

12/4/08
12:00 PM

MINUTES
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 Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes (Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti, John Conroy, Jr., Paul Roy)

1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-No 0-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

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

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,



Denise Powell.

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,

First Selectman