

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

ITEM # 12 – Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Ray Catlin to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Eugene Coppola to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Sandra Gesek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Sandra Gesek to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy)
0-No 1-Abstain (Sandra Gesek) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint W. Kurt Miller to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy)
0-No 1-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Jay Hatfield to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Saundra Gesek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Yashu Putorti to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

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

Motion to reappoint Trisha Danka to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Peter Kubik to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

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

Motion to reappoint Bruce Baker to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy)
1-No (Philip Wilhelmy) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Donald Smith to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Mike Marcinek to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Phyllis Jachimowski to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee for a term ending at the completion of the project.

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

Motion to reappoint Deborah Ice as the Animal Control Officer for a 1-Year term expiring on 12/31/11.

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

Motion to reappoint Terry Montana as the Assistant Animal Control Officer for a 1-Year term expiring on 12/31/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to reappoint John Hatfield on the Conservation Commission for a 4-Year term expiring on 12/31/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy

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

Motion to reappoint Ron Skurat on the Conservation Commission for a 4-Year term expiring on 12/31/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Philip Wilhelmy

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

Motion to reappoint Debra Zotti on the Ethics Commission for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/31/12.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to reappoint Thomas Eighmie to the Northwest CT Communications for a 2-Year term expiring on 1/1/13.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

ITEM # 13 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,055.50.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

ITEM # 14 – Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 15 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Police Department Accounts.
- Thank you note from Stephanie Danka and Alyssa Weymer.

ITEM # 16 – Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 17 – Public Comment.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Concerned about the language in the bonding resolutions. Wants to make sure that they are specific to be used for what they were assigned to.

ITEM # 18 – Selectmen's Public Comment.

W. Kurt Miller: Would like updated financials and the FOI Policy on the agenda for the January 18' 2011 meeting. Would also like an update on the cleanup at Housatonic Wire.

John Conroy: Would like an update on the audit at the January 18, 2011 meeting. Would also like Bonding Counsel Doug Gillette to make sure that the wording in the bonding resolutions is correct and proper.

Annmarie Drugonis: Would like to see updates from Boards and Commissions to the Board of Selectmen to start again in January.

ITEM # 19 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel)
None.

ITEM # 20 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Karl Trybus

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Paul Roy,
First Selectman