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MINUTES Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, May 18, 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, Alex Danka, Frank Conroy, Sean Walsh, Frank Connors, Howard Simpson, Theresa Conroy, Jay Hatfield, and Bill Paecht.

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 meeting on 5/4/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/4/10.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/11/10. Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/11/10.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Philip Wilhelmy, Saundra Gesek) 0-No 2-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Karl Trybus) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/14/10. Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/14/10.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 6 - First Selectman's Report.

- Met with Regional Water Authority- Reviewed what they do and what they can do for Seymour- Possible Boat Launch on Housatonic River.
- Met with Rotary Club and discussed town outlook and plans for future.
- National Day of Prayer Service held on May 6th at Town Hall- presented Rev. Lesiw with Proclamation.
- Met with residents of 16 Bank St. Apts. expressed concerns about rent increases.
- Met with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Authority- pushing Metro-North to improve Waterbury line.
- Attended VCOG Meeting, DOT suspending Route 8, Exit 18 Project.
- Met with Route 67& 42 Committee. Update information from stakeholders.
- Interviewed business' to do inspection for Derby Ave. project- submitted results to state.

Union Contract negotiations continuing.

ITEM #7 - Public Comment.

Ed Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Reminded the Board about the flooding problem he has had for many years on his property. He also reminds the board members that he was before them in February of this year and gave a book full of history and DVD's to the Board. He would like something done and he would like to be put on the agenda.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: Confirms that there has been a problem for many years at 25 Walnut Street and this issue has been brought before the Board of Public Works and they feel that this job would be beyond their scope of expertise and it is not in the budget. He states that the Board of Public Works had a letter sent to Mr. Pollack and referred this case to the Town Engineer.

Theresa Conroy, State Representative, 177 Skokorat Street: States that she has heard news about the Fish-Ladder Project. She states that the State DEP probably will not be starting the project this summer as planned. She states that there is a problem with parking in the downtown area and she will keep the Board posted. Paul Roy: States that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Counsel have already made some parking agreements and are taking care of the parking issues with downtown property owners.

Dennis Rozum, 7 High Ridge Road: Has concerns about the Skate Park since it was supposed to be taken down by the State when the Fish Ladder starts. There is a lot of damage to the skate park and there are kids breaking in to use it. Either the Town needs to repair the park or it needs to be taken down for safety reasons.

John Conroy, 14 William Lane: States that he had not received a letter concerning 25 Walnut Street from the Board of Public Works and he would like to research the paper trail to determine if this is the responsibility of the Town.

Frank Conroy, 167 Skokorat Street: States that the problem at 25 Walnut Street was being worked on when he was First Selectman in the 80's, but the money ran out and there were grants to be applied for, but that was not done by the next administration.

ITEM # 8 - Recommendations from Town Engineer on Construction Bids for Derby Avenue Stimulus restoration project.

The Town Engineers, Nafis & Young reviewed the 4 bids that were received on 5/17/10 for the Rehabilitation of Derby Avenue Project. The bids received were:

- Guerrera Construction for \$375,480.00
- Empire Paving, Inc. for \$460,229.00
- Cocchiola Paving, Inc. for \$473,687.50
- Burns Construction Co., Inc. for \$524,365.00

The lowest bidder was Guerrera Construction for \$375,480.00. Nafis & Young recommend this bidder due to the lowest bid, as well as they have worked with this company before and state that they are capable of doing the job. This must be sent to CT DOT for approval.

Motion to award the bid for the Rehabilitation of Derby Avenue construction to Guerrera Construction for \$375,480.00 per CT DOT approval.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Philip Wilhelmy

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

ITEM # 9 - Review and take possible action on Capital Improvements-Roads with LOCIP funds.

Dennis Rozum, Director of Public Works submitted a list of drainage projects that need to be done and that he would like to utilize LOCIP funds for. They are Edgehill Terrace, Brookdale Road, Buckingham Road, South Benham Road, which total \$10,536.15.

Motion to approve the request to use LOCIP funds in the amount of \$10,536.15 for drainage projects in town.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus

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

ITEM # 10 - Discuss and take possible action on Town Counsel fee schedule. Motion to table until the next scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting until the Board members look over the information given.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus

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

ITEM # 11 - Set additional referendum machine vote for the 2010/2011 budget on June 2, 2010 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center, if needed.

Motion to set an additional referendum machine vote for the 2010/2011 budget on June 2, 2010 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center, if needed.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Saundra Gesek

Vote: 1-Yes (Philip Wilhelmy) 6-No (Paul Roy, John Conroy, W. Kurt Miller,

Annmarie Drugonis, Karl Trybus, Saundra Gesek) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 - Set additional referendum machine vote for the 2010/2011 budget on June 10, 2010 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center, if needed. Motion to set an additional referendum machine vote for the 2010/2011 budget on June 2, 2010 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center, if needed.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus

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

ITEM # 13 - Discuss and take possible action on Blight Enforcement Officer positions.

A lengthy discussion was had concerning the need for blight enforcement officers, which have been taken out of the budget by the Board of Finance. W. Kurt Miller met with the Blight Officers and went over their job descriptions, as well as the many cases of blight that are still open and closed. The officers have shown a list of liens and fines that have been implemented. The Board members ask if a daily log is kept showing how many hours are spent and where. The blight officers responded that the First Selectman's Office keeps a book/log of everything that is done. The Board

would like more information and detail on the positions to determine if they are needed.

Motion to have a committee formed to review blight officers positions and review current anti blight ordinance.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table Constellation New Energy Contract.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

John Conroy: Through the Energy Committee it was discovered that the Town had been paying full price for electrical service as of January 1, 2010. This was an oversight. Beginning on June 1, 2010, the Town will be paying approximately 24% less for energy costs then the current rates. This contract costs \$500.00 and can save approximately \$40,000.00 per year. This is a 28 month contract.

Motion to waive bidding and enter into a 28-month contract with Constellation New Energy and authorize the First Selectman to sign to save approximately 24% on energy costs.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 - Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint Al Cocchia to the Conservation Commission for a 4-Year term expiring on 5/16/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Valarie D'Anna to the Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-Year term expiring 5/31/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Mike Magut to the Ethics Board for a 4-Year term expiring 4/6/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Paul Behuniak to the Lake Housatonic Authority for a 3-Year term expiring on 5/18/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$8.41.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 17 - Correspondence.

- Letter from Nafis & Young concerning the closing of the Sochrin's Pond Dam project.
- Check Registers.

ITEM # 18 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 19 - Public Comment.

Alex Danka, 203 Pearl Street: Feels that the Skate Park should be closed down due to it being vandalized and the cost of repairing it. Feels that it is a liability. The Seymour Land Trust will be sponsoring "Senior Days", which will include trail walks and fishing. Would like to see a group get together to clean up the Seymour Middle School. Will have a date to be announced by the next meeting.

Frank Conroy, 167 Skokorat Street: In the 80's when he was First Selectman they tried to get inmates to do clean up days in Town for free, but there were liability issues and union grievances.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: States that the Union can only file a grievance if someone was laid-off and that was their job. States that he would like to be put on the Blight Committee to review the positions and ordinance.

ITEM # 20 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Philip Wilhelmy: Would like to see the Skate Park stay if at all possible.

Motion to place on the table Executive Session for Contract Negotiations.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: Saundra Gesek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to go into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations with Town Counsel and the Board of Selectmen at 9:06PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of Executive Session for Contract Negotiations with no motions or action taken at 9:24PM.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 21 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:26PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Paul Roy, First Selectman