COPY RECEIVED DATE: 7-16-09 P. M. TIME: 2:45 P. M. TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

# MINUTES Board of Selectmen Tuesday, July 14, 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, and Frank Conroy. Not present: Town Counsel George Temple.

Others present: Frank Loda, Alex Danka, Sean Walsh, Michelle Walsh, Jackie Macey, Mike Latella, Bruce Baker, Debra Marganski, Norman Ray, Jason Buchsbaum, D. Moll, Bill Paecht, Jay Hatfield, Trisha Danka, Nancy Onofrio, Lucy McConologue, and Elise Wood.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:31PM.

- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes from 6/16/09.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

# First Selectman's Report:

- The new Walgreen's on Route 67 should be finished by late fall.

- Town Engineer stated that the State has looked at Lower Derby Avenue to be paved with Stimulus Money in the amount of \$750,000.00.

Public Comment: Several comments were made concerning the Anti-Blight Ordinance from several residents. Most of them feel that the Ordinance should be re-written and they feel they are being harassed.

ITEM # 1 - Approve bid recommendation from Town Engineer for Sochrin's Pond Dam Improvements (STEAP Grant). (Take Action)

There were eight (8) bids received in the First Selectman's Office today by 11:00AM and they were opened publicly by an Engineer from Nafis & Young in the Norma Drummer Room. The Town Engineer reviewed the bids and has given the Board of Selectmen his recommendation, which is the apparent low bidder. He recommends that Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. of Oxford, CT with a bid of \$78,435.00. The Sochrin's Pond Dam Improvements Project is being funded by a STEAP Grant of \$150,000.00 that the Town of Seymour received in 2008. This bid will be accepted contingent upon the State signing off on the contract.

Motion to accept bid recommendation from the Town Engineer for the Sochrin's Pond Dam Improvements Project from Earthworks Excavating and Landscaping, Inc., Oxford, CT for \$78,435.00 contingent upon State approval of the contract.

**Motion: John Putorti** 

Second: Frank Conrov

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Open bids for Curbside Garbage Pickup Contract. (Take possible action)

There were four (4) bids received in the First Selectman's Office by 4:00PM today. The current contract expires on August 31, 2009.

#1 - Trash Master LLC, 662 Coe Avenue, East Haven, CT:

09/10: \$280,000.00 10/11: \$284,900.00 11/12: \$287,000.00

#2 - CT Waste Transfer, LLC, Shelton, CT:

09/10: \$319,000.00 10/11: \$319,000.00 11/12: \$319,000.00

#3 - Superior Waste Disposal dBA ADS of CT, 770 Derby Avenue, Seymour, CT:

09/10: \$367,620.00 10/11: \$392,951.00 11/12: \$419,100.00

#4 - Latella Rubbish Removal, LLC, 90 Prindle Hill Road, Orange, CT:

09/10: \$282,000.00 10/11: \$282,000.00 11/12: \$287,760.00

Motion to refer to Town Counsel for review and recommendation for the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.

**Motion: John Putorti** 

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Go out to bid for Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract for Town Buildings.

The current Town Buildings Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract expires on September 30, 2009. This contract covers seven Town Buildings.

Motion to go out to bid for Town Buildings Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract and have the bids come into the First Selectman's Office on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 4:00PM.

**Motion: John Conroy** 

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Memorandum of Agreement for the FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the FFY 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program, which is required by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and be administered by the DEMHS Region 2.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conrov

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

# ITEM # 5 - Resolution for Chatfield LoPresti School Addition Project. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour, by resolution presented at a Special Town Meeting held September 30, 2008 and approved at referendum held October 7, 2008, appropriated \$32,500,000.00 for the Paul E. Chatfield School Additions, Renovations, Alterations and Improvements Project; and authorized the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$32,500,000.00 to finance the appropriation; and

WHEREAS, said resolution authorized the Board of Selectmen to delegate to appropriate officers of the Town certain determinations and actions in connection with the issuance of such bonds or notes and temporary notes;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of such bonds, notes and temporary notes; to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption of interest on the bonds, notes and temporary notes from federal income taxation, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes and temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information; to sell the bonds, notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to sell, issue and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes.

Motion to approve Resolution as presented at the Board of Selectmen Meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

**Motion: Paul Roy** 

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Waive taxes for George J. Hummel Little League.

Motion to waive taxes for George J. Hummel Little League, 14 Chestnut Street, Seymour, CT (Casagrande Park) for the 2009/2010 fiscal year for a total of \$5,278.94.

**Motion: John Conroy** 

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #7 - Proposed amendment to the Anti Blight Ordinance.

The First Selectman highlights parts of the Anti Blight Ordinance that he believes need to be changed. They include the \$100 day fines, house painting, no unregistered motor vehicles, and receiving anonymous complaints are some of the items that he would like to see changed. Several Board members have more suggestions and would like to see more detailed definitions on what is a violation. The First Selectman suggests that the Board members review the Ordinance and make suggestions that they would like added or changed. He suggests that the Ordinance Committee, which consists of himself, John Putorti, and Paul Roy, meet sometime at

the beginning of August to discuss and amend the Anti Blight Ordinance to be given back to the Board of Selectmen for a Public Hearing. The First Selectman's Office will schedule the meeting and let the members know.

ITEM #8 - Proposed amendment to the Ordinance Establishing Hearing Procedure for Town Citations and Fines.

Several proposed changes include adding "or committee" to passages containing hearing officer.

Motion to set a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Ordinance Establishing Hearing Procedure for Town Citations and Fines on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.

**Motion: Annmarie Drugonis** 

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Dissolution of High School Building Committee.

The High School Building Committee did a tremendous job and stayed within budget, but the project is finished.

Motion to dissolve the High School Building Committee.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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 # 10 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Dominic Bellucci to the Housing Authority for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring on 11/30/11.

**Motion: John Conroy** 

Second: W. Kurt Miller

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Joseph Hernandez to the Parks Commission for the remainder of a 2-Year term expiring 12/5/09.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint John Conroy, Sr. to the Inland Wetlands Commission for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring 12/31/11.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti,

Paul Roy)

0-No

2-Abstain (John Conroy, Jr. & Frank Conroy)

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Peter Jezierny as the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring on 7/20/12.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$1,175.68.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Paul Roy

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

#### ITEM # 12 - Transfers.

#12a: Motion to transfer for the Fire Marshal for \$18,500.00 from Salary Regular Employees acct # 1-001-420-2230-560-110 for \$7,000.00 and from Health Insurance acct # 1-001-410-1550-560-560-21 for \$4,800.00 and from Purchased Service Garbage acct # 1-001-430-3230-590-426 for \$6,700.00 into Water Fire Hydrants acct # 1-001-420-2230-560-411 for \$18,500.00 to pay fire hydrant bill, to be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy

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

#12b: Motion to transfer for the Highway Department \$9,190.00 from purchased services garbage acct # 1-001-430-3230-590-426 and into Trees account acct# 1-001-430-3110-570-424 for tree services to various parks, stump grinding, and removal of 6 Hemlock trees. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti

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

#12c: No Action Taken.

ITEM # 13 - Correspondence.

#13a: Check Registers.

#13b: Town Clerk Report, June 2009.

ITEM # 14 - Other Business.

None.

# ITEM #15 - Public Comment.

- Board of Finance Chairman states that the vacant Board of Finance Republican Alternate position has not been filled in the allotted period of time and asks the Board of Selectmen to appoint someone. First Selectman states that will be done at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009.
- Several more residents state their displeasure with the Anti Blight Law as written and would like to see changes and are happy that the Board of Selectmen is considering amendments.
- Seymour Blight Enforcement Officer states that he has tried to work with the residents and would like to be present when the Ordinance Committee meets to discuss possible amendments to the Anti Blight Ordinance.

# ITEM # 16 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Frank Conroy: Would like to know where the street light is that the Board of Selectmen voted on a year ago to be put at the park at Day & Pearl Streets, owned by the Seymour Land Trust. Is very upset because there has been a lot of vandalism and this is a park used by the residents of Seymour.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Will look into the issue, but remembers that the Land Trust offered to pay for it. His office will follow through with checking into the light.

John Putorti: The Great Hill United Methodist Church had a "Touch a Truck" event and the Town of Seymour was well represented. He would like to thank the Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance Corps. for their participation.

Paul Roy: Asks about the open positions on the Aging Commission and other Boards. All open positions are posted on our Town website. Positions are not easily filled.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Discusses that this is election year and there are 20 or more people running for public office. Since he has been in office the Economic Development has increased and he cares about this Town. He states that he will be asking to run again at the Republican Caucus. He states that he will be seeking re-election as First Selectman. He also acknowledges that Selectman Paul Roy will also be seeking the First Selectman position.

ITEM # 17 - Executive Session. (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel.) None.

ITEM # 18 - Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:37PM.

**Motion: John Conroy** 

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: John Putorti

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,

**Recording Secretary** 

Robert J. Koskelowski,

First Selectman

Reviewed by,

I hereby certify that the

is a true copy of a 150-a

as received for record in the Seymour Town Clerk's Office on