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Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 @ 7:30PM

Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: W. Kurt Miller.

Others present: Ed Pollack, Harry Marks, Mike Kearney, Loreen Coe, Evelyn Roy, Carmelita Potash, Mary Skurat, and Joan Gee.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen 8/10/10.

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 8/10/10.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 8/24/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 8/24/10.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Philip Wilhelmy

**Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Sandra Gesek, John Conroy) 0-No
2-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Karl Trybus) 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 5 – Approve Minutes from Special Board of Selectmen on 8/24/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen on 8/24/10.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

**Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Sandra Gesek, John Conroy) 0-No
2-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Karl Trybus) 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 6 – First Selectman's Report.

- **Attended grand opening of the treatment center for clients of the Birmingham group.**
- **Attended Sochrin's Pond cleanup on August 14, 2010, which was organized by neighborhood kids.**
- **Met with Health Insurance Rep. to discuss ways to keep the costs down. Proposed joint Health Fair with Town Employees and Board of Education Employees.**
- **Senior Director Lucy McConologue is recuperating from an illness at her daughter's home.**
- **Met with Kelly Bettuchi, AT&T area rep to work on grant monies to install the used computers that were donated to the Senior Center.**
- **Took a tour of the Oxford Senior Center and got ideas for programs.**
- **Attended press conference at Broad Street Park to unveil plans for the work that will be done.**
- **Attended kickoff program for Seymour Soccer Association, which was well attended.**

- Met on Thursday, September 2, 2010 with the LEPC concerning precautions being taken in the wake of hurricane Earl.

ITEM # 7 – Public Comment.

Mike Kearny, 72 Mountain Road: Feels that the memorial at Broad Street Park is a good idea, but does not understand why another one is needed. The memorial at French Park is one of the best in the State. The American Legion was never contacted about this project.

Ed Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Is requesting a copy of anything that the Town has done to help with his situation and gives the Board members another packet of information on what he knows has been done.

Mark Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Finance: States that he was not aware of the Transfer that was presented to the Board at their last meeting concerning the purchase of a tape recorder for approximately \$105.00. He would not have let the transfer go through if he knew about it.

ITEM # 8 – Presentation from Seymour Historical Society.

The Historical Society presents a colored map of Seymour in 1879, which was done by the Greenwich Workshop. Copies are available at the Greenwich Workshop. The First Selectman accepted the framed map on behalf of the Town of Seymour.

ITEM # 9 – Accept Red Oak Lane as a Town Road.

The Town Planner sent a letter via Planning & Zoning concerning Red Oak Lane being ready to be accepted by the Board of Selectmen as a Town Road.

Motion to approve Red Oak Lane as a Town Road.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 – Set Public Hearing for revision to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:00PM.

Motion to set Public Hearing for revision to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Tuesday, September 21, 2010 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 – Proclamation for Seymour Pink Day as Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

*PROCLAMATION
"SEYMOUR PINK DAY"*

WHEREAS, The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour proclaim Wednesday, October 20th, 2010, "SEYMOUR PINK DAY".

WHEREAS, Breast Cancer is a horrific disease both physically and emotionally. Although the numbers of new cases have fluctuated in recent years, the number of men and women in the State of Connecticut diagnosed with breast cancer is higher than the national rates. Of the 3.5 million people living in the State of Connecticut, the incidence rate for every 100,000 women is 129.9, nationally per 100,000 the rate is 117.7. The good news is Connecticut's mortality rate from breast cancer is slightly lower than the national figures. Insidiously breast cancer is not sexist; over 1,900 men are diagnosed each year.

WHEREAS, October has been designated National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The goal of such a designation is to bring more awareness and education about this disease to the public. The name of our Town gives us a unique advantage in helping increase awareness of breast cancer.

THEHEREFORE, by proclaiming Wednesday, October 20th, 2010 as "SEYMOUR PINK DAY", the Town of Seymour will be helping the community to raise awareness and asks that the residents of the Town of Seymour wear pink to support the fight for a cure for breast cancer.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2010 at Seymour, Connecticut.

By, First Selectman Paul F. Roy and the Seymour Board of Selectmen.

Motion to accept the Proclamation for Seymour Pink Day as Wednesday, October 20, 2010.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

***Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event will be held on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at French Memorial Park to Hot Tamales in the Seybridge Plaza.**

ITEM # 12 – Recommendation from Town Engineer on Derby Avenue Resurfacing Project Bids. A letter from the Town Engineer states that 4 bids were received for the Derby Avenue Resurfacing Project, which were: Cocchiola Paving Inc for \$652,226.25; Empire Paving for \$654,110.00; Laydon Industries for \$763,585.00; Complete Construction for \$799,455.00. The Town Engineer recommends that the Town accept the bid from Cocchiola Paving Inc. Motion to accept the bid for the Derby Avenue Resurfacing Project, which is from Stimulus Funds for the amount of \$652,226.25, per approval from DOT.

Motion: John Conroy **Second: Philip Wilhelmy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 13 – Resolution for STEAP Grant Status.

**RESOLUTION
of the Board of Selectmen**

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour, which is currently classified as an Urban Act Town, will again be classified as a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) municipality. This will now allow the Town of Seymour to apply for grant monies through the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) yearly and receive grant monies from the State of Connecticut, Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP).

Dated this 7th day of September 2010 at Seymour, Connecticut.

Motion to approve the Resolution to re-classify the Town of Seymour as a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Municipality.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy **Second: Karl Trybus**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 14 – Appointments/Re-appointments.

Motion to appoint Michael Horbal to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

Motion: John Conroy **Second: Philip Wilhelmy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to appoint John Conroy, Sr. to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

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

0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy, Jr.) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Clifford Strumello to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Karl Zacharias to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Alfred Yagovane to the Broad Street Park Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint James Baldwin to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2-Year term expiring on 11/14/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Joseph Falcha to the Recreation Commission for a 2-Year term expiring on 9/7/12.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Glen Greene to the Recreation Commission for a 2-Year term expiring on 8/3/12.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Resolution for Charter Revision Commission.

Motion to table this item until September 21, 2010 meeting.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,627.99.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Philip Wilhelmy, Karl Trybus, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 0-No
1-Abstain (Saundra Gesek) 0-Disqualify

Motion to move item # 17 Transfers down on the Agenda after item # 18 Economic Development Director Position.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 18 – Economic Development Director Position.

The First Selectman explains that there are funds available from the Economic Development Secretary position that was funded until December, which has recently become vacant and from Encumbered funds from the Economic Development Commission's projects.

Motion to open discussion on the Economic Development Director Position.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Sandra Gesek

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

John Conroy reads a letter to the board members from W. Kurt Miller, who is absent from tonight's meeting that states although he is in favor of an Economic Development Director he feels that a Human Resource Director is more a more important position at this time.

Philip Wilhelmy recommends that an Advisory Committee be formed to evaluate the need for an Economic Development Director at this time.

John Conroy would like to go back to the Master Economic Development Plan and reads recommendations from that report. Also recommends possibly combining positions, for example: Town Planner/Economic Development Director, which is done in similar communities.

Mike Horbal, EDC Member also looked at the MEDP Report and does not feel that combining positions would be beneficial to our Town and would like to see the Economic Development Director Position restored.

Rosalie Averill, EDC Member would like to see a live person in the office to answer questions and work to bring business and tax dollars into Town to move it forward. Also states that John Criscuolo did a lot to start the process when he was here.

Jon Szuch, EDC Chairman states that although the Town does need a Human Resource Director, he feels that we should go forward with hiring an Economic Development Director and also states that the EDC has agreed to forgo many projects that they have planned to get the position filled whether it be part time, full time, combination position or consultant.

The Board members engage in a lengthy discussion on the Economic Development Position and have ultimately decided to appoint an Advisory Committee at the next meeting to have a recommendation by 11/1/10.

Motion to form an Advisory Committee concerning the Economic Development Director Position and appoint them at the 9/21/10 meeting and have a report on 11/1/10.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 – Transfers.

Motion to table transfer for the Economic Development Director Position.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 19 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers
- Town Clerk Report, August 2010.

ITEM # 20 – Other Business.
None.

ITEM # 21 – Public Comment.
Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: There must be at least 5 people on the Charter Revision Commission.

ITEM # 22 – Selectmen’s Public Comments.
Philip Wilhelmy: Update on Blight Enforcement Officer Positions. Committee is still working on the need. They feel that the Ordinance needs to be tightened up and a fine schedule needs to be established.

John Conroy: Inquires about restructuring the Insurance Plans with the Town and if the Insurance Broker has looked at any alternatives. Also would like to know if the Town has gotten quotes from any other Brokers.

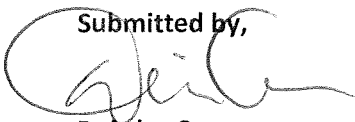
Annamarie Drugonis: Would like reports from other Boards and Commissions.

Paul Roy: Thanks Mary Deming for all of her hard work concerning Seymour Pink Day. He also states that the Suzuki Music School has made their new home at the Haynes Building at the Industrial Park and tours are available.

ITEM # 23 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
None.

ITEM # 24 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:10PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Paul Roy,
First Selectman