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MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 19, 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, Alfred Yagovane, Michele Pavlik and Frank Loda.

ITEM#1 - Call meeting to order.

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

ITEM#2- Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence for Armand Passarini.

Everyone saluted the flag, stated the Pledge of Allegiance, and Selectman Roy asked that we have a moment of silence for Armand Passarini.

ITEM#3-Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/5/10.

Motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from 1/5/10.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM#4- First Selectman's Report.

- **Fish-By-Pass, no exact date for informational hearing with DEP. Fred Stanek spoke with Chuck Lee and secured parking.**
- **New Haven Copper Co. was sold to Mark Pantelone of Diversified Electronics. Spoke about using their parking lot during Fish-By-Pass.**
- **Received Christmas card from sister city in Poland.**
- **Friday, 8AM meeting with Industrial Park Business owners, T. Conroy, Jon Szuch, VCOG, to find out how and what they like about being in Seymour.**
- **James Cohen-Valley Community Foundation, can apply now for end of month grants, \$3000.00 referred to Seymour Historical Society. Any other group that is interested, there is a quick turn around time.**

ITEM#5- Public Comment.

Bob Kennedy, 35 Greenwood Circle. Pet Peeve- signs in Tri-Town Plaza, very trashy looking. Would like them removed, also on West Main St. Next is the invitation to Paul Roy's victory celebration. He is upset that it was sent inter-office e-mail, saying it is against the law, and would like letter of apology from the Democratic Town Committee. Paul says a letter of apology will go out.

ITEM#6- Approve Easement at 98 Bank Street.

Town Counsel Colleen Fries has been working on the easement issue at 98 Bank Street that was discussed by the Board of Selectmen in February 2009 and again in December 2009.

Motion to release existing easement at 98 Bank Street for 100 Bank Street and approve new easement at 98 Bank Street for 100 Bank Street.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#7- Update on Budget Process.

Paul met with several departments, working on budgets to be lower. More meetings to come, working with Doug and Tony.

ITEM#8- Update on scheduling software from the Parks Commission.

There was no one available to speak on this issue from the Parks Commission. They have not established whether the program of Microsoft Outlook Exchange-Conference Room/Resource Scheduling is available, which may be used instead of installing new software at a cost.

ITEM#9- Update on proposed part-time Public Works position.

Karl Trybus spoke about the Public Works meeting last week, discussing the options of per diem vs. sub contractor. Board voted to hire sub contractor when needed. Dennis was fine with that, as they would be needed only if there was a serious snow event. He noted one of his worker's on compensation, may be back some time soon. They need to make a priority list of contractors, has to be a company to support our needs, such as liability. This is a contingency plan, to be used only if needed. Annmarie asked what qualifies as a major snowstorm; Dennis Rozum and the First Selectman would make that determination by the amount of snow and length of time of precipitation.

ITEM#10- Authorize the First Selectman to sign CL&P Standard Form Pole Attachment Agreement.

CL&P is taking over the poles from AT&T and needs authorization from the Board for the First Selectman to sign the agreement.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the CL&P Standard Form Pole Attachment Agreement.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#11- Set special Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance to meet with representative from CCM (Connecticut Conference of Municipalities) on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 @ 7:00PM.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#12 - Discussion and possible action on Broad Street Park by Al Yagovane. The park is a Korean and Vietnam War Park.

Al handed out a map of the park to board members. That park is a project he has worked on for many years. He would like to form a committee to finish with the landscaping, masonry, and carpentry work. This would all be on a volunteer basis, no money involved. He would also seek grants, if possible.

ITEM#13 - Proclamation for "Wear Red for Women Day" on Thursday, February, February 4, 2010.

WHEREAS, diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death and stroke is the third leading cause of death;

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease claims the lives of nearly 460,000 American females each year, approximately one death per minute;

WHEREAS, each year, 53% of all deaths due to cardiovascular disease and 61% of stroke deaths occur in females;

WHEREAS, too many women die each year because they are unaware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases in the U.S., including stroke, is estimated to be \$503.2 billion;

WHEREAS, nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers;

WHEREAS, only 21% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk;

WHEREAS, February is designated as American Heart Month;

WHEREAS, Go Red for Women® is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease – the leading cause of death for women – and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health;

WHEREAS, all women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease, using tools such as the American Heart Association's Go For Red Women® Heart Checkup, Go Red For Women® Better U and by talking to their healthcare provider;

WHEREAS, making the right choices relating to proper nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices are essential to living a heart healthy life;

WHEREAS, by choosing to Speak Up about heart disease we can save lives using the power of our very own voices.

NOW, Therefore, I Paul Roy, First Selectman of The Town of Seymour, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, do hereby proclaim Thursday, February 4, 2010 to be

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

in Seymour CT., and urge all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by the wearing of the color red. By increasing awareness, speaking up about heart disease, and empowering women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease, we can save thousands of lives each year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Seymour, CT., this 19 day of January 2010.

Motion to accept the Proclamation for National Wear Red Day.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0- Disqualify

ITEM#14 -Proclamation for "Seymour Kick-Off Club Day" on Sunday, January 31, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Seymour Kick-Off Club is a booster organization consisting of volunteer parents of Seymour High School football players;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Seymour Kick-Off Club is to support these athletes by raising funds to enhance their high school football and cheerleading experience;

WHEREAS, the Seymour Kick-Off Club funds such events and items as the football banquet, Walter Camp dinner for seniors, annual scholarships, yearly gifts, and awards to athletes, sports equipment , and refreshments for athletes at home and away games;

WHEREAS, the Seymour Kick-Off Club has a long history of support of Seymour High School football;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul F. Roy, First Selectman of The Town of Seymour, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim Sunday, January 31, 2010 as

SEYMOUR KICK-OFF CLUB DAY

and call upon all residents of Seymour to join me in supporting the Seymour Kick-Off Club, January 19, 2010.

Motion to approve the Proclamation for Seymour Kick-Off Club Day for January 31, 2010.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller **Second:** Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 - Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint John Fedor as Town Treasurer for a 6 month term expiring on 6/30/10 at a reduced rate of \$50.00 per week.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller **Second:** Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Evelyn Molner to the Aging Commission for a 2-Year term expiring 1/19/12.

Motion: Sandra Gesek **Second:** John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Phyllis Jachimowski to the Aging Commission for a 2-Year term expiring 1/19/12.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller **Second:** Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Stephen Chucta to the WPCA for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring on 12/2/10.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller **Second:** Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Rosalie Averill to EMSOC for a 1-Year term expiring on 12/3/10.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Dianne Ricciardi as an Alternate Member of EMSOC for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/4/11.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Sandra Gesek
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Jason Weaving to EMSOC for a 3-Year term expiring on 1/19/13.

Motion: Sandra Gesek **Second:** W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Michele Pavlik to EMSOC for a 2-Year term expiring 1/19/12.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Philip Wilhelmy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Beres to the Housing Authority for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring 11/30/10.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint John Uhelsky to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-Year term expiring on 2/1/14.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint David Coe to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-Year term expiring on 1/1/14.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Danny Staffieri to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/5/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Ronald Callanan to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/5/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Al Yagovane to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/5/11.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Tony Porter to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-Year term expiring on 12/5/11.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 16 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds as presented in the amount of 3,228.47.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 17 - Transfers.

#17a: Motion to approve transfer for the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,453.00 from Other purchased fees acct 410-1120-415-330 for \$1,053.00 and out of Insurance other than employee acct 410-1516-460-520 for \$400.00 into Treasurer acct 410-1516-460-310 for \$1,350.00 and into Social Security acct 410-1550-460-220 for \$103.00. To compensate the Treasurer for his work at a reduced rate of \$50.00 per week.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

#17b: Motion to approve transfer for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$37,000.00 from Salary acct 430-3110-570-110 for \$2,000.00 and from Contingency acct 410-1950-530-872 for \$35,000.00 and into Snow Plowing Materials acct 430-3110-570-422 for \$35,000.00 and into Professional Services Contractors acct 430-3110-570-350 for \$2,000.00. Transfer is for anticipated snow storms and possible coverage of two employees that are out on long term disability and workers compensation.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

#17c: Motion to approve transfer for the First Selectman's Office in the amount of \$4,647.00 from Contingency acct 410-1950-530-872 into Salaries Regular Employees acct 410-1310-430-110 for \$1,700.00 and into Salary Director acct 410-1310-430-101 for \$2,617.00 and into Social Security acct 410-1550-430-220 for \$330.00. This is to compensate the outgoing First Selectman for 3 weeks vacation and 2 weeks vacation for the outgoing Administrative Assistant, which overlaps the current positions, the current First Selectman has also elected to receive a lower salary than budgeted by \$2,500.00.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM#18- Correspondence.

Check Registers.

ITEM#19- Other Business.

Motion to place on the table senior center bus driver pay raise, for 2009/2010.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to give raise to Senior Center Bus Driver per request.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

0-Yes 7-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion denied.

ITEM#20- Public Comment.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: The part-time Senior Bus Driver position previously discussed was discussed at Board of Finance budget session last year and was not approved, nor was it submitted by the Senior Center Director.

Al Yagovane, 27 Washington Ave: School Board administrative contract, no one went to Board of Finance to ask for extension, was that approved? Top 3 contracts were extended for one year.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Dr: He mentioned this is a Public Comment Session, there should be no debating.

ITEM#21- Selectmen's Public Comment.

Karl Trybus: Board of Public Works Meeting: PW have done a great job on the roads, and meetings have gone well. In the future, where there is money, there may be a need for another employee at the transfer station.

W. Kurt Miller: Attended a meeting at the Dropout Committee for high school children and Town of Seymour is in the bottom 15 % of the state. What can we do to keep kids from becoming dropouts? The next meeting of the Committee will be on 2/24/10 and 4pm at Seymour High School, and is open to the public.

Paul Roy and John Szuch discussed working with kids to get them jobs and join activities. Possibly they can help out at Broad St. Park with Al Yagovane. Ed Strumello and Paul Roy want to start a mentoring program one hour once a week, fourth or fifth grade and up, and stay with the same child.

**ITEM#22- Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
None.**

ITEM#23- Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:11PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Respectfully submitted by,

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

0-Disqualify

Reviewed by,



**Cindy Bernardini,
Recording Secretary**



**Paul Roy,
First Selectman**