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MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.

Not present: Roberta King, Annmarie Drugonis, and Paul Roy.

Others present: Donald Smith, Stanley Jachimowski, and Frank Loda.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:30PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Ordinance Committee meeting on 12/2/08.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Robert J. Koskelowski (The First Selectman steps down as Chairman then steps back as Chairman)

Vote: 2-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski and John Putorti) 0-No 2-Abstain
(John Conroy and Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/2/08.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti

Vote: 3-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti) 0-No
1-Abstain (Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Day Street Bridge project is moving along, but there have been a lot of changes since some of the original plans could not be located. The project has been suspended through the winter. This project is 80% federally funded and 20% State funded.
- The new boiler project at 98 Bank Street is nearly completed. Most of the project was funded by the Katharine Matthies Foundation with a grant for \$40,000 and additional traps out of the Town Buildings Maintenance account for \$5,760.00. There are approximately 20 traps that still need to be done.
- Oatley started working on the boiler project at the Community Center, which should help to save energy in that building.
- The Connecticut Post reported in the paper that the Board of Selectmen approved raises for the Superintendents office, but in fact it was the Board of Education that approved those raises.

ITEM # 1 - Parking for businesses at intersection of Franklin Street and Route 67.
In the 80's and 90's there was 2 separate parking areas available to the businesses at the intersection of Franklin Street and Route 67. Unfortunately they were taken away by Seymour Lumber expanding and Stop & Shop coming in. At that time the Town allowed those businesses to use the parking area at the 98 Bank Street building, which they still use. In the near future a committee will be formed to determine what to do with three Town Buildings (98 Bank Street, Anna LoPresti School and the Community Center). Due to that, the business would like to see the parking at 98

Bank Street stay in the Town's possession and be still available for them and their customers. The Town will still maintain that area of the parking lot.

Motion to authorize a survey to be done at the 98 Bank Street property concerning the parking area to be put into the Town Land Records to have the Town continue ownership of the parking area in the event that in the future the property is sold and that parking area be preserved for the use of the businesses at the intersection of Franklin Street and Rte 67.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Acceptance of retention basin on Evergreen Terrace.

A letter from Robert Looker, Town Planner states that the retention basin located at 33 Evergreen Terrace is being offered for acceptance to the Town of Seymour. The taxes on this parcel are up to date. This parcel is also designated for open space.

Three of the Selectmen (Frank Conroy, John Conroy, John Putorti) have inspected the retention basin themselves and feel that it is in no condition to be accepted by the Town. They feel that it is not safe and is a liability to the Town. They also state that it is overgrown and fences should be put up around it. George Temple, Town Counsel states that although he agrees with the Selectmen's views on the safety issues he states that putting up a fence and cleaning the property is not a condition for approval. He also states that this property will be abandoned if the Town does not accept it. The Selectmen would like to ask the property owner if they would put up a fence and clean up the property. George Temple will contact the attorney for the owner and ask.

Motion to table acceptance of retention basin on Evergreen Terrace until the owner is notified to put up a fence and clean the area.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table acceptance of a portion of Rolling Hills.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Baker Residential would like a portion of Rolling Hills Drive to be accepted by the Town. All but one lot are occupied at this time and the residents would like to receive Town services. Baker Residential will retain \$65,000 for maintenance of the road and they will also reimburse the Town for snowplowing services. The Board members do not want to accept the retention basin until Forest Hollow Road is completed.

Motion to accept a portion of Rolling Hills Drive with the stipulation that Baker Residential retain \$65,000 for road maintenance and they reimburse the Town for snow plowing and the Town will not be accepting parcel A retention basin until Forest Hollow Road is accepted.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Discussion of proposed revision to the Anti-Blight Ordinance.
Special Town Counsel Richard Bruchal has submitted a draft of a proposed revision to the Anti-Blight Ordinance, which will provide a clause for a Town Attorney to place a lien on a property for non compliance of a Blight violation.

ITEM # 4 - Set public hearing for proposed revision to Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, January 6, 2008 @ 7:15PM.
Motion to set a public hearing for the proposed revision to the Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, January 6, 2008 @ 7:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room at Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to table this issue until further notice from Town Counsel on the status of the fence and cleanup of the retention basin at 33 Evergreen Terrace.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table acceptance of Rolling Hills Drive (a portion of Rolling Hills Estates).

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint Joseph LaRovera as the Animal Control Officer for a 1-Year Term expiring on 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Adrienne Croce as the Assistant Animal Control Officer for a 1-Year Term expiring on 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Alexander Danka as the Blight Enforcement Officer for a 1-Year Term expiring on 12/31/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Howard Simpson as the Blight Enforcement Officer for a 1-Year Term expiring on 12/31/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Ralph Noel to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a 4-Year Term expiring on 12/31/12.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Eugene Coppola to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Sandra Gesek to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Judy Legeza to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Mark Thompson to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint W. Kurt Miller to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Jay Hatfield to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Fred Stanek to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint John Putorti to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy
Vote: 3-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Frank Conroy, John Conroy) 0-No
1-Abstain (John Putorti) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Trisha Danka to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Peter Kubik to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Bruce Baker to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Donald Smith to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Frank Conroy to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Robert J. Koskelowski (steps down as chair and step back up as chair)
Vote: 3-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Putorti, John Conroy) 0-No
1-Abstain (Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Paul Roy to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Phyllis Jachimowski to the Chatfield/LoPresti School Building Committee for a one year term expiring 12/31/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,283.27.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Transfers.

Motion to approve a \$15,000.00 transfer for Town Buildings from Contingency account # 1-001-410-1950-530-872 into Town Buildings Repairs and Maintenance account # 1-001-410-1940-510-430 for many unanticipated maintenance expenditures in Town Buildings. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.

ITEM # 9 - Other Business.
None.

ITEM # 10 - Public Comment.
No action taken.

ITEM # 11 - Selectmen's Public Comments.
John Putorti: Unfortunately missed the Christmas Parade. Also being a Board of Public Works member he would like to let the Board know that the calcium chloride is working great on the roads @ 25% of the cost of just salt.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations - 16 & 17 Maiden Lane, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:23PM for Contract Negotiations for 16 & 17 Maiden Lane with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

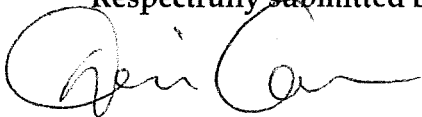
Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:38PM for Contract Negotiations for 16 & 17 Maiden Lane with no motions or action taken.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:39PM.

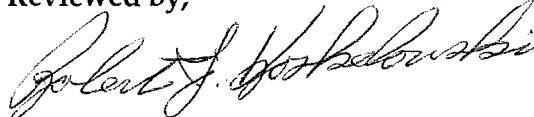
Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman