

DATE: 2/9/10
TIME: 9:00am
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 2, 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, and John Conroy.
Others present: Sean Walsh, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, and Michele Pavlik

ITEM#1 - Call meeting to order.

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

ITEM#2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM#3- Approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/19/10.

Motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from 1/19/10.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Annmarie

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#4- First Selectman's Report.

- Business meeting at Thule on January 22nd. 22 people attended. Presentation about Thule given. Discussion followed. Businesses want signage and directions to Silvermine Industrial Park. Shady Knoll representative wants work with town on volunteer projects.
- Meeting with VCOG, and Route 67 Committee. Engineers looking for input to widening and changes to Route 67- Milone and McBroom.
- Bristol Resource meeting on Friday. We will be paying \$1 less per ton than last year. Gave budget report.
- Meeting of MPO in Bridgeport, Friday. Combination of VCOG and Bridgeport COG. Discussion on \$688,000.00 roads and stimulus package. Elected new officers.
- Boys and Girls Club Banquet- Honored 10 members.
- Kick-Off Club Banquet on Sunday evening, presented proclamation from Town.
- Met with Matthies Foundation-Application May 1st. Need to set up Grants Review Committee. Paul has one definite volunteer. Would like one more. John Conroy and Rich Knoll would like to help, as would Pam Finkle.
- Monday- will meet with AT&T representatives about U-verse being installed in Seymour.
- Tuesday- CT Main Street Center will give presentation and talk to business people and town officials to work on plan for downtown area.
- Wednesday- Meet with Downtown businesses at Greenwich workshop to discuss their issues.

ITEM#5- Public Comment.

None.

ITEM#6 Discussion of 2009 Gross Grand List, provided by Town Assessor.

The re-evaluation has been put off until 2011. Paul said that the grand list went up by \$250,000.00 at the current mill rate. There will be \$180,000.00 put into the budget for this year, and \$180,000.00 for next year for the cost for re-evaluation. The collections rate will not be available for a month from the Tax Collector.

ITEM#7-Approve Grant Application for Town Clerk from the State Library Public Records Dept. for \$3,000.00.

Motion to approve Grant Application for Town Clerk from the State Library Public Records Dept for \$3,000.00.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote- 7- Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#8- Proclamation for "Dating Violence Awareness Month" February 2010.

WHEREAS, dating violence is a reality for many youth, and an issue that many are aware of: and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with 1 in 5 in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner, and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

WHEREAS, Young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship: and

WHEREAS, Elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations, and communities; and,

WHEREAS, Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims;

NOW, THEREFORE be it, Resolved, That I, Paul Roy, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2010, as

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in the Town of Seymour, CT.

Motion to accept the Proclamation for Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#9 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Harry Marks to the Senior Tax Relief Committee for an indefinite term.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Melanie Kalako to the Senior Tax Relief Committee for an indefinite term.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Ted Holly to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-Year term expiring 2/2/14.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM#10 -Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds as presented in the amount of \$21,269.29.

Motion: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: W. Kurt Miller
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM#11 Transfers.

None.

ITEM#12- Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Police Funds.
- Town Clerk Report, January 2010.

ITEM#13 -Other Business.

Motion to place on the table STEAP Grant Resolution.

Motion: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Philip Wilhelmy
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Resolution for STEAP Grant Application for \$150,000.00 for the Sidewalk Construction Program, and have the First Selectman sign.

Motion: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: W. Kurt Miller
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table letter from Board of Fire Commissioners regarding raising the Fire Clerk's salary from \$13.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour, which is in their budget already.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to raise Fire Clerk's salary from \$13.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour, which is in the budget.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to discuss why Seymour High School dismissed at 9:30AM on 2/1/10.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: W. Kurt Miller
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Seymour High School let students out at 9:30AM on 2/1/10, due to lack of heat. Paul does not know why and will check with Board of Education, Superintendents Office to find out.

Motion to place on the table Compensation Time.

Motion: John Conroy
7-Yes 0-No

Second: W. Kurt Miller
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Paul wants a committee to be formed to investigate HR matters. Kurt recommended having a binder with policies and procedures in place. Kurt's wife is a HR Director for another company, he said he would ask her if she would be willing to come in and help us. Paul would like the HR Director position to be part-time, 19 1/2 hours per week. He would like a committee of at least 3 to work on these policies. W. Kurt Miller and Sandra Gesek volunteered, he would like one more.

ITEM#14 -Public Comment.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: She strongly agrees with the up and coming HR position being needed, it is long overdue.

Rosalie Averill, N. Benham Rd: She also agrees with the up and coming HR position being needed. She mentioned that NVHD got information from other towns on policies and procedures when they needed it.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl St.: Also agrees with the much needed HR position, says there are no job descriptions available in the Public Works Dept.

ITEM#15- Selectmen's Public Comment.

Philip Wilhelmy: What are the duties of the HR committee? Paul said it would be looking at any paid time off for non-union, no contract employees.

John Conroy: Can we get the EMS tax abatement list at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting?

ITEM#16- Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).

None

ITEM#17- Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:43PM

Motion: Philipp Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second- Annmarie Drugonis

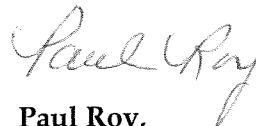
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy Bernardini,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Paul Roy,
First Selectman