

MINUTES  
Board of Selectmen  
Tuesday, May 19, 2009 @ 7:30PM  
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and W. Kurt Miller (7:40PM).

Not present: John Conroy, Roberta King, and Town Counsel George Temple.

Others present: Bill Paecht, Kurt Miller, Alex Danka, Brian Koskelowski, Craig Stevens, and Tom Eighmie.

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

Motion to approve minutes from the Special Town Meeting/Board of Selectmen on 5/5/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Informational Public Hearing/Board of Selectmen on 5/5/09.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

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

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009 @ 11:30AM. This year the parade route will be reversed and it will begin at French Park and end at the Community Center.
- The Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony will be at French Park on Monday, May 25, 2009 at 10:00AM.
- Citizens Engine's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Carnival will be held from Thursday, June 25 to Sunday June 28, 2009 at Chatfield Park. Fireworks will be on Friday night with a rain date of Saturday night. The parade will be on Sunday beginning at 1:00PM.
- Received regulations from CT D.E.P. concerning the use of Cold Patch. The regulations state that the Town cannot use Cold Patch from May 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> due to environmental concerns. The Public Works Department has been notified.
- The cash flow has been received for the Chatfield-LoPresti School Addition Project. The application to the State is due before June 30, 2009.
- Town Counsel has gone to a seminar concerning the Chatfield-LoPresti School Addition Project Contract and he is currently working with the Architect and Construction Manager on the contracts.

**Public Comment:**  
None.

**ITEM # 1 - Accept Resignation Letter from Board of Selectmen Member.**

The First Selectman has received a resignation letter from Selectman Roberta King stating personal reasons that she can no longer serve on the Board of Selectmen. Board Members express their gratitude for all of her years of service and their well wishes for her.

Motion to accept the resignation letter from Selectman Roberta King who is resigning from the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 2 - Appoint person to fill vacancy of Board of Selectmen member per Town Charter, Section 3.4.(a).**

Motion to appoint W. Kurt Miller to the vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen per Charter Section 3.4.(a), for a term expiring on Election Day, November 3, 2009.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

(W. Kurt Miller has resigned as an Alternate Member of the Board of Finance.)

The First Selectman recites the Oath of Office and W. Kurt Miller was sworn in. He will be seated and join the meeting in progress.

**ITEM # 3 - Extend Downtown Sidewalk Contract.**

There is an additional approximately \$30,000.00 coming to the Town for sidewalks. The contractor that was hired for the sidewalk project had a very reasonable bid and since the project is not completed, the Town Engineer suggested that the Town extend his contract to add some sidewalks on De Forest Street and Wakeley Street.

Motion to extend the sidewalk contract to Classic Patterns and Designs to include the additional \$30,000.00 to repair or replace sidewalks on De Forest Street and Wakeley Street.

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

**ITEM # 4 - Approve LOCIP Money for paving of Richards Avenue and Scott Avenue.**

There is approximately \$56,000.00 in LOCIP Money left for this year. Richards Avenue and Scott Avenue are in serious need of repairs to the road.

Motion to approve the use of approximately \$56,000.00 in LOCIP Money for this year to asphalt Richards Avenue and Scott Avenue.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 5 - Go out to bid for paving Richards Avenue and Scott Avenue.**

Motion to go out to bid for paving of Richards and Scott Avenues.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                      Second: W. Kurt Miller  
Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 6 – Resolution for Stimulus Money.**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN’S RESOLUTION FOR STIMULUS MONEY**

Be it resolved that the Seymour Board of Selectmen approve the Federal Stimulus Money, approximately \$550,000 to \$650,000 dollars, to be used for the following roads to be improved:

1. Derby Avenue from exit 21 South to Ansonia town line
2. West Church Street
3. Section of Bungay Road
4. Section of Botsford Road
5. Canfield Road
6. Rimmon Hill Road
7. Section of Colony Street

Be it further resolved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman and Town Engineer to submit all necessary documentation to complete the process to receive the funding for the Federal Stimulus Money projects, and

Be it further resolved after Conn DOT conducts a field inspection and provides a project summary report with a proposed preliminary scope and budget estimate, the Board of Selectmen will decide which of the seven (7) streets the Town will go out to bid for within the cost the Town of Seymour will receive in stimulus money, and

Be it further resolved only the seven (7) streets submitted and approved by Conn DOT within the total amount of stimulus money to be received will be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day May, 2009

**Motion to approve the above resolution for the use of Stimulus Money.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: Paul Roy**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 7 – Discuss Public Works Foreman Position and Take Possible Action.**

The Administrative Union has requested that the Public Works Foreman Position be added to their union. The employee was hired in October 2008 as a non-union employee. This employee has done a great job and the Board Members do not object to him being in the Administrators Union.

Motion to negotiate with the Administrative Union to add the Public Works Foreman position with the same benefits and hours that he has currently, with Labor Counsel Christopher Hodgson and First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski.

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: Annmarie Drugonis**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 8 – Accept Surplus Vehicle Rescue Truck from Fire Department.**

A letter was received from the Chairman of the Fire Commission, Ugo Zullo stating that the Fire Department has retired the old rescue # 17 truck due to receiving the new Rescue # 17. They are requesting that the Town accept the old Rescue # 17 as surplus equipment. It is in good condition.

**Motion to accept the old Rescue # 17 Fire Truck as surplus equipment.**

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

**ITEM # 9 - Approve Surplus Vehicle Rescue Truck to be turned over to the Seymour Police Department.**

The Police Department currently has an old bread truck they use for special assignment and they would like to retire it. They are requesting that the Town turn over the old Rescue # 17 Fire Truck to them.

**Motion to turn over the old Rescue # 17 surplus vehicle to the Seymour Police Department.**

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

**ITEM # 10 - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation.**

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY PROCLAMATION  
June 15, 2009

WHEREAS, United States seniors are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and with dignity; and,

WHEREAS, abuse of older people is a tragedy inflicted on vulnerable seniors, and ever-increasing problem in today's society that crosses all socio-economic boundaries;

WHEREAS, combating abuse of older people will help improve the quality of life for all seniors across this country and will allow seniors to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of United States;

WHEREAS, United States seniors are guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS, we are all responsible for building safer communities for United States seniors; and,

WHEREAS, the well-being of United States seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the well-being of United States communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour do hereby proclaim World Elder Abuse Awareness Day June 15, 2009 and encourage all United States to recognize and celebrated the accomplishments of United States seniors.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009

**Motion to approve the above Proclamation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.**

**Motion: John Putorti                      Second: W. Kurt Miller**  
**Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 11 - Appointments.**

**None.**

**ITEM # 12 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

**Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$633.88.**

**Motion: John Putorti                      Second: W. Kurt Miller**

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

ITEM # 13 - Transfers.  
None.

ITEM # 14 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Copy of legal opinion about Emergency Transfers from Attorney Douglas Gillette.
- Copy of letter to Jeffrey Parker concerning Stimulus Money.

ITEM # 15 - Other Business.

Motion to place on the table Re-evaluation.

Motion: John Putorti            Second: W. Kurt Miller

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

The Governor advised the Municipalities that they have the option of postponing Re-evaluation this coming year. This is due to the economy and it will be beneficial for the residents of Seymour.

Motion to extend Re-evaluation in the Town of Seymour until 2011.

Motion: Frank Conroy            Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

ITEM # 16 - Public Comment.

Comments were made concerning the Skate Park not allowing bicycles. The First Selectman will write a letter to the Recreation Commission because they are in charge of the Skate Park.

ITEM # 17 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Paul Roy: Has concerns about the new sidewalks on West Church Street not being completed.

Robert J. Koskelowski: The contractor will be back on West Church Street this week to continue the sidewalks.

Annmarie Drugonis: States that there is a swastika painted on the stop sign at Tomlinson and Spruce Brook Roads.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Public Works Department will be notified to replace the stop sign.

ITEM # 18 - Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations, Personnel).  
None.

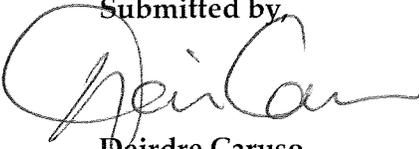
ITEM # 19 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:18PM.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller            Second: Frank Conroy

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

Submitted by



Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman