

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 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: Sean Walsh, Ed Pollack, Rich Rossik, James Garofolo, Tom Eighmie, Howard Simpson, Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, Bob Koskelowski, Dennis Rozum, Mark Thompson and Tom Gabianelli.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

The First Selectman called the meeting 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 4/6/10.

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/6/10 with the addition of the word "bipartisan" to W. Kurt Miller's Selectman's comments to put together a committee to help negotiate the union contracts.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on April 13, 2010.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on April 13, 2010.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - First Selectman's Report.

- Attended Grand Opening of Mad Hatter-new boutique on Bank St.- Meghan Tarby - Chamber of Commerce Theresa Conroy.

- Received and opened RFQ's for Inspector for Derby Ave. ARRA Project - Interview with VCOG May 13th.

- Attended Legislative Breakfast hosted by CT. Main St Center - with Rep. Conroy.

- Attended monthly VCOG meeting - STP Money (Surface Transportation Program) may be available.

- Contract negotiations are proceeding.

- Attended and spoke at opening day at George J. Hummel Little League.

- Attended Rotary Club Awards Dinner - Officer John Cronin was honored for his service to the community.

- Attended meeting at the Callahan House with residents.

Discussion was had concerning bonding for Capital Projects. John Conroy provided an analysis on debt service. Discussion included prioritizing projects and producing a 3 to 5 year financial plan and other ways to free up funds.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 12 - Discussion and possible action on amendments to rules for governing, recording, photography, or use of broadcasting equipment for Seymour Meetings. The First Selectman informs the Board that he is considering amending some language in the rules to accommodate everyone's requests on the matter. He states that this is a work in progress.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 14 - Review and possible action of revaluation contract.

Motion to award 2011 Town of Seymour Revaluation Contract to Vision Appraisal for \$226,400.00, per recommendation from Town Assessor and Town Counsel.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 21 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Pending Litigation - Tri-Town Plaza).

None.

Town Counsel excuses herself at 8:20PM, but remains at the meeting as a resident.

ITEM # 8 - Discuss Assistant Animal Control Officer Position.

Assistant Animal Control Officer Joe LaRovera has resigned due to work obligations. The First Selectman and the Animal Control Officer would like to advertise and go through applications to hire a new Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Motion to allow the First Selectman and the Animal Control Officer to go through applications for an assistant animal control officer.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Motion to amend motion to include go out to advertise for the position.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Vote on original motion with amendment:

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Review of purchase orders and take possible action.

There were 5 invoices done without purchase orders, so the policy is that the Board of Selectmen must approve these invoices and purchase orders. Some of these were done on non-business hours.

Motion to approve invoice for Ever Ready Press for \$120.00 for the Assessors Office.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve invoices for the Public Works Department: John J. Brennan Construction for \$130.00; Metcalf Paving Co. for \$544.05; Livolsi Hearth, Patio & Spas

for \$95.40; TPC Turf Products for \$82.52. Some of these were supplies for patching potholes, rain storm supplies, etc.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Discussion and possible action on formation of Grants Research Committee.

The First Selectman would like to put together a committee to research grants to help the Town.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to put together a committee to research grants.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Connecticut Hurricanes presentation by Tom Gabianelli.

Tom Gabianelli of the Connecticut Hurricanes presented the Board and audience an overview of all of the Connecticut Hurricanes accomplishments and showed a video of one of their showings. He also spoke about their world championships, as well as the community outreach programs that they run.

ITEM # 13 - Communications Commission request for transfer of funds.

Tom Eighmie, Chairman of the Communication Commission: Presents documents for additional costs related to the Oxford Tower that was approved by the Board of Selectmen in September 2009. Since that time there have been some changes that need to be taken care of. This project is imperative to the communications in the Rte 34 area of Seymour. He would also like to publicly thank Mike Horbal for all of his volunteer help on this project free of charge for the Town of Seymour.

Motion to approve transfer for the Communication Commission for \$16,450.00 from Fund Balance acct # 2-001-362-0010-000-000 and into 1-001-420-2151-540-740 for the communications tower in Oxford for Route 34 service.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

(The Board would like the Finance Department to find other accounts to get the money from if possible instead of Fund Balance. The First Selectman will have them look into it.)

ITEM # 15 - Appointments.

None.

ITEM # 16 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve adjustment on tax refunds from the 4/6/10 Board of Selectmen from \$961.70 to \$956.70.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

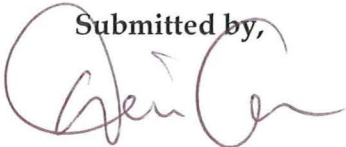
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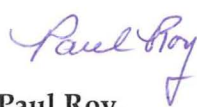
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$462.72.

Karl Trybus: States that 2 years ago the Town of Seymour received a STEAP Grant for sidewalks on Pearl and West Church Streets and the Board of Public Works has been receiving many complaints because of the cracking and broken concrete on the sidewalks.

ITEM # 22 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:31PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Philip Wilhelmy
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Paul Roy,
First Selectman