

1/8/09  
9:20 AM

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2009 @ 7:30PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

**Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.**  
**Not present: Roberta King.**  
**Others present: Trisha Danka, Alex Danka, Carol Ralston and Howard Simpson.**

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:30PM.
- Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to approve Ordinance Public Hearing Minutes from 12/17/08.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: John Conroy**  
**Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti, Frank Conroy)**  
**0-No                      2-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy)                      0-Disqualify**

**Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from 12/17/08.**

**Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Frank Conroy**  
**Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti, Frank Conroy)**  
**0-No                      2-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy)                      0-Disqualify**

**First Selectman's Report:**

- A list of unanticipated Town Buildings repairs and expenditures is provided by the First Selectman's office showing over \$37,000 spent to date from July 2008. This will be given to the Board of Finance.
- Had a meeting with the Superintendents office yesterday concerning the upcoming budget.
- Also had a meeting with the Town employees concerning the economic situation of the Town, State and Country. The First Selectman asked the employees to consider giving back. He will be having meetings with all of the Union Presidents to discuss this further. The Board of Education will be 1.1 million dollars short this year and they are going to have to show a 0% increase from last year minus the 1.1 million. The State will be announcing possible tax increases and will not be supporting any new projects. The First Selectman's position is a 0% tax increase for next year. He is also not going to fill any open positions.

**Public Comment:**

- The Chairman of the Board of Finance also addressed her concerns for the upcoming budget.

**ITEM # 1 - Adopt revision to Article II, Fire Department Division I Generally, Sec. 6-21.**

**Motion to adopt the following revision to Article II, Fire Department Division I Generally, Sec. 6-21 to go into effect in 21 days on January 27, 2009.**

**Motion: John Conroy                      Second: John Putorti**

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

*The fire department shall consist of a fire chief, one or more assistant chiefs and duly enlisted volunteers. The chief and assistant chiefs shall be appointed annually prior to the last week in June by the Board of Fire Commissioners, and shall hold office for one year from July 1 or until others are appointed in their stead or until they are disabled and incapacitated for such office. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall fill any vacancy that may occur in the office of chief or assistant chiefs within a reasonable time of the occurrence thereof. The chief and assistant chiefs may be removed for cause by the Board of Fire Commissioners after a full hearing.*

ITEM # 2 - Adopt revision to Article III. Noise Ordinance. Sec. 8-46.

Motion to adopt the following revision to Article III. Noise Ordinance. Sec. 8-59 & Sec. 8-61 to go into effect in 21 days on January 27, 2009.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

*Sec. 8-59. Inspections*

*(a) For the purpose of determining compliance with the provisions of this article, the Chief of Police or his authorized agent, is hereby authorized to make inspections of all noise sources and to take measurements and make tests whenever necessary to determine the quantity and character of noise. In the event that any person refuses or restricts entry and free access to any part of a premises or refuses inspection, testing or noise measurements of any activity, or process where inspection is sought, the Chief of Police or his authorized agent, may seek from the appropriate court a warrant or other appropriate order for the purpose of inspecting, testing or measuring noise.*

*(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse to allow or permit the Chief of Police, or his authorized agent, free access to any premises when the Chief of Police or his authorized agent is acting in compliance with a warrant or other order for inspection.*

*(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of any warrant or court order requiring inspection, testing or measurement of noise sources.*

*(d) No person shall hinder, obstruct, delay, resist, prevent in any way, interfere or attempt to interfere with any authorized person while in the performance of his duties under this article.*

*(Ord. of 6-27-83, §§ 9.1--9.5)*

*Sec. 8-61. Penalties.*

*(a) The Chief of Police, or his authorized agent, whenever he finds, after investigation, that any person is causing, engaging in or maintaining any condition or activity which, in his judgment, constitutes a violation of these regulations may, without hearing, issue a written warning to such person to discontinue, abate or alleviate such condition or activity. Such person or persons issued a written warning may appeal within ten (10) days. The appeal shall be made in compliance with the Town Ordinance of March 2, 2004, which establishes a hearing procedure. Any subsequent fine or penalty imposed by this ordinance may be appealed in a manner provided by said appeal ordinance. If such person or persons continue after receiving a written warning, section (b) of this penalty section will be implemented.*

*(b) Any person in violation of any of the provisions of this article shall be fined in an amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each day such violation continues after the time for correction of the violation has been given in an order, shall constitute a continuing violation and the amount of the fine shall be doubled for each day the violation continues. Such fine not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per day.*

*(Ord. of 6-27-83, §§ 10.1, 10.2)*

ITEM # 3 - Update on Castles in the Park project.

Jennifer Harkey of the Castles in the Park Committee was unable to attend due to the weather. The First Selectman states that the project had completed within the budget and the Committee will be saving some funds for mulch in the spring. Anything that may be left over will be turned over to the Town.

ITEM # 4 - Discussion of "Shovel-Ready" projects submitted to the Governor.  
Copies of three separate requests to the Governors Office for "shovel-ready" projects. One request is from the Seymour Housing Authority for the Randall Field Project phase one and phase two for approximately \$11,000,000.00 and a septic pump ejection system for Seymour Avenue for approximately \$193,000. Also, septic storm and street infrastructure for Chamberlin Road, Brothers Court and Seymour Avenue for approximately \$750,000 and lead based paint remediation on Seymour Avenue for approximately \$190,000. The next request is for the Fish By-pass/Ladder at Tingué Dam on the Naugatuck River, which began in 1993. The next request is from Nafis & Young, Town Engineers for sidewalk improvements \$646,250.00, major artery reconstruction \$1,800,000.00, roadway repair and paving \$1,471,400.00, and street overlay program \$4,486,400.00.

ITEM # 5 - Proclamation for "Wear Red Day for Women".  
Motion to pass the proclamation for "Wear Red Day for Women" on February 6, 2009 in the Town of Seymour.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint John Putorti to the Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee for a one-year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy)                      0-No                      1-Abstain (John Putorti)                      0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Frank Conroy to the Chatfield-LoPresti School Building Committee for a one-year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, John Putorti)                      0-No                      1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)                      0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Lou DeBarber to the WPCA for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/12.

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

ITEM # 7 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount \$1,341.53.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis

ITEM # 8 - Transfers.

Motion to transfer \$4,500.00 for Town Buildings from Contingency account 1-001-410-1950-530-872 into Oil account 1-001-410-1940-510-624 to help the library cover their short fall in their budget for oil and refer to the Board of Finance.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.

ITEM # 10 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 11 - Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).

None at this time.

ITEM # 14 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: John Putorti

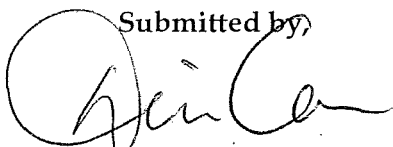
Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman