

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 16, 2008 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, Paul Roy and Town Counsel George Temple.

Not present: John Conroy, John Putorti, and Frank Conroy.

Others present: Frank Loda, Brian Koskelowski, and John Leon.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:32 PM.
- Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 9/2/08.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 9/2/08.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:
None at this time.

Public Comment:
None at this time.

ITEM # 1 - Recommendations for GPS for the Public Works vehicles.
Motion to table the recommendations for GPS for the Public Works vehicles until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 10/7/08 so the Board members can get more information on the systems and view the reports.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Bids for boiler replacement at 98 Bank Street.

One bid was received in the First Selectman's Office from Oatley of Oxford.

- 1) **Boiler Replacement \$32,200.00, Replacement of 52 radiator traps and 6 main line traps \$22,140.00, and installation of radiator control valves on 3rd floor \$7,070.00.**

The Town of Seymour has received a \$40,000.00 grant from the Katharine Matthies Foundation toward replacement of this furnace. At this time the recommendation is to have the furnace replaced for \$32,200.00 and the 3rd floor radiator control valves installed for \$7,070.00 for a total of \$39,270.00.

Motion to award the bid for the boiler replacement to Oatley Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning of Oxford for only the boiler replacement of \$32,200.00 and the 3rd floor radiator control valves installed for \$7,070.00 for a total of \$39,270.00.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Quotes for heating system improvements at the Community Center.
There were no quotes received.

Motion to table quotes for heating system improvements at the Community Center until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on 10/7/08.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Update on Foreman position at Public Works.

The First Selectman states that Craig Stevens accepted the position of Foreman at the Public Works Department and will start in his new position on Monday, September 22, 2008. The Union Contract has not been signed yet due to the amendments that were made and approved by the Board of Selectmen at the 9/2/08 meeting.

There is now a position at Public Works open.

Motion to go out to advertise for an open Public Works position and have the applications into the First Selectman's Office by Tuesday, September 30, 2008 and recommendations will be brought to the Board at the October 7, 2008 meeting.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Request from Parks Commission to purchase a new Sand Pro.

The Parks Commission is in need of a new Sand Pro, which is a machine that takes care of the baseball fields. The approximate cost is \$18,000.00 and it would be a lease to own over a three year period with the yearly lease payments of \$6,061.65. These funds are being requested to come out of the Parks budget.

Motion to purchase the Sand Pro as presented for the Parks Commission and check with our financial advisors on whether to lease or purchase from fund balance.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Take action on Open Burning Ordinance.

Motion to adopt the Open Burning Ordinance as presented to go into effect on 9/23/08.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Review proposed modifications to existing Excavations Ordinance.
The Board members have a copy of the proposed modifications to the existing Excavations Ordinance to review.

Motion to set a public hearing for the Excavations Ordinance on October 7, 2008 @ 7:15PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 4-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 8 - Resolution to accept Lease for State property on Rte 67/Bank Street & Wakeley Street and Rte 67/Bank Street & Columbus Street.

The First Selectman explains that the Town leases these small parcels of land from the State. The first parcel is located at Bank & Wakeley Streets, which is actually being used as part of the parking at the businesses. This property is supposed to be used for plantings and flowers per lease. The First Selectman recommends that we do not renew this part of the lease because it is not being used for the purpose in the agreement.

Motion to have the First Selectman contact the State and decline the renewal of the lease for the parcel located at Bank & Wakeley Street.

Motion: Roberta King **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**
Vote: 4-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

The parcel on Bank & Columbus Street is currently being used for plantings and flowers.

Motion to renew the lease with the State of Connecticut for the parcel on Bank & Columbus Street.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 4-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to have the State of Connecticut modify the lease contract to only include the parcel at Bank & Columbus Streets.

Motion: Roberta King **Second: Paul Roy**
Vote: 4-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 9 - List of Katharine Matthies Grants Awarded.

Katharine Matthies Grants Awarded 2008

- 1) \$12,000.00 for renovations in the lower level of the Community Center to support additional programs for youths.
- 2) \$24,400.00 for window replacement at the Seymour Community Center.
- 3) \$40,000.00 toward replacing furnace at 98 Bank Street.
- 4) \$1,900.00 to support the 2nd Annual Youth and Junior Police Academy.
- 5) \$2,700.00 to assist with the purchase of a 911 simulator for the Police Department.
- 6) \$4,000.00 to support the purchase of additional CPR Anytime kits for the Police Department.
- 7) \$3,900.00 to support the purchase of the collection "Hooked-on-Phonics" for the Seymour Public Library.

ITEM # 10 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$937.54.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis **Second: Paul Roy**
Vote: 4-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 11 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Appointments.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Correspondence.

13a: Check Registers.

13b: Notice of Community Forum in Beacon Falls on October 16, 2008 concerning Open Space.

13c: Town Clerk Report for August 2008.

13d: Notice of monthly business meeting for the Economic Development Department.

ITEM # 14 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 15 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 16 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy: Concerned about the large potholes at Grand & Washington Avenue.

Robert J. Koskelowski: That is on the list for Public Works to fix.

Robert J. Koskelowski:

- Seymour Sealing will be starting at the end of the week coating all of the approved roads. Cedar & West Streets will be getting the armor coating with stone strips across the road to try to deter speeding. The police will put up radar trailers to clock the speed difference with and without the stone strips.
- The State Bid for asphalt with O&G has an escalation clause, which goes by the cost of oil per barrel. Fortunately for the Town the oil price is down per barrel since the agreement was made with the Town.
- The sidewalks are still being worked on, which the Town received a \$150,000.00 STEAP Grant to replace some of the worst sidewalks in Town. The Pearl Street area is already done and now they are working on West Church Street and then to Farrel Street. The Town Engineer has been monitoring the progress and says they are doing a great job.
- Since the First Selectman has been made Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer he has been dealing with a few issues including William Lane in which the contractor has several zoning violations and wetlands violations. There are also zoning violations at a site on Pearl Street/Walnut Street.
- Denise Powell, Administrative Assistant for the First Selectman has been monitoring all of the sample GPS that have been put in random Town vehicles. She will provide the Board members with the reports on each of the three GPS sample systems so they may get a better idea of how they work.

ITEM # 17 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).

None at this time.

ITEM # 18 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No

Second: Roberta King
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman