

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 9/27/10
TIME: 1:01 PM
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

Not present: John Conroy.

Others present: Peter Jezierny, Mary Jezierny, Al Yagovane, Ed Pollack, Frank Loda, and Howard Simpson.

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 Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/7/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/7/10 with the addition that W. Kurt Miller is in support of a Human Resource Director.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, Annmarie Drugonis)

0-No 1-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – First Selectman's Report.

Paul Roy states that he had been away last week, but would like to have the Fire Marshal and Fire Chief discuss the fire that was at the Housatonic Wire Company on 9/11/10. He would also like to thank all of the firefighters, police officers, and emergency response personnel for all of their hard work and quick response to the structure fire.

Tom Tomasheski, Fire Chief: States that on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at approximately 4:30PM the Seymour Fire Department were dispatched to the Housatonic Wire Company where there was a structure fire. Mutual Aid was called immediately and many responded. They worked initially for approximately 12 hours to put out the fire and secure the area, as well as save the cemetery. All volunteers and emergency personnel did an amazing job coordinating and working together. There were road closures and approximately 1,700 residents were without power for a time.

Paul Wetowitz, Fire Marshal: Arrived on scene and with the help of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Seymour Police Department began interviewing witnesses, investigating, and received written statements. Found out that a contractor had been on the second floor using an oxygen and acetylene torch to cut metal piping with earlier in the day. Although that is what is believed to be the cause of the fire, it is being classified as Undetermined because the investigators are unable to access the point of origin on the second floor. All reports on the incident are being processed. He would like to thank all involved for their cooperation and hard work and would also like to thank Colleen Fries for the great job she did during this situation. The Town may have to incur the costs for the demolition and fencing due to the owner not being properly insured.

Paul Roy, First Selectman: States that the Town is still waiting on the demolition and hopefully it will be within the next day or so. The Town has also been in constant contact with the DOT and all authorities regarding the road closing.

Colleen Fries, Town Counsel: States that the bills for the fence and demolition have been sent to the contractor's insurance company.

ITEM # 5 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 6 – Presentation on the River Falls Project by Amity Construction & Design.

Amity Construction & Design, Russ Smith contacted the First Selectman earlier and will not be attending the meeting this evening. They are scheduling another meeting for Monday, September 27, 2010 at Town Hall to meet with and discuss the River Falls Project with VCOG, the State of CT and Town of Seymour Officials.

ITEM # 7 – Set Public Hearing for revision to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall.

Motion to set Public Hearing for revision to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Approve Resolution Recognizing September as Leukemia, Lymphoma, & Myeloma Awareness Month.

Resolution Recognizing September
As Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month

WHEREAS, blood cancers currently afflict more than 912,000 Americans with nearly 140,000 new cases diagnosed each year, and

WHEREAS, leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma will kill an estimated 53,000 people in the United States this year, and

WHEREAS, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, LLS maintains an office in Wilton and Meriden to support patients with these diseases and their family members in the State of Connecticut, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens that suffer from them, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State of Connecticut joins with LLS in designating the month of September 2010 as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and the funding of research programs to find a cure for them.

Motion to approve Resolution Recognizing September as Leukemia, Lymphoma, & Myeloma Awareness Month.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Report from EMSOC.

The following is the report submitted by the EMS Oversight Commission and presented by Chairman Rosalie Averill.

TO: Seymour Board of Selectmen

FROM: EMS Oversight Commission

DATE: September 20, 2010

RE: EMSOC Report on Seymour Ambulance Association

The Emergency Management Services Oversight Commission (EMSOC) is pleased to provide the Board of Selectmen with the following semi-annual report on the Seymour Ambulance Association (SAA):

Financials

- The Annual Audit for FY 2009/2010 (May 1 – April 30) was submitted on July 21, 2010 and provided to the BOS with the Management Letter.
- SAA continues to maintain financial stability.
- SAA has put controls in place to monitor and maintain positive cash flow.
- SAA budget organization and management is solid.

Operations

- SAA has strengthened their medical billing and collections process through implementation of electronic call report submission, new recordkeeping procedures, and weekly reconciliation of call reports with call center reports.
- SAA Auditor is reviewing financials on a quarterly basis and making recommendations.
- SAA volunteer roster shows a stable amount of qualified volunteers, which also includes all required information pursuant to the agreement with the Town of Seymour.

Vehicles and Equipment

- Replaced 1 ambulance
- Purchased a new First Response Vehicle
- Plans to purchase an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

Community Support

- Take a Stand Day
- Touch a Truck and Other Events Coordinated with Town Fire and Police Departments
- High School 5K Walk/Run and Other School Sponsored Events
- Seymour Land Trust Events
- Pumpkin Festival
- Christmas and Memorial Day Parades
- Seymour Founders Day

SAA Board of Directors Vacancies

- The SAA By-Laws require the SAA Board of Directors to include 2 "Members at Large," defined as members who are not employed by or volunteering for SAA. These vacancies remain current while SAA seeks to fill them. EMSOC has impressed upon SAA the importance of filling these 2 vacancies as soon as possible to comply with the By-Laws. These vacancies provide an additional level of objectivity to the SAA Board of Directors by ensuring a balanced membership void of any potential conflicts of interest.

Revision Commission: Trisha Danka (R), Irene Jecusco (R), Robin Andrews (R), Al Bruno (U), Al Ermer (D), Gary Biesadecki (D), and Navnit Mitter (D).

Motion to approve the above resolution to appoint a Charter Revision Commission for the purpose of revising chapters 12 & 13 of the Town of Seymour Charter and to have their final report to the Town Clerk on or before 12/14/10. Appoint Trisha Danka (R), Irene Jecusco (R), Robin Andrews (R), Al Bruno (U), Al Ermer (D), Gary Biesadecki (D), and Navnit Mitter (D) for a 4 month term expiring on 1/21/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 – Appointments/Re-appointments.

Motion to reappoint Judy Simpson to the Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-Year Term expiring on 10/4/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Anne Conroy to the Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-Year Term expiring on 10/4/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Bryan Ryan to the South Central Regional Council Board of Directors for a 1-Year Term expiring on 9/22/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$420.02.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 15 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Invitation to the ground breaking ceremony for the Chatfield/LoPresti School on October 14, 2010 @ 4:00PM.
- Email correspondence from W. Kurt Miller regarding fire at Housatonic Wire.

ITEM # 16 – Other Business.

Motion to place on the table request for easement at Chatfield School from AT&T.

Motion: Karl Trybus Second: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

AT&T has requested an easement to be placed on the Chatfield School property for the purpose of placing a box to activate UVERSE. W. Kurt Miller would like Town Counsel to

