

MINUTES
Ordinance Public Hearing
Tuesday, September 2, 2008 @ 7:15 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman, Roberta King, John Putorti, John Conroy, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel, George Temple.

Member Not Present: Annmarie Drugonis.

Others Present: Frank Loda, and Terrilyn Krampitz.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting @ 7:15 PM
- Everyone Saluted the Flag and Stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item # 3 – Discussion of proposed changes to Open Burning Ordinance.

Paul Wetowitz, Fire Marshal asked if the Town Counsel had reviewed the draft at which the First Selectman stated he did. Fire Marshal Wetowitz asked the Board to look at Section 1: Declaration of Policy, This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to ___ Fire Marshal Wetowitz stated his intent to add this was if the Town Counsel wanted to add verbiage that allows the Town to add Ordinances. If Town Counsel does not want to do this then the Fire Marshal suggests the phrase be deleted.

John Putorti did have a question regarding Section 6: Penalties – when a writing warning is given and a second written warning does it have to be for the same offense?

John Conroy, JR. said that Section 6 B. clarifies the above question.

The First Selectman agreed with the Fire Marshal that the Board should delete this Ordinance shall not supersede Connecticut regulations.

At this time the Board can't take any action on this and has to wait five (5) days so this will come up at the next meeting.

Item # 4 – Discussion of proposed changes to Section 14-22 Same-Fee; bond required.

Presently the Town is charging \$15.00 for Street Open Permits and the recommendation is to increase the fee to \$200.00 for Street Open Permits. Personnel must go out to inspect and make sure the roads are permanently patched within six (6) months.

John Putorti expressed concern regarding the amount of the fee and Connecticut State Statute and stated he would look further into this and report back to the Board on his findings.

Frank Conroy stated that he was concerned over the fact that the Tax Payer would absorb this cost from the Utility Companies.

John Conroy, Jr. stated the Waterbury Republican had done an article on Open Road Permits in Waterbury and they have lots of Open Road Permits and the fact that these are not properly monitored, inspected, and the roads are not properly covered.

The biggest complaint was not enough money to send people out to follow up. John asked is it better to charge the appropriate expense or is it better to charge less and have the tax payers pay to fix the roads.

The Board will wait to hear from John Putorti and the Board will revise the Open Road Permit Ordinance to fit State Statute and post another Ordinance Public Hearing.

The First Selectman to post a Public Ordinance Hearing concerning the two Ordinances and will act on the first Ordinance at the next meeting and revise the Street Opening Permit Ordinance as required.

Item # 5 – Refer to Board of Selectman

Item # 6 – Close Public Hearing.

The First Selectman closed the Public Ordinance Hearing @ 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Denise Powell,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman