

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2008 @ 7:30PM**  
**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, Scott Andrews, Frank Loda, Pat Lombardi, Scott Martin, Al Rochelle, Trisha Danka, Brian Koskelowski, Fred Stanek, Melvin Mason, Alex Danka, and Donald Cann.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to approve Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes from 4/15/08.**

**Motion:** John Conroy           **Second:** Paul Roy

**Vote:** 6-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy)   0-No   1-Abstain (John Putorti)   0-Disqualify

**First Selectman's Report:**

**Memorial Day Parade will be on Sunday, May 25, 2008 and opening ceremony beginning at 11:00AM.**

**Memorial Day Services by the American Legion will be held on Monday, May 26, 2008 at French Park.**

**Public Comment:**  
**No Action Taken.**

**ITEM # 1 - Bids for Recycling Contract for the Town of Seymour.**  
**Two bids were received in the First Selectman's office.**

**Latella Rubbish Removal, 90 Prindle Hill Road, Orange, CT 06477.**

**Contract Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 for 5,500 dwellings: \$3.09 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 for 5,500 dwellings: \$3.21 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 for 5,500 dwellings: \$3.37 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 for 5,500 dwellings: \$3.54 per unit per month.**  
**Provision if diesel fuel goes over \$5.00 per gallon will have to charge base on 350 gallons per month.**

**ADS, 770 Derby Avenue, Seymour, CT 06483.**

**Contract Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009 for 5,500 dwellings: \$2.15 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010 for 5,500 dwellings: \$2.22 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011 for 5,500 dwellings: \$2.28 per unit per month.**  
**Contract Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 for 5,500 dwellings: \$2.35 per unit per month.**  
**There was not a provision for diesel fuel costs. Bid Bond check for \$7,111.50 is enclosed.**



**ITEM # 6 - Strand Theater Lease Contract.**

The First Selectman worked with two members of the Culture & Arts Commission and Mr. Rick and Joe O'Doy on the new lease for the Strand Theater, which expires May 31, 2008. There were only minimal changes on the first two pages, which consist of term, rent, rent payment, utilities, and use.

Motion to approve lease for the Strand Theater for a five (5) year term from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2008 @ \$1,250.00 per month.

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

**ITEM # 7 - Discussion with Fire Commission**

The Fire Commissioners are present along with the current Fire Chief Scott Andrews due to an invitation from the First Selectman to discuss some Emergency Plan issues. The Board of Selectmen would like to know if the Emergency Plan is done/updated due to the Town needing it in order to obtain grant funds. The Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief say that they would be happy to update the plan and also ask that the Board give them a list of they need to have the plan updated. It must be done by 2009. The Board of Selectmen would also like a written policy/procedure on the capacity of the Fire Chief. The Fire Commissioners say that already exists from the Local NIMS and they will get the Board a copy. The First Selectman also asks the Fire Commission to produce a policy/procedure manual for the duties of their Commission, they agree but it will take a while. The Fire Commissioners sent the First Selectman a request for a change in the Fire Chiefs appointments. They would like it to change from January to July to coincide with the Town's fiscal year. The First Selectman asks them to reconsider because then they will have to change the time of the term and the new chief will have to work with another chief's budget for their whole term. The Fire Commission will discuss this issue further at their meeting. No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 8 - Appointments.**

Motion to place resolutions for a Charter Revision Commission on the table.

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

**#8a: Motion to approve the following Resolution to create a Charter Revision Commission.**

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

**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 hereby initiates a Charter Revision process in the said Town of Seymour and to implement the said Charter Revision process the Board authorizes the creation of a Charter Revision Commission, consisting of five members, not more than one

third of which may hold any other public office. No more than a bare majority of said Commission may be from any political party.

The Board of Selectmen further orders the Charter Revision Commission to submit a final report of its recommendations for revision to the Seymour Town Charter to the Board of Selectmen on or before September 1, 2008. The Charter Revision Commission shall terminate upon acceptance or rejection of its final report by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen strongly recommends that the Charter Revision Commission revise the Town Budget process to include a referendum vote on the budget with only two alternatives:

“Yes” or “No” on the Municipal budget and “Yes” or “No” on the Education budget.

**#8b: Motion to approve the following resolution for appointments to the Charter Revision Commission.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: Annmarie Drugonis**

**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 6, 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. Trish Danka
2. Bruce Baker
3. Deirdre Caruso
4. Steven Kulas
5. Rosalie Averill

**Withdraw Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Withdraw Second: Annmarie Drugonis**

(Motion withdrawn due to Charter Revision Commission members being more than 1/3 holding public office. Will resubmit a seven member Charter Revision Commission resolution and appointment list at the May 20, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting.)

**Motion to reconsider item # 8a Resolution to create a Charter Revision Commission.**

**Motion: John Putorti**

**Second: Paul Roy**

**Vote: 7-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**Motion to approve item # 8a Resolution to create a Charter Revision Commission.**

**Motion: Roberta King**

**Second: Annmarie Drugonis**

**Vote: 0-Yes**

**7-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**Motion Defeated.**

(This resolution will be resubmitted at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on May 20, 2008 with a seven member Commission.)

**ITEM # 9 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$28.03.

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

**ITEM # 10 - Transfers.**

Motion to transfer \$15,000.00 for the Public Works Department from Wages acct# 1-001-430-3110-570-110. Transfer \$3,000 into Communications acct# 1-001-430-3110-570-530 and \$7,500 into Gasoline acct# 1-001-430-3110-570-626 and \$2,000 into Highway Materials acct# 1-001-430-3120-575-600 and into Overtime - Transfer Station acct# 1-001-430-3200-585-130 \$2,500 for communications budget reduced last year by \$3,000 will need this amount for cell phones, DSL lines and regular phones. Gasoline costs have continued to escalate. Asphalt costs to repair and patch roads resulting from winter damage. Transfer station overtime is to cover current deficit of \$1,650 and fund future overtime for spring use of transfer station.

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

**ITEM # 11 - Correspondence.**

11a: Check Registers.

11b: Copy of letter inviting the Fire Commissioners to the meeting.

11c: Copy of letter to the Police Commission approving the purchase of police cruiser.

11d: Copy of Town Clerk report for April 2008.

**ITEM # 12 - Other Business.**

Motion to place on the table \$200,000 open space grant to be used for lights at the Athletic Complex at the High School.

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

Motion to approve the following resolution for the \$200,000 open space grant to be used for lights at the Athletic Complex at the High School.

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

Resolved, that Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation an Open Space Grant with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to provide lighting for the sports complex located at Seymour Athletic Complex.

In addition, that Robert J. Koskelowski is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Robert Koskelowski was elected First Selectman. His term in office began on December 1, 2007 and will continue to November 30, 2009. As the First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Seymour, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of Seymour.

**ITEM # 13 - Public Comment.**

No action taken.

**ITEM 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.**

The First Selectman will be out of Town for a week or so and John Conroy Jr., Deputy First Selectman will be in charge. The First Selectman will also be available via cell phone.

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

Motion to go into Executive Session for Pending Litigation for Frank Lucuk and Smith Osborne with the full Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel at 8:49 PM.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis

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

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:14 PM with no motions or action taken.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy

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

Motion to authorize Town Counsel to offer a settlement of a total of \$137,500.00 to Mr. and Mrs. Lucuk.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: John Putorti

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

**ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                      Second: John Conroy

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

VIA EMAIL

Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

John Conroy, Jr.,  
Deputy First Selectman