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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 5, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Sean Walsh, Margaret Trybus, Frank Loda, Bill Paecht, Mark Thompson, Kevin Nintzel, Michele Pavlik, and Theresa Conroy.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

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

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - First Selectman's Report.

- Attended meeting at Bristol Resource Recovery - was updated on operation functions at the organization.
- Met with Bill Purcell of Valley Chamber of Commerce - Setting up meeting with Town businesses.
- Met with Chuck Lee of DEP and was updated on Fish-By-Pass. There will be an informational forum held to let citizens know what is going to happen. Time and date to be determined. Possibly January 13, 2010 and it will be posted in the newspaper and on the Town web-site.
- FOI training will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010. There will be 2 sessions, 3pm and 7pm for employees and board and commission members. At least 1 or 2 members from each must be present.
- Dept Heads and Board/Commission Chairs must meet with the First Selectman before submitting budget to the Board of Finance, ZERO increase if possible. Contact Cindy Bernardini at the First Selectman's Office for an appointment beginning the week of January 18th.
- Snow storms have hit us hard, but Public Works did a very good job, very few complaints. Safety is the most important factor.
- Stimulus project approved for Derby Avenue, funding will be increased from \$650,000 to \$688,000.

ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/16/09.

Motion to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from 12/16/09 with the following changes: page 8 - Sandra Gesek abstained from voting for herself to be reappointed to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee and page 9 - John Conroy voted NO to reappoint Bruce Baker to the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Sandra Gesek

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Public Comment.

Kevin Nintzel, 50 Briarwood Drive: Has interests in Economic Development in Town and would like to see more corporate/clean business in Seymour. He suggests that the Town look into what other Towns/Cities do to get business in and also would like to see a walk-in medical center with doctor's offices and possibly a radiology diagnostics center.

Paul Roy, First Selectman: States that the Valley Council of Governments is involved with the Town of Seymour to implement the Master Economic Development Plan that was done a few years back and clean industry is part of that.

ITEM # 6 - Resolution for Regional Energy Efficiency Grant.

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the federal Department of Energy is soliciting competitive grant proposals under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for its Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program (EECBG), and

Whereas, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy & Management is conducting the Supplemental Regional Bonus Pool Block Grant Program under EECBG, and

Whereas, the Valley Council of Governments has elected to submit a regional competitive grant proposal on behalf of its member communities, and

Whereas, The Town of Seymour desires to affirm its commitment to this effort, now

Therefore be it resolved that The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby authorizes Paul F. Roy as the Chief Elected Official to execute any and all applications, documents and contracts for Supplemental Regional Bonus Pool Block Grant Program funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as administered by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management.

Dated at Seymour, CT this 5th day of January, 2010

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Phillip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

There was some discussion about safety issues with the new LED lights that should be addressed. They don't give off enough heat to melt ice so we should look into safe lights and possibly shields. The Board Members are in favor of the LED lights because of the energy savings. There are approximately three lights that the Town owns that qualify under this grant.

ITEM # 7 - Discuss Parks Commission request for scheduling software. (Take Action)

Bill Paecht, Chairman Parks Commission: Has presented the Board Members with a packet explaining the scheduling software that they would like to purchase. It is called EMS Lite, which is a user friendly scheduling software program that the Parks Commission would like to utilize for all park schedules, meeting schedules, etc. for the Town. There would be one person in Town Hall with a back up person updating it. It will be visible on-line and will prevent over booking or double booking problems. The initial cost is \$1,785.00 and the annual service contract will be \$295.00. This is available in the Parks Commission budget. The Parks Commission was told that the current computers and servers that are in Town Hall can accommodate this software program.

John Conroy: Suggests that the Parks Commission look into using Outlook, which is currently used in Town and see if Outlook can be used in the same capacity, which will save the Town the cost.

The use of Outlook vs. EMS Lite will be brought back to the Board of Selectmen for their next meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 8 - Discuss possible temp position at Public Works. (Take Possible Action)

Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director: He is looking for help plowing during snow storms when there are workers out. At the present time there are two workers out and the director and the foreman both had to plow at the last storm. He would like to hire a part-time/temp person to cover a designated route if someone is out. This person would be drive the Town vehicle and be subject to drug testing through Foley. This would not affect any Union positions because they would be filling a void left by an employee that is out. They would be under the Town's workman's comp and liability insurances. They must have a CDL License and a DOT Medical Card. Dennis also states that he has gotten pricing on possibly contracting a company to plow and use their own equipment at approximately \$80.00 per hour vs. approximately \$20.00 per hour to hire a part-time/temp just for storms.

Sean Walsh, Board of Public Works: This is the first he has heard of this request. He would like to see this go before the Board of Public Works. He also states that he has worked in Public Works in other Towns for over 15 years and feels that hiring an outside contractor would be the best alternative. It may cost more per hour, but the liability is the contractor's responsibility, as well as they will use their own equipment.

Suggestions were made to check if any existing employees have CDL licenses and have them fill in temporarily.

The Board of Selectmen would like Mr. Rozum to bring this to the Board of Public Works and come back with their decision at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 9 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Harry Marks to the Aging Commission for a 2-Year term expiring 1/5/12.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Phillip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Virginia Dota to the Housing Authority for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring 11/30/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Al Ermer to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a 2-Year term expiring 12/5/11.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Phillip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Paul Tontini as the representative to the Western CT Tourism District for a 3-Year term expiring 1/5/13.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to appoint Karl Trybus to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/11.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to appoint Alexander Danka to the WPCA for a 4-year term expiring 12/7/13.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to appoint Paul Roy to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the remainder of a 2-year term expiring 4/21/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Phillip Wilhelmy

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

Motion to appoint Paul Roy to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 12/5/11.

Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

Motion to appoint W. Kurt Miller to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/5/11.

Motion: Phillip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus

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

Motion to appoint Phillip Wilhelmy to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-Year term expiring 12/5/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to appoint Bonnie Wilkes to the Aging Commission for a 2-year term expiring 1/5/12.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to appoint Joan Fowler Gee to the Aging Commission for a 2-Year term expiring 1/5/12.

Motion: Phillip Wilhelmy Second: John Conroy

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

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

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

Second: Phillip Wilhelmy
0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,136.25.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Transfers.
None.

ITEM # 12 - Correspondence.

#12A: Check Registers.

#12B: Town Clerk Report, December 2009.

#12C: Police Department Enhancement Accounts Report.

Motion to place on the table approval of Certification under Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Derby Avenue Resurfacing Project.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Phillip Wilhelmy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Certification under Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Derby Avenue Resurfacing Project for the First Selectman to sign on behalf of the Town of Seymour. (See attached.)

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

Motion to place on the table discussion of Economic Development update from Nancy Onofrio, Economic Development Secretary.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Nancy Onofrio, Economic Development Secretary provided a list to the First Selectman on the update requested by W. Kurt Miller and the First Selectman on Economic Development. The First Selectman reads through the list:

- 1) Tri-Town Plaza: The Town of Seymour has a lawsuit pending on this issue.
- 2) Seymour Lumber/Housatonic Wire: She was unable to get in touch with the owner and/or developer, but feels that it probably has not changed since the last Board of Selectmen meeting.
- 3) New Haven Copper Company Site: She states that the company was sold today to GROUP EAG, LLC of 132 Silvermine Road. This will have to be confirmed with Olin.
- 4) Walgreens: She states that their lease in the current location is valid until 2011 and they have not yet notified the buildings owners that they are vacating.
- 5) Vacant Rogol's Store: She states that the building is still for sale and states that the possible reason that it has not been filled is the price since there has been interest.

- 6) Vacant Seymour Shell Station: She has placed a call to the owner with no response.
- 7) Vacant Electric Cable Compounds Building: Has placed a call with Kathy Elkstrom of Haynes Corp. and is awaiting a call back.
- 8) Vacant Custom Homes building: Has no update, but the First Selectman states that it is being worked on.
- 9) Former Actor's Colony: She states that she has spoken to her contact and the exterior of the building is finished and there are no concrete tenants yet.

The Board of Selectmen would like regular updates from the Economic Development Commission.

Motion to go back to item # 12 Correspondence.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Phillip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

The EMS Oversight Commission has submitted a letter into the record, which the First Selectman reads concerning the Finance Director playing an integral part in the oversight of the Seymour Ambulance Corps. They also state that they feel Seymour Ambulance Corp. has done a great job bringing their financial situation positive. (See attached) No Action Taken.

ITEM # 14 - Public Comment.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: Concerning the possible part-time/temp position for Public Works discussed tonight, she suggests that the Public Works Director provide a cost comparison report. She also suggests that if whether an employee or a contractor is hired, that the Town Counsel draw up a contract with stipulations.

Theresa Conroy, State Representative, 177 Skokorat Street: She agrees with per diem employees and states that she handled that at her job for many years and has offered her help in anyway that is needed. She would like to inform the Board that the Chatfield LoPresti School Project has been put on the School Priority List for the next year and she doesn't anticipate any problems and will keep the Board posted. She would also like to see the Economic Development Commission come to the next Board of Selectmen meeting with an update.

ITEM # 15 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Annamarie Drugonis: Concerning the Bristol Resource Recovery, suggests that Paul look through the audits online and read the reports on whether all of the trash is going to Bristol. She also asks if the lawsuit with Tri-Town Plaza owner is close to being settled.

W. Kurt Miller: Asks why Town Counsel Colleen Fries has attended tonight's meeting when she was not needed throughout the meeting.

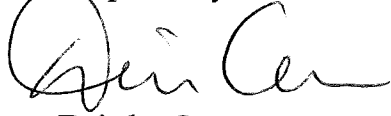
Paul Roy: States that he had already told the Board that Attorney Fries will be attending the first few meetings to become familiar with them.

**ITEM # 16 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).
None.**

ITEM # 17 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:45PM.
Motion: W. Kurt Miller
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

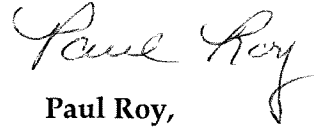
Second: Annmarie Drugonis
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Paul Roy,
First Selectman



PAUL F. ROY
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**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF
THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5 (Feb. 17, 2009)) ("ARRA"), I, Paul Roy, First Selectman, Town of Seymour, hereby certify that the infrastructure investments funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the headings: "Highway Infrastructure Investment" to the Federal Highway Administration, "Transit Capital Assistance," "Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment," and "Capital Investment Grants" to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment is provided on the Connecticut Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3529&q=424892> and linked to Recovery.gov.

Project Name	Description of Investment	Total Estimated Cost	Amount of ARRA Funds
Pavement Rehabilitation (DOT01240168)	Pavement Rehabilitation of Derby Ave., Town of Seymour	\$650,000	\$650,000

I understand that my State or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

Paul Roy, First Selectman, Town of Seymour

Signed this 6th day of January, 2010.

January 5, 2010

**First Selectman Paul Roy &
Board of Selectmen
1 First Street
Seymour, CT 06483**

RE: EMSOC Meeting on December 3, 2009

Honorable First Selectman Paul Roy and fellow Selectmen:

At a meeting held Thursday, December 3, 2009 The Emergency Management Services Oversight Commission took the following action:

"Motion to send communication to the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen to continue to utilize the Finance Director as an ex-officio member of EMSOC."

It is our opinion that the Finance Director, currently Doug Thomas, should play an integral part of the "oversight" because of his strong financial background and understanding of the monthly financial reports generated by Seymour Ambulance Association. Our members are "volunteer lay people" with a limited understanding of "profit and loss", balance sheets and other financial statements that need to be reviewed prior to our meetings. It is our request that the Finance Director be allowed to continue to attend our four regularly scheduled meetings.

On another note, we are requesting that should a Charter Revision Commission be appointed for possible changes to our Charter in November 2010, Section 10.7.3 be carefully reviewed so that there is more emphasis on the Finance Director playing an integral part of the "oversight". If it can be modified as such, it would be more effective in our opinion.

Lastly, with our review of Seymour Ambulance Association's recent financials, it appears that they have greatly improved their financial ability to operate. They have paid off many debts, refinanced where it made the most sense, have audits on an annual basis, have been more diligent in their efforts to "collect" monies due them and comply with the current Agreement with the Town (in all aspects regarding insurances, roster lists, etc). Therefore, it is our belief that Seymour Ambulance Association has

- begun to grow
- begun to build up positive cash balances
- shown that the Association can (and should) be run as a "business"
- been sending "positive vibes" throughout the Town and the Community

Thank you.

Sincerely,
The Emergency Management Services Oversight Commission

CC: Seymour Ambulance Association