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

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Putorti, W. Kurt Miller, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis (7:35PM), Town Counsel George Temple.

Not present: John Conroy.

Others present: Tony Sanzo, Bruce Baker, Bob Potash, Frank Loda, Trisha Danka, Bill Paecht, Sean Walsh, and State Representative Theresa Conroy.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:31PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/15/09.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, W. Kurt Miller, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No

1-Abstain (John Putorti) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Fish-by-Pass meeting on Thursday, 10/8/09 concerning when the project will begin and the possible purchase of land for the project.
- The funding has been restored by the State for school projects, which the First Selectman heard about on Friday, October 2, 2009 from Senator Debicella and Senator Kane's offices. The Chatfield LoPresti project will continue as scheduled.
- On 9/17/09 was the new CVS ground breaking.
- The construction on the new car wash behind Starbucks has begun.
- On 9/24/09 the First Selectman attended a ribbon cutting at Explorers Learning Center at Silvermine Industrial Park. This is a state of the art day care facility, which may be offering full day kindergarten next year.
- On 10/1/09 the First Selectman attended the Valley Women Making a Difference ceremony luncheon, which Anne Conroy (Frank Conroy's wife) was one of the honorees.
- The new Walgreens will be opening soon.
- There have been firms interviewed for the Route 67 Improvements Project.
- Letter received from the Culture & Arts Commission concerning improvements needed for the Strand Theater. The First Selectman wrote letters to the Grants Coordinator to try to get grant money and the Knights of Columbus to see if they can help with fixing the marquee. He is also considering purchasing paint for the back of the seats and the interior walls and having the Public Works Department do the work to save money.

Public Comment:

None.

Motion to place on the table to take action on the FUSCO Construction Contract for the Chatfield LoPresti Project.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes 0-Disqualify 0-No 0-Abstain

Don Smith, Co-Chairman of the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee: States that himself, FUSCO, the Committee and Town Counsel have been working on this contract. The project is moving forward due to the funding being restored as previously stated by the First Selectman. Construction should begin by June 2010 and should take approximately 18 months to complete, which will be January 2012. The LoPresti students will not be moved over until September 2012.

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that after the Chatfield LoPresti Project is complete he would like a Committee formed to decide what to do with the Anna LoPresti School, the Community Center, and 98 Bank Street.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the FUSCO Construction Manager Contract for the Chatfield LoPresti Building Project as presented.

Motion: John Putorti Second: W. Kurt Miller

0-No Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The Board of Selectmen takes a short recess so the First Selectman can sign the FUSCO Contracts at 7:45PM. Out of recess at 7:50PM.

ITEM # 1 - Award Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract for Town Buildings.

There were seven bids received in the First Selectman's Office on September 1, 2009. The lowest bid was received from Air Dynamics in Guilford. They have servicemen that live in Town, but in case of emergency or they need a part they will have to go all the way back to Guilford, which will add up to a lot of gas surcharges and traveling fees. The next lowest bid came from Oatley, who are our current contractor, for \$4,700.00, which is also almost half of what the Town is paying currently. The First Selectman states that Oatley knows the equipment and are local in case of emergencies. He is recommending Oatley for the Town Buildings Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract.

Motion to award the Town Buildings Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract to Oatley for the first year at \$4,700.00 and second year at \$4,250.00. **Motion: Frank Conrov** Second: John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify 0-No

ITEM # 2 - Go out to bid for sidewalk project funded by STEAP GRANT. The Town of Seymour has received another STEAP Grant for sidewalks for \$150,000. We need to go out to bid for the project and we will be using the same specs as last year. This year we will be replacing sidewalks on Martha Street, Stoddard Street, and the end of Pearl Street at South Main Street.

Motion to go out to bid for the sidewalk project funded by a STEAP Grant for \$150,000 with the bids coming in on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 4:00PM in the First Selectman's Office.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Extension of Downtown Sidewalk project.

Motion to extend the contract to Jason Smith for the Downtown Sidewalk Grant Project for an additional \$10,165.00 for a portion of Wakeley Street and the Ambulance Corps, which was received from the Downtown Sidewalk Grant.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Discussion and possible action on equipment from Seymour Soccer Association.

There has been no response to the questions by the Board sent to the Seymour Soccer Association President and no one was able to attend the meeting.

Motion to deny the request to accept soccer equipment from the Seymour Soccer Association.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 – Set Special Town Meeting for land purchase for Fish-by-Pass project, to be reimbursed by the State on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 7:00PM.

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting to pass resolutions to purchase property from Nesteriak for \$40,000, which will be reimbursed by the State for the Fish-by-Pass project for Tuesday, October 20, 2009 @ 7:00PM.

Motion: Paul Rov

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Approve extension of contract Derby Glass to continue the window replacement project at the Community Center funded by the Katharine Matthies Foundation.

The Town of Seymour received \$22,000 in grant money for the Community Center window replacement project from the Katharine Matthies Foundation. This is the fourth year in a row that the Town has received grant money to replace the windows. Motion to extend the Community Center window replacement project to Derby Glass Co. for the 2009 Katharine Matthies Grant received for \$22,000.00.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #7 - Appointments.

None.

ITEM #8 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,949.66.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #9 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 10 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk Report, September 2009.
- Copies of letters concerning the possible renovations to the Strand Theater to the Knights of Columbus and the Culture & Arts Commission and the Grants Coordinator.

ITEM # 11 - Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 12 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 13 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy: Has some concerns about the guard rail on Old Drive that was knocked down due to an accident. He received several calls about the fact that it has not been replaced and children walk by that area to the bus stop.

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that he will check on the situation tomorrow and believes that the insurance of the responsible vehicle has to come through.

ITEM # 14 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Pending Litigation). None.

ITEM # 15 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:11PM. **Motion: Annmarie Drugonis**

0-No

Vote: 6-Yes

Second: John Putorti

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,

Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,

First Selectman

Reviewed by,