

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2008 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Others present:** Brian Koskelowski, Fred Stanek, Ugo Zullo, John Leon, Sean Walsh, Frank Loda, Bob Pagliaro, Pat Lombardi, Trisha Danka, and Alex Danka.

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

**Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Minutes from 6/17/08 meeting.**

**Motion:** John Conroy                      **Second:** John Putorti

**Vote:** 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**First Selectman's Report:**

- American Flag and plaque presented to the Town of Seymour by Sergeant Chris Chucta. Certifying that on March 25, 2008 the Flag was flown in a Lockheed Martin Block 50 MMC F-16CJ Viper over Iraq.
- Updated the Board on anonymous letters received in the First Selectman's Office concerning conditions at 11 Walter Road. The First Selectman, Public Works Director, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Blight Enforcement Officer, and Police have all been to the property and have found no violations of any kind.

**Public Comment:**

Comments were made concerning the short work week at Town Hall due to the holiday and it is very difficult to do business when there are short weeks. Suggestions have been made to stay open if possible and give the employees a floating holiday. The First Selectman will look into it and thinks that it is a good idea.

**ITEM # 1 - Request to transfer property from Fire Department to the Police Department.**

A letter from the Chief of Police was received at the First Selectman's office requesting that the old Rescue 17 truck currently being used by the Great Hill Hose Co. be transferred to the Police Department due to the Fire Department getting a new replacement truck.

The Fire Commission state that they never approved the transfer of the vehicle to the police department and they will not even consider doing so because they have not even received the new vehicle yet. Even when they do receive the new vehicle it has to be inspected and accepted by the Town and the old truck is still in use.

**Motion to table transfer of property from Fire Department to the Police Department to a later time.**

**Motion:** Roberta King

**Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 2 - Bids for STEAP Grant Sidewalk Project, Take Action.**

One bid was received in the First Selectman's office. It was reviewed by Jim Galligan, Town Engineer and he has found that the bid is in compliance with the contract documents. The bid was from Classic Patterns and Designs for \$152,500.00 and the STEAP Grant was for \$150,000. So he would like to recommend that the Board of Selectmen hire them.

Motion to hire Classic Patterns and Designs for the STEAP Grant Sidewalk Construction Program, not to exceed \$150,000.00.

Motion: John Putorti                    Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 3 - Bids for GPS for Public Works vehicles.**

Eight bids were received in the First Selectman's Office each for 22 units. There are several options in some of the bid packages, so all of the details will not be read. The main reason for this is due to the desire to save on fuel costs and increase productivity.

- Utility Communications, Inc., Hamden, CT - Installation and cost \$30,855.81 and annual cost and maintenance fee \$6,600.00.
- AT&T Mobile Resource Management, North Haven, CT - Installation and cost \$15,036.00 and maintenance fee \$18,900.00.
- Communications Services of Conn., Seymour, CT - Installation and cost \$22,465.00 and maintenance fee of \$13.99 or \$17.99 per month.
- GPS Fleet Consulting, Portsmouth, NH - Installation and cost \$599.00 per vehicle.
- NET>New England Telematics, North Haven, CT - Installation and cost \$11,836.00 and monthly fee of \$945.78.
- Horizon Technologies, Tempe, AZ - Installation and cost \$10,538.00 and monthly fee of \$19.95.
- Diplomat by DCS, Jericho, NY - Installation and \$9,328.00 and monthly fee of \$660.00.
- OEM, Shelton, CT - Installation and costs \$16,341.75.

Motion to refer the above bids to First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Selectmen John Conroy and Paul Roy for review and recommendation for the August 12, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion: John Putorti                    Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 4 - Extend Bids for Digital Thermostats for the Community Center Phase I.**  
The bid specs are not complete yet so this needs to be extended until August 12, 2008.

Motion to extend the bids for Digital Thermostats for the Community Center Phase I until Tuesday, August 12, 2008 @ 4:00PM in the First Selectman's Office.

Motion: John Conroy                    Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes                    0-No                    0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 5 - Replacement vehicle for Fire Marshal, Take Action.**

The Fire Marshal's vehicle needs to be replaced and is in the budget as of July 1, 2008. The Fire Marshal received two quotes; one from Stevens Ford and one from Bob Thomas Ford. Stevens Ford: 2008 Ford Escape XLS, \$14,454.00 @ 3 payments of \$6,040.00 per year. Bob Thomas Ford: 2008 Ford Escape, \$19,550.84 @ 3 payments of \$6,887.62. Both quotes include trade-in of current Fire Marshal vehicle.

Motion to approve the quote to purchase the 2008 Ford Escape XLS from Stevens Ford for \$14,454.00 @ 3 payments per year of \$6,040.00, which includes trade in, which is in the budget for the Fire Marshal.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 6 - Review of Open Burning Ordinance from Fire Marshal/Open Burning Official.**

The Board members have reviewed the Open Burning Ordinance with the changes that was submitted by the Fire Marshal and they would like to discuss this with the Fire Marshal at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on August 12, 2008. No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 7 - NIMS; Discussion and Possible Action.**

Discussion from Board members about NIMS (National Incident Management System). There are certain certification requirements that must be met by emergency personnel, public works, board of education, town administrators and Selectmen in order for the Town to be eligible for certain grants. The Board would like anyone that is currently certified to supply the First Selectman's office with a copy so it is on file if the Town gets audited. Annmarie Drugonis states that the Emergency Management Committee should be handling this issue and make sure that everyone that needs to have certification gets it and there is also online certification available. John Conroy states that certification needs to be completed by June 2009 and that there are Emergency Management Liaison's through the State that can come to Town and instruct officials on what to do. Several Fire Commissioners that are present inform the Board that most of the Chiefs and officers in the Fire Department have met or are currently in the process of meeting the standards of certification. The First Selectman will send a letter to all Town departments involved asking for copies of all certification. The Town will contact the State to set up an information meeting to find out what certification is needed and who needs it. This will be revisited in a couple of months. No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 8 - Recommendation from Board of Public Works for Foreman Position.**

The Board of Public Works appointed a sub committee consisting of Sean Walsh, John Putorti, and Public Works Director Dennis Rozum to conduct the interviews for the Foreman position. Sean Walsh speaks for the group and explains the process which they went through in their interview process. He states that they received 19 applications and they picked 7 to interview, three of whom were outside applicants and four applicants are internal. The committee had a series of 20 questions that they asked of each person and they had a rating system to judge who they thought was the best candidate. The committee unanimously decided on the same candidate, which is

Craig Stevens. They felt that his 23 years as union president at Public Works, combined with his interview and education that he is the best candidate. The Board has a lengthy discussion concerning the position and if the position will be union or nonunion and ask a lot of questions about the way they chose the candidate. They also had a lengthy discussion concerning finances and whether or not this position should be filled. Some of the Board would like to see the total cost of the position and if it would be cost effective and if the GPS should be part of supervising the employees.

Motion to hire Craig Stevens for the non union foreman position based on the job description posted for \$60,000 per year.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 3-Yes (John Putorti, Frank Conroy, Paul Roy)  
3-No (Robert J. Koskelowski, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy)  
1-Abstain (Roberta King)                      0-Disqualify  
Motion Failed.

ITEM # 9 - Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Town Supervisors Local 818-009; Take Action.

Motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Town Supervisors Local 818-009 as presented for a 2-year term from 7/1/08 - 6/30/10.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Frank Conroy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Police local # 564; Take Action.

Motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Police local # 564 as presented for a 3-year term from 7/1/08 - 6/30/11.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 11 - Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Public Works Local 1303-24; Take Action.

Motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Public Works Local 1303-24 as presented with the exception of item # 8 for a 2-year term from 7/1/08 - 6/30/10.

Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 - Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Town Hall Local # 1303-240; Take Action.

Motion to approve the Tentative Agreement between Town of Seymour and Town Hall Local # 1303-240 as presented for a 2-year term from 7/1/08 - 6/30/10.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$128.77.

**Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis**  
**Vote: 7-Yes                                  0-No                                  0-Abstain                                  0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 14 - Transfers.**

**Motion to transfer \$148,904.00 for various departments from Contingency Acct # 1-001-410-1950-530-874 and \$2,836.00 into acct# 1-001-410-1512-450-101, \$1,191.00 into 1-001-410-1310-430-110, \$1,346.00 into 1-001-410-1330-433-101, \$2,623.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-101, \$2,286.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-102, \$2,187.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-103, \$1,989.00 into 1-001-430-3110-570-101, \$1,630.00 into 1-001-450-5500-640-101, \$500.00 into 1-001-410-1110-410-110, \$1,042.00 into 1-001-420-2400-565-101, \$762.00 into 1-001-420-2400-565-110, \$1,673.00 into 1-001-410-1512-450-120, \$1,679.00 into 1-001-410-1515-455-101, \$1,809.00 into 1-001-410-1522-465-101, \$1,679.00 into 1-001-410-1540-475-101, \$826.00 into 1-001-410-1910-500-101, \$1,529.00 into 1-001-420-2230-560-101, \$1,280.00 into 1-001-440-4432-615-101, \$1,280.00 into 1-001-450-5110-620-101, \$1,795.00 into 1-001-430-3110-570-101, \$1,232.00 into 1-001-410-1310-430-110, \$1,031.00 into 1-001-410-1330-433-110, \$2,640.00 into 1-001-410-1512-450-110, \$2,637.00 into 1-001-410-1512-450-120, \$1,231.00 into 1-001-410-1512-455-110, \$2,792.00 into 1-001-410-1522-465-110, \$2,398.00 into 1-001-410-1540-475-110, \$6,347.00 into 1-001-410-1940-510-110, \$3,042.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-105, \$1,199.00 into 1-001-430-3110-570-110, \$533.00 into 1-001-440-4432-615-110, \$20,553.00 into 1-001-450-5500-640-110, \$1,199.00 into 1-001-420-2230-560-110, \$26,730.00 into 1-001-430-3110-570-110, \$1,758.00 into 1-001-430-3200-585-110, \$1,870.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-104, \$39,770.00 into 1-001-420-2100-535-110 for the cost of living increase (2.99%) for non-union, union administrators, union town hall, union public works and union police. To be referred to the Board of Finance.**

**Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Roberta King**  
**Vote: 7-Yes                                  0-No                                  0-Abstain                                  0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 15 - Appointments.**  
**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 16 - Correspondence.**

- #16a: Check Register.**
- #16b: Monthly report for June 2008 from the Town Clerk.**
- #16c: Copy of the HOME Connecticut Statute - Public Act 07-4, Sec. 33, 38-49, The Connecticut Housing Program for Economic Growth.**

**ITEM # 17 - Other Business.**  
**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 18 - Public Comment.**  
**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 19 - Selectmen's Public Comment.**  
**Paul Roy: Asks about the Bulk Pickup and if we are going to contract it out.**  
**First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski: States that he is working on it and also the Town saved money on Bristol Resource Recovery because there was less garbage this year.**

**ITEM # 20 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)**  
**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 21 - Adjournment.**  
**Motion to adjourn at 9:58 PM.**

**Motion: Annmarie Drugonis**  
**Vote: 7-Yes                    0-No**

**Second: John Conroy**  
**0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Reviewed by,**

**Deirdre Caruso,**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,**  
**First Selectman**