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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, Saundra 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-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-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.

- Earth Day is Sunday, April 25, 2010. Breakfast is 7am-8am at Seymour Land Trust. Lunch is 12:30pm at Seymour Land Trust, and 8am-12:30pm clean up.

ITEM #5 - Public Comment.

Mark Thompson, 31 Evergreen Terrace: Submits a letter to the First Selectman which states that the republican members of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance would like to express their concerns about forming a bipartisan committee to help with union contract negotiations and they would like to utilize only the labor counsel and not accumulate town counsel fees during this process.

Richard Rossick, 34 Roberts Street: Is upset about the proposed budget increase. Especially the alleged expenditure by the Board of Education on computer software that cost approximately \$40,000.00.

Robert J. Koskelowski, 130 Pearl Street: Has many concerns about Town Counsel. States that the rate increases for Town Counsel and Special Counsel were not approved by the Board of Finance and wants the money paid back to the Town. He also has concerns about being video taped at this meeting and feels it is not stated in the rules that the Board adopted. He has concerns over a joint meeting agenda not being filed for the Aging Commission at the last Board of Selectmen meeting. He also states that he is not comfortable with the Tri-Town Plaza negotiations due to campaign contributions being given.

Motion to move agenda items 12, 14, and 21 to come after item # 7 so that Town Counsel can conduct business at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Discussion and possible action on Compensation time and Selectman's time.

Motion to accept recommendations put forward by the sub-committee for the Town of Seymour Compensation Time Policy.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Motion to amend motion to add, "subject to Labor Counsel review".

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Motion: John Conroy Vote: 7-Yes

0-No 0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Vote on entire Motion:

7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to accept recommendations put forward by the sub-committee for the First Selectman's Office Paid Time Off, subject to Labor Counsel approval.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

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

ITEM #7 - Discussion and possible action on Bond Resolutions for Capital Projects per budget.

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

0-Disqualify

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

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.

- Police Enhancement Accounts.

Motion to place on the table to approve Katharine Matthies Foundation Grant Applications for 2010.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve list of Katharine Matthies Foundation Grant Applications for 2010, which include for the Police Department: Kids Police Academy, Youth Leadership Development Proposal; Town of Seymour: Bleachers SHS Field, Library Air Conditioning, Lighting for Flag Pole and Civil War Monument at French Park, ED Consultant, Keith Mitchell Forest Reservation Parking Area, Broad Street Park bricks, Cameras for Chatfield and Sochrin's Parks, Bathrooms for Gary and French Parks, Windows at the Community Center; Recreation Department: Cougars Den Equipment, Portable Adjustable Basketball System; Senior Center: Bingo Machine.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table Go out to bid for Construction of Resurfacing Derby Avenue Project from Stimulus Money.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to Go out to Bid for the Construction for the Derby Avenue Resurfacing Stimulus Project and have the bids come into the First Selectman's Office on May 17, 2010 @ 2:00PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 19 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 20 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Philip Wilhelmy: Would like to know if there is any progress on the Fish Ladder Project. The First Selectman states that he has been in contact with the CTDEP and they are working on a parking plan for the residents and businesses while the construction is going on.

John Conroy: Would like a deficit update from the Finance Department at the next meeting. Would also like an update from the Police Commission on the Special Funds Reports and the Capital Plan.

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