

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Gary Bruce, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Karen Stanek, and Richard Buturla Town Counsel.

Others present: Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, Dennis Rozum, Timm Willis, Tom Tomasheski, Mike Lombardi, Gene Atkas, James Garofolo, Paul Roy, Sean Walsh, Trisha Danka, Dave Bitso, Ed Wasikowski, Rich Grudzias, and Heather McDaniel.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.
Meeting called to order at 7:36pm.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/6/12.
Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/6/12.
Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 5 - First Selectman's Report/100 Day Plan Update.

Some of the Selectmen had some questions at the last meeting.

- Kurt spoke with Matt Bronson concerning the downtown Smoke in the Valley Event and the parking issues are being worked on to accommodate everyone.
- The Anna LoPresti building will be turned over to the Town on September 1, 2012. The Building Review Committee will be working on recommendations for the building.
- The Teen Center will be reopened on the 3rd or 4th week in April. The Recreation Department is still looking for more volunteers to supervise the kids.
- The Board of Education's 4th quarter report is in the agenda packet and the 1st quarter reports will commence in the beginning of April.
- Chatfield Park will be opened by April 1st. Dennis Rozum will give an update later in this meeting.

Issues & Status:

- Finalizing training for staff at the end of March meeting.
- Housatonic wire cleanup final approval has been given by the DECD and is now with the Attorney General for approval. All paperwork from Mr. Budzinski has been submitted. Within the next 2 weeks the project should be funded. Mr. Budzinski has not come in to finalize permits, etc.
- DPW will be cleaning up downtown every Thursday and they will start by the trestle and clean all the way through every Thursday, weeds, garbage etc. Goal for downtown to be cleaned up and less work will have to be done and fewer workers will be needed.

Earlier this evening there was an informational meeting held for the businesses and residents from Rimmon Street concerning the Reclamation and Drainage Improvements on Rimmon Street Project. Jim Galligan, Town Engineer and VCOG have been working diligently on this project, which will be made possible by a STP-Urban Program Grant. The Federal Government will pay for 80%, the State will pay for 10% and the Town will pay for 10% of this project.

All Board members have been given an informational packet and are welcome to contact Jim with any questions or concerns that they may have.

ITEM # 10 - Presentation from Public Works Director on street sweeping, tree cutting, and catch basin cleaning.

Due to the mild winter the Public Works Department are being proactive on many projects around town and are also working on more tracking mechanisms, such as street sweeping, tree cutting and catch basin cleaning.

Dennis Rozum, Director of Public Works: Put together maps highlighting certain areas in town that pertain to street sweeping, tree cutting and catch basin cleaning.

Catch basins: In 2004 the Town of Seymour began a program started by DEP for catch basins. There were 90 catch basins cleaned the first year and 100 the second year. Hired a company out of Southington and were able to clean 200 -300 per year. To date 1300 done this year throughout town and there are approximately 1800 basins in total. DPW plan on having approximately 300 more done by fiscal year end this year. After the budget will do more. On schedule to get all catch basin cleaned by next fiscal year.

Anmarie: Would like to know what program in 2004 with DEP with the Town?

Dennis: Stormwater Management Program and has not seen the catch basin program, that is just what they have been following. All basins done throughout the summer.

Gary: Does the DPW get calls on cleaning and maintaining catch basins?

Dennis: Yes, cleaning and maintaining calls are received.

Kurt: Due to the nice weather the DPW are getting ahead on projects.

Tree trimming: Is certainly a priority in town due to the catastrophe this fall. Due to a light winter there is extra \$\$ in budget to be proactive. Have not done tree trimming as much in the past. Every day looking and making a list of priorities and getting it done. Serious branches in the West Street area. Will be done when road closed due to water main. Currently on Buckingham Road and Great Hill area. List will be updated daily.

Kurt: Would like these lists updated in quarterly reports. Public Works are making resident complaints a priority. Some of the larger trees need a company to be done.

Gary: States that the utility companies can get grant \$\$ to trim trees.

Dennis: Lewis Tree Service works for CL&P and has been trimming from lines currently/recently. DPW cannot touch the lines. No duplicating efforts.

Street sweeping: Street sweeper has been out. Skokorat area began sweeping and has been downtown a couple times. Sweeper has not been out the last couple of days, waiting for parts. Will go to Skokorat Street and then Silvermine area and on. Going quickly due to the lack of sand and salt on the roads. Every street every year is swept and hopefully they will all be done relatively soon.

Karen: Spoke to Dennis yesterday about a pile of tires on Holbrook Road at 10am and by noon they were gone as well as 12 bags of garbage. Submitted letter to the Police Department and would like to see no littering signs around town up to \$99.00 fines.

Motion to set the second Budget Referendum for Thursday, May 17, 2012, if needed, at the Seymour Community Center from 6AM to 8PM.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add to agenda discussion and possible action on \$59,500.00 transfer for the Public Works Department and special town meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to set a special town meeting for Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 7:15pm for the purpose of approving a transfer for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$59,500.00.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Excuse Town Counsel at 8:56PM. Thank you for hard work this week.

ITEM # 17 - Establish work-groups to review and make recommendations on the following:
Items B&C already have policies that should be reviewed. Kurt would like a report from each sub-committee by the April 17, 2012 Board of Selectmen meeting and would like the Board to act if necessary at the first meeting in May. He would like 3 members on each sub committee.

- a) Establish a policy/procedure concerning telecommunications at public meetings.
There isn't a policy or procedure concerning this issue. Would like a policy and/or procedure concerning this issue.

Members: Karen Stanek, Gary Bruce, and Nicole Klarides-Ditria

- b) Review and make recommendations for possible revisions to the "Rules Governing Recording, Photography or the use of such Broadcasting Equipment for Radio and Television Stations".
Review policy and FOI Commission recommendations and make changes if necessary.

Members: Theresa Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, and Al Bruno

- c) Review and make recommendations for possible revisions to the "Freedom of Information Response Policy".

Would like a review of this policy to see if it needs to be updated or changed.

Members: Theresa Conroy, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, and Annmarie Drugonis

ITEM # 18 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Jeanne Loda to the Aging Commission for the remainder of a 2-year term expiring 12/31/13.

Motion: Theresa Conroy Second: Karen Stanek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to appoint Mark Thompson as an Ordinance Hearing Officer for a 21 month term expiring 12/31/13.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Gary Bruce
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

James Garofolo: Considering the phone system upgrade, Board of Ed voted on their upgrade last night. Was wondering if the Town spoke to Mr. Belden to possibly join on the B of Ed contract.

Kurt: Have spoke to Mr. Belden, but this was not a good match.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Would like the sub-committees to allow public comment concerning FOI policy changes and would like to have input.

Kurt: When the schedule and agendas for workshops is done, public comment will be put on.

ITEM # 24 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen: Was inquiring whether or not Jamie Cohen had contacted the Town about the War Memorial Fund.

Kurt: Jamie Cohen has not contacted the Town.

Karen: Spoke to the Fire Marshal and has concerns about the Anna LoPresti building being subject to vandalism once it is vacant.

Kurt: States that the Building Review Committee will give their recommendations by August and the Board of Education will not hand the building over to the Town until September 1, 2012.

Theresa: Felt the letters sent to Alex Budzinski about Housatonic Wire cleanup were harsh and letters of that nature have the potential of turning businesses off.

Kurt: Feels that if the letters were harsh there was a reason. The holdup on the project was due to Mr. Budzinski not completing and turning in the appropriate paperwork in this process. But within a week of the letter he complied with all of the paperwork and the cleanup is now moving forward.

Theresa: Has he applied for any of the permits?

Kurt: No. Neither Mr. Budzinski nor Enviroguard have come to apply for any permits.

Theresa: Does the town have any plans on getting a dog park?

Kurt: Is putting together a LOCIP Capital plan and it maybe part of that. There seems to be a surplus in the LOCIP account.

Anmarie: Happy about all of the cleaning that Public Works is doing. Would like to see some community service people doing some of the work.

There is also a pothole at 15 Argon Terrace.

Seymour Soccer Association will be having a wine and beer tasting fundraiser at the Villa Bianca on May 19th at 7pm.

Would like to see Public Works get Storm Water and catch basin regulations in place and training.

Gary: Great Hill Hose is having their annual Easter Egg Hunt this coming Sunday at 1pm. All families are invited.

ITEM # 25 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:19PM.

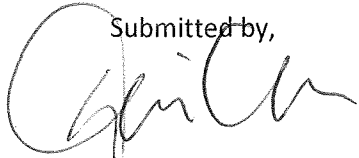
Motion: Anmarie Drugonis

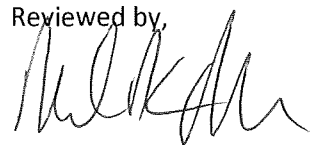
Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman