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Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2008 @ 7:30 PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti, John Conroy, Jr., Paul Roy, and Town Counsel, George Temple. Members not present: Frank Conroy, Jr. Others present: Trisha Danka.

- First Selectman opened the meeting @ 7:30 PM

- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 11/18/08.Motion: John Conroy Jr.Second: Annmarie DrugonisVote: 5-Yes (Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti, John Conroy, Jr., Paul Roy)1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski)0-No0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- A Strip Mall with 5 stores will be opening at former Actors Colony Inn.
- New England Cap will be moving to Seymour on Derby Ave.
- Tri-Town latest request from Ron Spector to settle tax dispute at his appraisal and provide him with an interest free loan in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for five years. Should he be interested in selling property he'll contact me. Mr. Spector has been asked to provide the names of all owners of property so they can be contacted which Mr. Spector has not provided. There have been several Realtors who have brought potential tenants interested in property to Mr. Spector to no avail.
- Town Hall was open from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.
- Traffic light on Mountain Rd is completed.
- DEP contacted me regarding the Fish Bypass and we will meet next week to walk the site and set schedule for soil borings.
- Day Street Bridge contractor has requested to work through the winter and this will be approved but they must meet certain conditions. This project should be completed in August 2009.
- Sidewalks on West Church St are being worked on we are waiting on two property on the other side of road to have sidewalks installed to Emma St.
- We are applying for Steap Grant to continue with sidewalk projects and replacing of bleachers at athletic field.
- Christmas Day Parade scheduled for Sunday, November 30, 2008 was canceled and is rescheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2008 @ 2:00 PM with opening ceremony starting @ 1:45 PM.
- Pop Warner Banquet is Sunday, December 7, 2008 @ 11:00 AM

Public Comment: None at this time.

ITEM # 1 – Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting schedule for 2009. Regular Meeting Schedule @ 7:30 PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall (1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month unless specified). January 6, 2009 January 20, 2009 February 3, 2009 February 17, 2009

	March 3, 2009 March 17, 2009 April 7, 2009 April 21, 2009 May 5, 2009 May 5, 2009 June 2, 2009 June 16, 2009 July 14, 2009 August 11, 2009 September 1, 2009 September 15, 2009 October 6, 2009 October 20, 2009 November 17, 2009 December 1, 2009	dnesday)		
Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for 2009.				
	Motion: Paul Roy		Second: John Conroy, Ji	r.
	Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
	ITEM # 2 – VCOG projects submitted for Federal Funding. VCOG has recommended four projects for the Town of Seymour. No action taken.			
ITEM # 3 – Set Public Hearing for Ordinance for Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM.Ordinance Public Hearing for proposed revision to Article II. Fire Department, Division 1. Generall6-21. Officers, members and the proposed revision to the Town of Seymour Noise Ordinance. Sec.will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 7:15 PM in the Norma Drummer Room, SeymourHall, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT 06483Motion to Set Public Hearing for Ordinance for Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM.Motion: John PutortiSecond: Annmarie DrugonisVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify				partment, Division 1. Generally, Sec. Amour Noise Ordinance. Sec. 8-46 arma Drummer Room, Seymour Town er 17, 2008 @ 7:00 PM. onis
	Motion: Roberta King	otion to re-appoint Ellen Steinbrick to Certifier of Land Records for a 2-year term expiring on otion: Roberta King Second: John Putorti		
	Vote: 6-Yes	U-INO	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
	Motion to re-appoint Michael Horbal to board of Economic Development for a 3-year term expiring on 12/6/11.			
	Motion: Paul Roy Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	Second: John Conroy, Jr 0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
	Motion to re-appoint Ronald Balabon to the board of Economic Development for a 3-year term expiring or 12/6/11.			
Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy				
	Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Eugene Atkas to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a 3 Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy				for a 3-year term expiring 12/8/11.
	Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
Motion to re-appoint Paul Wetowitz to Open Burning Official for a 1-year term expiring on 12/3/09.				
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	Motion to re-appoint Paul Motion: Annmarie Drugo Vote: 6-Yes			

Motion to re-appoint Thomas Eighmie to Open Burning Official for a 1-year term expiring on 12/3/09 Motion: Roberta King Second: John Putorti Vote: 6-Yes 0-No0-Abstain 0-Disgualify Motion to re-appoint Susan DeBarber to Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring on 12/5/09. Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Putorti Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disgualify Motion to re-appoint Esther Rozum to Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring on 12/5/09. Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify Motion to appoint Elise Wood to Inland/Wetlands Commission for a 4-year term expiring on 12/1/12. Motion: John Putorti Second: Roberta King Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify Motion to appoint Peter Sampiere to board of Fire Commissioner At Large for a 3-year term expiring on H/1/H. Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Putorti Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify ITEM # 5 – Tax Refunds/Abatements. Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$5,607.13. Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy Vote: 6-Yes 0-No0-Abstain 0-Disgualify ITEM # 6 – Transfers. None at this time. ITEM # 7 – Correspondence. # 7a: Check Register # 7b: Letter from Board of Fire Commissioners update on NIMS training status. # 7c. Town Clerk Report for November 2008. ITEM # 8 – Other Business. None at this time. ITEM # 9 – Public Comment. None at this time. ITEM # 10 - Selectmen's Public Comment. Paul Roy discussed his concerns regarding snow removal on the side walk on James St for individuals walking to the train station. First Selectman will check with Public Works but currently the Town has not maintained this sidewalk as we do not have individuals shoveling sidewalks.

- Paul Roy suggested having pedestrian signs placed in the cross walk sections of Town on the first Saturday or downtown trick or treat.
- John Putorti asked about the Town Hall being open on Wednesday, November 26, 2008.
- John Conroy, Jr. would like for the next Board of Selectmen meeting an updated budget run along with the audit from June 30.
- The First Selectman stated he has asked all departments to cut back on all spending unless absolutely necessary. Oatley has ordered equipment that is necessary for the work to be done on the heating system at the Community Center. The project over at 98 Bank Street to replace the furnace and replacement of traps has begun. We have a budget of \$40,000.00 so they have been

authorized to spend up to that dollar amount. Board of Finance Director is watching line items and if he has any questions he has been calling the dept heads in and has asked them to provide in writing why they have spent most of their budget already and we are not half way through the year. I don't' believe that Town could take a tax increase. I have advised all dept's and Boards not to request the purchase of any new equipment but they may request this through the budget process. Should anyone retire, resign, or leave the Town I am requesting at this time that these positions not be filled we will work around this. I feel this next budget process will probably be the most important process. I have advised the Grants Coordinator to look for every possible grant that the Town can apply for. We are looking to get as much grant money from the State and Federal Government as possible. I believe the Board of Finance is very concerned about the upcoming budget.

- Update on the EDC Questionnaire showed that a lot of the residents are unaware of what facilities are available to them. At this time I am working on putting together a news letter to send out to the residents so they are aware of all the upcoming dates of events, such as Pumpkin Festival, Memorial Day Parade, Christmas Day Parade, also providing a list of Boards, Offices and phone numbers. Along with scheduled meetings. One thing that came up on the questionnaire was to fill Ames, however this is privately owned and as a Town we can not force the owner to fill the center as we have tried to bring in tenants. A question that was on the EDC Questionnaire had to do with the Town's finances and about 50% of the residents felt the finances were in good shape.

ITEM # 11 – Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation). None at this time.

ITEM # 12 – Adjournment. Motion to adjourn @ 8:12 PM Motion: John Conroy, Jr. Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Respectfully submutted by,

Denise Powell. Recording Secretary

Second: Annmarie Drugonis 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Reviewed by, abetaista

Kobert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman