

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.
Not present: John Putorti.
Others present: Trisha Danka, Bill Paecht, Terrilynn Krampetz, Brian Koskelowski, and John Leon.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:33PM.
- Everyone Salutes the Flag and States the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes Board of Selectmen meeting on April 1, 2008.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Roberta King

Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, Paul Roy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Seymour High School Cheerleaders won the State Championship Title. Congratulations to the girls for their accomplishments.

Public Comment:

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 1 - Approve applications for Katharine Matthies Grants.

1a: Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant application for \$52,000.00 for assistance with replacement of the current heating system at 98 Bank Street, which houses the Board of Education and Naugatuck Valley Health District.

Motion: Roberta King **Second:** John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

1b: Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant application for \$31,250.00 for to assist with upgrading the fire alarm system at the Community Center at 20 Pine Street.

Motion: Frank Conroy **Second:** Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

1c: Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant application for \$24,420.00 for more new windows at the Seymour Community Center/Senior Center, Bingo, Library, and Activity areas.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

1d: Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant application for \$35,000.00 for a beautification project for the trestle bridge located at the intersection of Route 313 & Route 115.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second: Frank Conroy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

(Public Works has begun fixing guardrails and picking up trash on Humphrey Street.)

ITEM # 2 - American Heart Association Proclamation for "National Start! Walking Day", Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Motion to approve the American Heart Association Proclamation for "National Start! Walking Day", Wednesday, April 16, 2008.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second: John Conroy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 3 - Award purchase of new Police Cruiser from Crowley Ford for \$22,114.00. Police Cruiser is a 2008 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor with all equipment for a contract price of \$22,294.00 with an extended warranty of \$1,420.00 and a trade in credit of \$1,600.00 for a total price of \$22,114.00 from Crowley Ford in Plainville, CT.

Motion to award the purchase of a new police cruiser from Crowley Ford for \$22,114.00 to be taken from the Board of Police Commissioners budget.

Motion: Roberta King **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 4 - Work on Railroad Trestle @ Route 115 and landscaping on the bank of the rails.

The First Selectman informs the Board that he contacted the State DOT concerning the deplorable condition of the railroad trestle at the intersection of Route 115 and Route 313. The State told him that there isn't any funds available for beautification of the railroad trestles, but if the Town wants to fund the project they will be able to only fix/paint the outside of the trestle. The Town Engineer is currently getting a company that specializes in that kind of work to give a quote. That is why the Town is applying for the Katharine Matthies Grant for \$35,000.00 for this project. The First Selectman also states that a resident gave him the idea of planting shrubs on the bank of the rails that spell out "Welcome to Seymour" or "Seymour". He will be getting quotes and see if that can be done to try and beautify the downtown area.

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Marietta S. Sabetta to the Economic Development Commission for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring on 3/31/10.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second: John Conroy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.
None at this time.

ITEM # 7 - Transfers.

Motion to transfer \$5,000.00 for the Conservation Commission from the Open Space - Special Reserve Fund # A-002-101-0000-015-000 into the Conservation Commission acct # 1-001-410-1950-525-859 for the Housatonic Valley Association to help fund the

Greenway Trail project between Seymour and Beacon Falls to help provide access to open space.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

8a: Check Registers.

8b: Town Clerk's March 2008 Report with income of \$37,803.64.

8c: Police quarterly reports as of 3/10/08 on three accounts.

Seizure acct balance: \$35,894.38.

Enhancement acct balance: \$23,415.62.

Community Policing: \$23,372.33.

8d: Copy of letter the First Selectman sent to the Legislators asking for the PILOT Program House Bill 5031 be reinstated, which affects all of the residents in the Housing Authority by raising their rents. Attached a copy of a letter from the Director of the Housing Authority notifying the Board that the Bill has been reinstated and passed and that they are just waiting for the Governor's signature. The Housing Authority will also be sending all of the residents affected a \$180.00 reimbursement check.

8e: A Draft copy of the Revision of Section 8-58, Regulation of the Operation of Recreational Vehicles. This has been redone by Special Town Counsel Richard Bruchal. The First Selectman would like the opinion of the rest of the Board concerning this ordinance; he wants to make sure that this is fair to everyone. There are only three problem areas in Town with the ATV's that we are aware of. The Board members have mixed feelings and feel that this ordinance still needs work. Town Counsel has been requested to find out zoning and acreage requirements for other Towns. This will be revisited at another time.

8f: A copy of a letter replying to the Fire Marshal who received a complaint about open burning. The Fire Marshal and the other open burning official, Tom Eighmie will be working on an ordinance to help regulate bon fires, camp fires, and cooking fires.

ITEM # 9 - Set second Budget Referendum Vote for Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center if needed.

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Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 11 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 12 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Tells the Board about a piece of property on Briarwood Road that is owned by the developer that is being used for dumping by some of the

residents in the area. This lot is not a building lot and is mostly wetlands. The Public Works Director is going to put up no dumping signs. The First Selectman also states that back taxes are owed on this property and would like suggestions from the Board on whether the Town should take over the property or see if the abutting property owners would be interested in purchasing it.

Frank Conroy: Suggests that maybe the cleanup can be an Eagle Scout project.

George Temple: Town needs to take over the property and is sure that the owner would just sign it over, before it can be offered to the abutting property owners for a low price.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Will look into it and contact the abutting property owner to see if there is any interest.

Annmarie Drugonis: Asks if there is an emergency situation and since we have a dual role Fire Chief if the Town has a plan.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Is working on the NIMS plan with Tom Eighmie and the plan is 2/3 finished. As far as the Fire Chief, he believes that is what the first, second, and third Fire Chief is for if the Fire Chief is not available. He will invite the Fire Commission to the next Board of Selectmen meeting on May 6, 2008 so the Board can ask them.

Frank Conroy: Mentions that the property on Derby Avenue that had all of the construction equipment has gone out of business and moved out. Also asks about Slick Bar, and states that he has heard they are moving to Skovals in Waterbury because there is more room to build their new 40 foot bolts.

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that he and the Economic Development Director will be contacting Slick Bar tomorrow. He also states that the Olin Company, New Haven Copper have not been responding to calls and emails from the Economic Development Director.

Frank Conroy: Also states that the patch on Skokorat Street has been fixed.

ITEM # 13 - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel)
None at this time.

ITEM # 14 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:55PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

Second: Roberta King

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman