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MINUTES  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 7:30PM  
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple (7:55PM)

Others present: Sean Walsh, Anthony Sanzo, J. Macey, Sue Simmons, Jeff Simmons, John Boanno, Ed Pollack, Valerie Pollack, Frank Connors, Alex Danka, Frank Loda, Fredrick Dlugokenski, Debra Elder, Michael Elder, and Tim Krukoski.

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

Motion to approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 7/14/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Sochrin's Dam Repairs have started. The trees have been cut and the pond has been drained and lowered, this work is being paid for by a STEAP Grant that the Town received \$150,000.00.
- Sidewalks on West Church Street & Farrell Street are almost complete and a driveway on West Church Street will be repaired this week.
- Meeting with Haynes on Rte 67/42 Road Connector.
- Met with train officials on Seymour Train Station. The Metro North Officials have approximately \$50,000 for renovations for the train station. They will replace the ramp and put new safety glass in the windows, as well as new lighting.
- Meeting to select Engineering Firm for Rte 67 Improvements Project by the 5 member Committee within 30 days.
- Ground-breaking for new CVS within 2 weeks.
- Meeting with State on Fish by Pass today. The governor has secured 2.5 million dollars for this project, which should be completed by June 2001. The State will maintain the Fish Ladder and the Town will maintain the green area. The State will move the Skate Park to the new location. A special thank you to Fred Stanek for all of his hard work on this project over the years.
- Meeting with DOT on Thursday for Stimulus money, which is \$650,000 for improvements to connector roads in Town.
- Report on missing cannon from French Park, none of the cannons are missing; the only thing missing is a pile of cannon balls that has been missing for approximately 20 years.
- Vandalism at Bungay School Field and the High School Field. Someone drove through the fields with their vehicle and the police have a suspect.

**Public Comment:**

- Several people make comments about the problems with harassment at 11 Walter Road and would like to know if the police are investigating. The First Selectman assures the residents that the police do have an ongoing investigation on this matter.
- Several residents thank the Board of Selectmen and all of the other people involved with amending the Anti-Blight Ordinance for all of their hard work.

**ITEM # 1 - Award Garbage Contract.**

The Town received four bids on July 14, 2009 for the Town's curbside garbage pickup contract, which expires August 31, 2009. Our current contractor is Latella Rubbish Removal from Orange, CT and they brought in the lowest bid for the three year contract.

Motion to award Latella Rubbish Removal the Town of Seymour's Curbside Garbage Pickup Contract for a three year period for \$282,000 for 2009, \$282,000 for 2010, and \$287,760 for 2011.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 2 - Approve street light request for Day Street.**

The Board of Selectmen discussed installing a street light on Day Street for the park located on Day & Pearl Street over a year ago. A request has been put in to install that light at this time. It will be pointing at the Park and will also have a 12 foot extension arm for more visibility. This park is owned by the Seymour Land Trust and Frank Conroy states that he is thankful this is being done, especially due to the recent vandalism.

Motion to approve installing a street light on Day Street pointing into the park through CL&P to be charged to the Town's street light line item for \$6.44 per month on pole # 3727.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 3 - Approve AIA Contract for Chatfield LoPresti Project.**

The Board members were sent the AIA, Architect Contract for the Chatfield LoPresti Project ahead of time to review.

John Conroy: States that this is a standard Architect Contract, but he noticed that the hourly rate for the architectural employees is only for 2009. He would like it changed to state 2009 until completion of project. The First Selectman states that he will have that done and if not then he will bring the contract back to the Board at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the AIA Contract for the Chatfield LoPresti Project contingent upon the change in the architectural employees pay rate provision.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 4 - Approve extending sidewalk contract to continue Main Street sidewalk project.**

The Town received another \$37,000 for the downtown sidewalk project. The First Selectman would like to extend the contract to the current contractor, Classic Patterns and Designs.

Motion to approve extending the sidewalk project contract to the current contractor, Classic Patterns and Designs to continue the Downtown/Main Street sidewalk project with the \$37,000 received from the State.

Motion: Paul Roy    Second: John Putorti  
Vote: 7-Yes                          0-No                          0-Abstain                          0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 5 - Update on new bond rating.**

In 2007 the Town of Seymour received a bond rating of A+ and it has now been bumped up to an AA- rating. This is the highest rating that the Town of Seymour has ever received. Thanks to the Finance Department and the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director for all of their hard work.

John Conroy: States that all Towns/Cities bond ratings are posted online.

**ITEM # 6 - Update on Note sale on Thursday, August 6, 2009.**

The Town had their note sale last Thursday, August 6, 2009 for 5.3 million dollars for one year and got an interest rate of 1%. Only 2.6 million will be used for the Chatfield LoPresti Project, the rest is for the High School and the Middle School, which will be reimbursed from the State. Next August the Town will go out for permanent bond.

**ITEM # 7 - Set Public Hearing for proposed amendments to the Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, September 1, 2009 @ 7:00PM.**

Motion to set a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, September 1, 2009 @ 7:00PM.

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

**ITEM # 8 - Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Kim Osgood to the Culture & Arts Commission for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 3/21/12.

Motion: Paul Roy    Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 7-Yes                          0-No                          0-Abstain                          0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table to appoint Leonard Greene, Jr. as a Board of Finance Alternate.

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

Motion to appoint Leonard Greene, Jr. as a Board of Finance Alternate member for a term expiring on Election Day, 11/3/09.

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

**ITEM # 9 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$29,650.62.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 10 - Transfers.**

Motion to transfer for the Finance Dept, Library, Building Inspector, Wetlands Enforcement, and Zoning Enforcement for \$7,263.00 from Contingency acct # 410-1950-530-872 into Finance Director # 410-1512-450-101 for \$2,920.00 and into Head Librarian # 450-5500-640-101 for \$1,686.00 and into Building Inspector # 420-2400-565-101 for \$1,073.00 and into Asst Building Inspector # 420-2400-565-110 for \$784.00 and into Wetlands Enforcement Officer # 410-1910-490-101 for \$300.00 and into Zoning Enforcement Officer # 410-1110-410-110 for \$500.00 for non-union employees pay raises for the year 2009/2010.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 11 - Correspondence.**

#11a: Check Registers.

#11b: Letter from Founders Day Committee concerning a possible Founders Day event.

**ITEM # 12 - Other Business.**

Motion to place on the table Resolution for DEP concerning Sochrin's Pond Dam Project.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve the below resolution for DEP concerning Sochrin's Pond Dam Project.

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Seymour to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Robert J. Koskelowski the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Seymour. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the State or Federal Government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 13 - Public Comment.**

Comments made concerning new sidewalk cracking on Pearl Street. The First Selectman states that the cement was contaminated and it will be redone by the

company that supplied the cement. Statement made thanking the Board for their efforts to try to fix the Anti-Blight Ordinance to make it clearer and more detailed.

**ITEM # 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.**

**Paul Roy:** Asks if the Town is working on the Public Works Foreman position being put into the Union. Also states that Craig Stevens is doing an excellent job in that position.

**Robert J. Koskelowski:** States that the Labor Attorney and the Union are negotiating.

**W. Kurt Miller:** States that he had attended Pride Committee meetings and they are working very hard on organizing clean-up events. This coming Saturday they will be at the Community Center doing work beginning at 10:00AM.

**Robert J. Koskelowski:** States that he researched the taxes being paid on commercial properties in Town. He states that although CVS and Walgreens are moving the Town will still be receiving taxes on the vacant properties and the new properties. He states that when Ames was still in Seymour, they paid a lot less than any homeowner. He also tells any of the Board members that if they would like to try to work with one of the owners of Tri-Town Plaza to try to get it filled they are welcome to try. He states that a large dead tree on Bungay Road fell during the recent rain storms.

Next Board of Selectmen meeting will be on September 1, 2009.

**ITEM # 15 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).**  
None.

**ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:22PM.

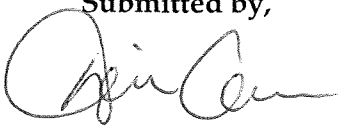
Motion: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Submitted by,




Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman

I hereby certify that this  
is a true copy of a Board of Selectmen minutes  
as received for record in the  
Seymour Town Clerk's Office on  
August 13, 2009 at 9:50 A.M.  
ATTEST:   
Town Clerk