

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, June 16, 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: Bill Paecht, Nancy Onofrio, Maryanne Mascolo, Rick Belden, Dennis Rozum, Jay Hatfield, Sandra Gesek and Fred Stanek.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:34PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was had for former Selectwoman Roberta M. King who passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2009. The First Selectman and Board of Selectmen members recall fond memories of Ms. King. She will be sorely missed by all.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting from 5/19/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy

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

First Selectman's Report:

None.

Public Comment:

Comments were made about the poor condition of Robert Street and the fact that it has several pot holes and had only been armour coated 6 months ago. Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director states that he is aware of the problem on the road and will have the pot holes fixed as soon as possible.

ITEM # 1 - Proclamation for Paul Sponheimer.

Coach Sponheimer was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but members of his family are here to represent him.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Coach Sponheimer is in his 29th season as Head Football Coach of the Seymour Wildcats and has compiled a 211-100 career record, winning four League State Titles and four State Championships; and

Whereas, Coach Sponheimer is one of only three coaches to be named Connecticut Coach of the Year twice in his career; and

Now therefore, I Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour, declare Tuesday, June 16, 2009, Coach Paul Sponheimer Day, and would like to thank him on behalf of the Town of Seymour for all of his years of dedicated service to the Seymour High School Wildcats Football Team and this community.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 16th day of June 2009.

Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman, and the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour

Board members comment on Coach Sponheimer's career and all of his accomplishments as a coach and a teacher.

Motion to place on the table surplus equipment from the Board of Education.

Motion: John Putorti Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

Surplus equipment to be sold by the Board of Education from the machine shop.

Surplus Equipment sold to Asnuntuck CC \$1,900.00

Surplus Equipment sold to Naugatuck Valley CC \$6,300.00

Motion to approve the sale of machine shop surplus equipment for the Board of Education as presented.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 2 - Resolution for Chatfield LoPresti Addition Project.

Resolution is needed to complete the ED049 paperwork for the Chatfield LoPresti Addition Project.

Resolved that the Seymour Board of Selectmen authorizes the Seymour Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Education and to accept or reject a grant for the "renovate as new" and addition/code compliance project at the Paul Chatfield School.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy

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

- Town Counsel should have the contracts for the Architectural Firm and the Construction Manager for this project wrapped up by the end of the week.
- The High School Building Committee will be having their "wrap up" meeting next week and then will be dissolving the Committee.
- Maryanne Mascolo gives the Board an update on the Swine Flu and states that there have not been any confirmed cases of Swine Flu in the school system. She also states that the absences have declined and there are a lot less cases of seasonal flu. There are updates on the Board of Education website and she is consulting with the Health Department and the Head Nurse about the cases of flu.

ITEM # 3 - Presentation from representative of the Welcome Wagon Committee.

Debi Molfese, Welcome Wagon Representative and Nancy Onofrio, Economic Development Secretary are presenting the Welcome Wagon program to the Board. This is a booklet full of information that will be distributed to newcomers to the Town. Ms. Molfese shows examples of what other Towns and Cities are doing.

Motion to support this booklet to be made for Seymour newcomers by the Welcome Wagon.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Putorti

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

ITEM # 4 - Open bids for paving of Richard and Scott Avenues. (Take possible action).

Two bids were received in the First Selectman's Office.

- 1) S&S Asphalt Paving, Inc., Southbury, CT - Richard Avenue \$22,025.00 - Scott Avenue \$22,025.00 or To complete both roads at the same time \$37,378.00, until 7/31/09.
- 2) O&G Industries, Torrington, CT - Both roads, Supply Keyway Miller w/ operator \$185.00/hr and Supply & Install Class 2 Bit. Concrete \$94.60/Ton.

Motion to award the paving of Richard & Scott Avenues to S&S Asphalt Paving, Inc. contingent upon financing. LOCIP & other funds to be used.

Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

ITEM # 5 - Go out to bid for curbside garbage pickup, due 7/14/09 @ 4:00PM in the First Selectman's Office.

Motion to go out to bid for curbside garbage pickup for the Town, which expires on 8/30/09 with bids due on 7/14/09 @ 4:00PM in the First Selectman's Office.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

ITEM # 6 - Appointments.

Motion to table appointments until next meeting due to more information needed for the Housing Authority appointment.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller Second: Paul Roy

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

ITEM # 7 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$865.07.

Motion: John Putorti Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

ITEM # 8 - Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 9 - Correspondence.

9a: Check Registers.

9b: Town Clerks Report for May 2009.

9c: Copy of appointment letter to W. Kurt Miller to the Board of Selectmen.

9d: Invitation to the "Wet Down" ceremony at Great Hill Hose for the new Rescue Truck on 6/20/09.

9e: Flyer for Pride Committee clean up day and next cleanup to be at Gary Park on 7/19/09.

9f: Letter from Ron Skurat concerning a request for a raise for the Registrar of Voters.

9g: Invitation to the Firemen's Parade on June 28, 2009.

9h: High School Graduation on June 19, 2009 @ 6:00PM.

9i: Memorial Service at Seymour Congregational Church for Roberta King at 10:00AM.

ITEM # 10 - Other Business.

Frank Conroy: Has a proclamation that will be presented to Roberta Kings family tomorrow at the Memorial Service from the Connecticut General Assembly by Senator Dan Debicella, Senator Rob Kane and State Representative Theresa Conroy in memory of Roberta King.

Paul Roy: Would like to place on the table the issue of the proposed closing of the Derby Court House.

Motion to place on the table the proposed closing of the Derby Court House.

Motion: John Conroy Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

A resolution has been prepared and Selectman Roy would like the Board of Selectmen to approve it to show their support to keep the Derby Court House open. He would like it sent to the Local Legislators and the Governor.

Resolution of the Seymour Board of Selectmen Opposing the Closing of the Derby Courthouse

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is served by the Derby Courthouse located at 106 Elizabeth Street in Derby, which provides convenient and efficient access to the Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut for the residents and officials of the Town of Seymour; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Revised 2009 Budget Proposal calls for the closing of the Derby Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Derby Courthouse would adversely affect the residents of the Town of Seymour in that officials of the Town of Seymour, such as police officers, who need to conduct business with the Court will need to travel longer distances and therefore expend additional time outside of the Town of Seymour causing further expenditures from the Town of Seymour's Budget; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Seymour are employed by the Judicial Branch at the Derby Courthouse and therefore their jobs may be in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the Derby Courthouse in the Valley is beneficial to the economy of the area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour vigorously opposes the closing of the Derby Courthouse and urges Governor Jodi Rell and members of the Connecticut General Assembly to take all actions necessary to cause the Derby Courthouse to remain open for the benefit of the Town of Seymour and its residents and for all of the people of the Lower Naugatuck Valley.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 16th day of June, 2009.

Seymour Board of Selectmen

Motion to approve the above resolution opposing the closing of the Derby Courthouse.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti

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

Frank Conroy: Has concerns that since W. Kurt Miller has been appointed to the Board of Selectmen there are now four members of the Board on the Chatfield LoPresti Building Committee, which is a majority.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Suggests that the Board members decide to have one person resign from the Committee.

ITEM # 11 - Public Comment.
None.

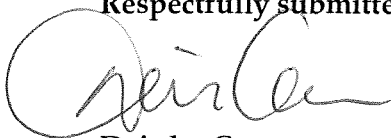
ITEM # 12 - Selectmen's Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 13 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).
None.

ITEM # 14 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:35PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

Second: John Putorti
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully 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 Selectman minutes
as received for record in the
Seymour Town Clerk's Office on
6/17/09 at 4:10pm
ATTEST: Elizabeth M Conrad
asst Town Clerk