

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, June 3, 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: Ugo Zullo, Donald Cann, Brian Koskelowski, Frank Loda, Trish Danka, and Alex Danka.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:30PM.
- Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/20/08.

Motion: John Putorti **Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti) 0-No 2-Abstain (Paul Roy and Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Thank you to Housatonic Valley Association and Thule for their entire volunteer clean up effort along the Naugatuck River on Friday, May 30, 2008. The Public Works Department picked up all of the trash on Monday, June 2, 2008.
- Thank you to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for the wonderful job they did and all of their hard work on the parade. The members are Jim & Judy Principi, Tony Porter, Dave McWilliams, Al Yagovane, Jay Hatfield, and Jack Micnack, who helped with the line up.

Public Comment:

None.

ITEM # 1 - Bids for Mason Body Truck for Public Works Department.

One bid was received in the First Selectman's office from John Jungen at Interstate Truck Center, 45 Brainard Road, Hartford, CT. There are three bid prices, one per specifications and two alternates.

Bid price per specifications: \$64,612.00

Alternate # 1 with additions specified in the packet: \$65,983.00

Alternate # 2 with additions specified in the packet: \$67,473.00

A total of \$70,000.00 has been budgeted for this vehicle.

Motion to refer the above bid to the Board of Public Works and the Public Works Director for review and recommendation for the next Board of Selectmen meeting on June 17, 2008.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second:** Roberta King

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

ITEM # 2 - Waive bidding for new Fire Chief's vehicle.

2a: Motion to waive bidding for a new Fire Chief vehicle being purchased off of the State Bid List.

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

2b: There is only \$8,500.00 in the budget this year for the new Fire Chief's vehicle. The total of the installment is \$9,375.10. The Fire Department stated that they will pay the balance. The funds are available after July 1, 2008.

ITEM # 3 - Go out to bid to begin Phase 1 of Heating System to install programmable thermostats throughout the Community Center.

Motion to go out to bid to begin Phase 1 of heating system to install programmable thermostats throughout the Community Center to come in to the First Selectman's Office on July 8, 2008 at 4:00PM.

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

ITEM # 4 - Proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month. Motion to approve Proclamation for Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Extension of lease of State land, Seymour State Route No. 8.

The land where the Fish Ladder is supposed to go is owned by the State of Connecticut and the lease needs to be renewed. There is no cost to the Town of Seymour.

Motion to approve the extension of the Lease of State Land - Seymour State Route No. 8 Agreement No. 5.28-02 (03) File No. 124-094-023C with no cost to the Town.

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

ITEM # 6 - Rescind Resolution and Appointments to the Charter Revision Commission from 5/20/08.

**RESCIND RESOLUTION & APPOINTMENTS
RESOLUTION OF THE SEYMOUR
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour, County of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, having formed a Charter Revision Commission on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 for the purpose of proposing a revision to the Town Charter of the said Town of Seymour, and in order to implement said process hereby appoints the following electors to serve as members of the said Charter Revision Commission.

- 1. Trisha Danka R**
- 2. Bruce Baker R**

- 3. *Deirdre Caruso* *R*
- 4. *Michael Julian* *U*
- 5. *Rosalie Averill* *D*
- 6. *Mary Skurat* *D*
- 7. *Judy Simpson* *D*

Motion to rescind Resolution and Appointments to the Charter Revision Commission from 5/20/08.

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

ITEM # 7 - Approve Resolution to appoint a Charter Revision Commission.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008**

Be it hereby resolved that the Seymour Board of Selectmen formed a Charter Revision Commission on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 for the purpose of proposing revisions to the Town Charter and to implement said Charter Revision process, hereby appoints the following electors to serve as members of said Charter Revision Commission: Trisha Danka (R), Bruce Baker (R), Deirdre Caruso (R), Michael Julian (U), Albert Ermer, Jr. (D), Samuel Mirlis (D), Gene Stec (D).

Motion to approve the above Resolution to appoint a Charter Revision Commission.

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

ITEM # 8 - Appointments to the Charter Revision Commission.

Motion to appoint Trisha Danka to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Bruce Baker to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Deirdre Caruso to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Michael Julian to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Albert Ermer, Jr. to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Samuel Mirlis to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

Motion to appoint Gene Stec to the Charter Revision Commission for a term expiring on September 1, 2008.

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

ITEM # 9 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$261.56.

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

ITEM # 10 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 11 - Correspondence.

11a: Check Registers.

11b: Chain of Command List from the Fire Commission concerning NIMS.

11c: Letter dated May 30, 2008 from Baker Residential concerning the Rolling Hills Development section 2 conceptual project plan. The First Selectman states that this is not what the Board of Selectmen asked for and that he does not support this project. The Board agrees that Baker Residential needs to be more specific on what their plans actually are and they would like Town Counsel to meet with Baker Residential to go over the grant application and plans so the Town can get a traffic study done at no cost to the taxpayers. Town Counsel will set up a meeting with Baker Residential and invite Town Planner Bob Looker.

11d: Letter to Thule thanking them for their clean up efforts along the Naugatuck River on Friday, May 30, 2008.

11e: Invitation to Merchant Meeting from Economic Development Department on 6/25/08 at 9:00AM in the Norma Drummer Room.

11f: NIMS Plain Language for Multi-Agency/Multi-Jurisdictional Responses.

ITEM # 12 - Other Business.

12a: Motion to place on the table to go out to bid for sidewalks (\$150,000 STEAP Grant).

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

Unanimous.

12b: Motion to go out to bid for sidewalks (\$150,000 STEAP Grant) to come into the First Selectman's Office by 4:00PM on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 and be given to the Town Engineer to review and bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at the Tuesday, July 8, 2008 meeting.

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

12c: Motion to place on the table Certified Resolution for STEAP Grant for Sidewalk Project.

**Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Unanimous.**

12d: Motion to approve Certified Resolution for \$150,000 STEAP Grant for Sidewalk Project.

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

ITEM # 12e:

Motion to place on the table to go out to bid for digital thermostats at the Community Center.

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

Motion to rescind the above motion to place on the table to go out to bid for digital thermostats at the Community Center due to it already had been done on item #3.

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

ITEM # 12f:

Motion to go out to bid for digital thermostats at the Seymour Community Center and have the bids come into the First Selectman's Office by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 and be given to the Town Engineer to review and bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at the Tuesday, July 8, 2008 meeting.

**Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Motion rescinded: John Putorti Second rescinded: Annmarie Drugonis**

ITEM # 13 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy: Wanted to remind everyone that High School Graduation is going to be on June 17, 2008 @ 6:00PM and whether or not the Board of Selectmen meeting will be starting late. The First Selectman states that he may be late and John Conroy would start the meeting.

Frank Conroy: Wants to know the status on the Foreman position at Public Works. The First Selectman has received no updates. Mr. Conroy also asks how many Public

Works employees are out of work right now. The First Selectman replies that there are three workers out on Workman Comp and two are out sick and others are taking their vacation time before June 30, 2008. Public Works has also hired two college students for the summer, which is in the budget.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Met with a consultant concerning putting GPS into the Public Works vehicles. This is to help conserve on fuel costs. The GPS will be monitored at the First Selectman's Office and other places. The cost will be approximately \$600.00 per vehicle installed and approximately \$35.00 per month per vehicle, \$50.00 if we don't pay up front. The Union will be notified that the GPS will be put in the vehicles. The specs for this project should be ready for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

O&G also have met with Public Works Director to go over the roads to be asphalted this year. The price per ton is approximately \$71.00, not the \$80.00 estimated so the Town will be able to take care of more roads.

Paul Roy: Questions what happened at the Board of Finance meeting with missing documentation and backup for the transfers that were presented to the Board. The First Selectman states that he has spoken to the Town Employees that were in charge of getting the backup and they have to make sure that they follow procedures.

Annmarie Drugonis: Went to the Fire Chiefs meeting and gave them the NIMS info about the training that is required. Gives the Board of Selectmen a copy of the requirements and will also give them to the Fire Commissioners. Tom Eighmie, Emergency Management Director will also be working on getting the NIMS requirements completed. The First Selectman wants the Board to review the information on NIMS.

John Conroy: Tells everyone that as of 8:30PM Seymour and Plainville are tied at 1-1. Also, he was a member of the Board of Finance several years ago and the procedures have always been to have back up on transfers.

ITEM # 15 - Executive Session (Pending Litigation - Smith Osborne, Contract Negotiations, Personnel)

Motion to go into Executive Session for pending litigation for Smith Osborne with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel at 8:33PM.

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session with no actions or motions taken at 9:00PM.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to compromise the claim of Smith Osborne Architects, now in litigation in the Judicial District of Middlesex in Middletown Superior Court in the amount of \$55,000.00. This amount is to be paid as follows: \$27,500.00 by June 30, 2008 and \$27,500.00 by August 1, 2008.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti

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

**ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:05PM.**

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

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman**