

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, March 2, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: Philip Wilhelmy.

Others present: Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, Peter Jezierny, Sean Walsh, Rick Belden, Maryanne Mascolo, Ed Strumello, Wayne Natzel, Al Yagovane, Richard Rossik, Henry Rotzal, Ronald Callanan, Theresa Conroy, James Garofolo, and Yashu Putorti.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Approve Special Minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/17/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/17/10.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - First Selectman's Report.

- VCOG meeting to discuss their budget, dues raised to \$10,014.00. Last 4 years \$9,537.00. Brownfield due the same at \$800.00.
- Met with Kip Lockhart, union representative to introduce himself and set up time to start union contract negotiations.
- Met with Dave Elder of VCOG, DOT, Milone McBroom, on Route 67 project. Stressed that money be spent on actual work and less on study.
- Met with new Commission on Aging to set up their commission. New commissioners ask the Senior Center Director questions to get a feel for the way the Senior Center is run.
- Met with Waterbury Development Corp. and Shelton EDC & VCOG to discuss strategies for projects to be considered. These would be projects in Seymour that the Local EDC would be promoting.
- Attended roundtable discussion at Bungay School concerning transitioning pre-schoolers to K-3. Board of Education Chairman Ed Strumello and I attended as did about 25 others involved with these children.
- Attended Marine Corps. League ceremony honoring the Raising of the Flag on Iwo Jima, many other dignitaries and vets attended.
- Read today to Bungay School students for Dr. Seuss Birthday.

ITEM # 5 - Public Comment.

Richard Rossik, 34 Robert Street: Upset about the condition of Robert Street. States that the prior administration did armor coating and cold patch and the road is like Swiss cheese. He would like the Board to consider funding more road repairs.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Recalls the FOI case concerning the rules for videotaping meetings. Is aware that a new set of rules have been drawn up and would like to give the Board members suggestions taken from FOI for 2 additional rules that should be added to the official document.

ITEM # 6 - Discussion with COST representative Barton Russell, Executive with the Board of Finance.

COST's Executive Director Barton Russell: The Town of Seymour have been members of COST since 2001. Mr. Russell has brought a packet of information on what COST offers to the Town of Seymour and other small towns in the state. Explains that COST is responsible for creating the STEAP Grant and Town Aid Road, which the Town of Seymour has been able to take advantage of in the past and present. COST was established in 1976 and is instrumental in lobbying for the small towns.

Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance members ask questions concerning legislative services, the Chatfield LoPresti School Project, and the contrast between COST and CCM.

ITEM # 7 - Report from Superintendent concerning high school swimming pool incident.

The Superintendents Office has provided an Incident Report, which includes chronological events of the pool contamination incident that began on 12/23/10. Present are Superintendent Maryanne Mascolo, Assistant Superintendent Richard Belden, Director of Facilities Wayne Natzel, and Chairman of the Board of Education Ed Strumello. The incident report was reviewed and several questions were asked. The cleanup costs are approximately \$35,000. The incident report also included details on the corrective action that was taken. A copy of the Incident Report is available on the Town of Seymour website.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 8 - Approve Long Term Capital Plan for 2010/2011 Budget.

A "wish list" that departments have asked for has been put together as a long term 5 year capital plan. The Board discusses the list and decides to table this until it is broken down more into necessary vs. wants.

Motion to table Long Term Capital Plan for 2010/2011 Budget.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Approve Town Contingency for 2010/2011 Budget.

Motion to approve Town Contingency for 2010/2011 Budget for a total amount of \$130,000.00, which is \$100,000 in other and \$30,000 in labor, as presented.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Discussion with Al Yagovane regarding Broad Street Park Committee. (Take any appropriate action.)

Al Yagovane has informed the Board that he has formed a committee to fix the Broad Street Park. He has also gotten at least 6 companies to donate their time and expertise

on this project. He presents an engraved brick as an example of what they would like to have put at the park, as well as pictures of benches. He would like to hold fund raisers and have residents purchase a brick. There will be approximately 21,500 bricks needed for the project. He will bring plans from Mike Horbal for the Board to see. He would like to apply for grant money to help with the project and is not asking the town to supplement. He would like a letter from the First Selectman written to the DOT endorsing the project. He will also need to have the project covered under the Town's liability insurance. The Board members would like plans and letters and more details on the project and who is working on it before they will consider adding this to the Town's Liability Insurance.

Motion to have the First Selectman write a letter to DOT endorsing the Broad Street Park Project.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Request from Registrar of Voters. (Take any appropriate action).

Ron Skurat brings a request to the Board asking for a raise in salaries for the Registrar's Office. He includes comparisons of other Town's and what they receive. John Conroy, Jr. has prepared his own comparison and feels that Seymour's Registrars Office is comparable to other towns/cities. More research needs to be done.

Motion to approve Registrars request for a raise from \$11,000 to \$15,000.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 0-Yes

6-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Fails.

ITEM # 12 - Proclamation for Girl Scouts Week.

Girl Scout Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, March 12, marks the 98th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, throughout its distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women with the highest ideals of courage, confidence, and character; and,

WHEREAS, through the Girl Scout leadership experience, girls develop the skills and lessons that will serve them a lifetime so that they may contribute to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, Girl Scouting takes an active role in increasing girls' awareness of the opportunities available to them today in math, science, sports, technology, and other fields that can expand their horizons; and,

WHEREAS, more than 3 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 98 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former Girl Scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing Movement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Paul Roy, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman of The Town of Seymour, do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to support the leadership development of America's girls and proudly proclaim the week of March 7, 2010, as

GIRL SCOUT WEEK

In the Town of Seymour, CT.

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek) 0-No 1-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller) 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Philip Wilhelmy to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Thomas Wallace to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Thomas Eighmie to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint James Garofolo to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

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

Motion to appoint Richard Belden to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Deirdre Caruso to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Joe Deegan to the Energy Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Pam Finkle to the Grants Review Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Richard Knoll to the Grants Review Committee for a 1-Year term expiring on 3/2/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Jon Szuch to Energy Committee for a 1-year term expiring 3/2/11.
 Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
 Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, Karl Trybus, Annmarie Drugonis) 1-No (John Conroy) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.
 None.

ITEM # 15 - Transfers.
 Motion to approve Emergency Transfer for the Public Works Department for \$8,900.00 from Regular overtime 430-3110-570-130 into Snowplowing materials 430-3110-570-422 for snowplowing materials (salt).
 Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Karl Trybus
 Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Letters from Middletown concerning Town of Seymour support during the Kleen Energy tragedy. There is a copy of the letter on the Town website stating where donations can be made to help the families.
- Resignation letter from long time Zoning Enforcement Officer Art Baldwin.
- Town Clerk Report for February 2010.

ITEM # 17 - Other Business.
 A letter from Town Counsel concerning proposed rules governing recording, photography or the use of broadcasting equipment for Seymour town meetings. This will be on the agenda for approval/adoption at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/16/10.

ITEM # 18 - Public Comment.
 Ron Skurat, 9 Glen Circle: States that the referendum in the Town of Seymour creates a higher cost for the Registrars Office.

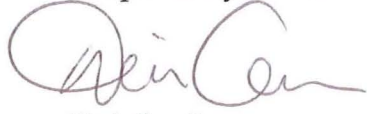
ITEM # 19 - Selectmen's Public Comment.
 W. Kurt Miller: Would like a better explanation on how the oil got into the pool room and was poured into the pool. Also the slow communications to the First Selectman's Office.

John Conroy: Felt the Incident Report from the Superintendents Office was good, but also is concerned about the negligence.

ITEM # 20 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel.)
 None.

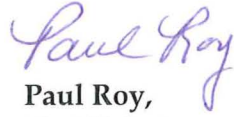
ITEM # 21 - Adjournment.
 Motion to adjourn at 9:52PM.
 Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis
 Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Paul Roy,
First Selectman