

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2008 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: John Putorti and Frank Conroy.

Others present: Frank Loda, Brian Koskelowski, Trisha Danka, and Alex Danka.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting @ 7:32 PM.
- Everyone Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve Minutes from the Board of Selectmen Meeting on 3/18/08.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Two of the three STEAP Grants that were applied for were awarded to the Town. One is for \$150,000 to be used for sidewalks and the other is for \$150,000 for the Sochrin's Pond Dam. The grant that was not awarded was for the artificial turf.
- The eighth grade white team students at Seymour Middle School raised \$300.00 for Stop & Shop gift cards for the senior citizens at the Seymour Housing Authority and presented them to the First Selectman and Joe DeFelice. They had a change jar by the snack counter at school and put their money in the jar instead of buying snacks.
- The negotiations have begun for the lease at the Strand Theater with the O'Doys' from the Knights of Columbus. They will get back to the Town when they discuss the options for the new lease.
- The Day Street Bridge project was to begin today.
- The MEDP Workshop was held last night, Monday, March 31, 2008 and it went very well and was informative. Thank you to John Conroy and the rest of the members of the MEDP Transition Team as well as all of the attendees.
- The street sweeping has begun around Town.
- The Public Works Department has begun work on the recreation fields. Opening day for baseball will be at French Park tomorrow. Public Works needs to fix the vandalism that had been done to part of the field.

Public Comment:

No comments made.

ITEM # 1 - Go out to bid for Recycling Contract for Town due Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

Motion to go out to bid for the Recycling Contract for the Town due Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 4:00PM in the First Selectman's Office.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Waive bidding for new police cruiser.

A copy of a letter from Chief Metzler states that the Board of Police Commissioners at their March 20, 2008 meeting authorized that the department trade in damaged cruiser and request a transfer of \$28,000 from union wages and place it into machinery/equipment and purchase a new police cruiser to replace the car that was taken out of service. The letter requests that the Board of Selectmen waive the bidding on the purchase of the new police cruiser.

Motion to waive the bidding for the purchase of a new police cruiser.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Update from Economic Development Director.

The Economic Development Director John Criscuolo greets the Board with a list of tasks that have been done since he has been hired. The list includes:

- Met with several developers.
- Prepared budget.
- Obtained lists of vacant properties.
- Attended many meetings for several different boards and commissions.
- There have been new signs put up at exit 22 that say Antique District.

(See attached Economic Development update list.)

Monthly Economic Development Department Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 9:00AM at Town Hall.

2008 Economic Development Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 6:45PM to 8:00PM at Seymour Middle School.

ITEM # 4 - Approve National Day of Prayer for Thursday, May 1, 2008 @ 12:00 PM.

Motion to approve National Day of Prayer for Thursday, May 1, 2008 @ 12:00PM at Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Recommendation from Public Works Director for Port-o-lets.

Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director submitted a letter recommending Chatfield Power in Southbury for the port-o-lets. They are not the lowest bidders, but they provide many services for free that the other companies don't. They also give a lot to the Town and they employ six Seymour residents.

Motion to award the Port-o-let quote to Chatfield Power as presented at the 3/18/08 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Theodore Holly to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-Year term expiring on 4/5/11.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,776.48.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 9 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Copy of a letter to Registrar of Voters concerning the Machine Referendum Vote on April 24, 2008 at the Community Center Gym.
- Copy of a letter sent to Christine Battis, Grants Coordinator concerning the STEAP Grant and making sure that all procedures are followed to receive the grant money.

ITEM # 10 - Set Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, April 17, 2008 @ 7:00PM at the Seymour Middle School.

Motion to approve Annual Town Meeting for Thursday, April 17, 2008 @ 7:00PM at the Seymour Middle School.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

(The Budget Public Hearing will be held on April 8, 2008 at the Seymour Middle School and then the Board of Finance will be meeting on April 9, 2008 to turn the budget over for the Annual Town Meeting.

ITEM # 11 - Set Budget Referendum Vote for Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center.

Motion to approve Budget Referendum Vote for Thursday, April 24, 2008 from 6:00AM to 8:00PM at the Seymour Community Center.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Public Comments.

No comments made.

ITEM # 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy: Asks the status on the Public Works Foreman position.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Explains that the position will not be available until July 1, 2008 and that there are 3 or 4 candidates right now. Also, since the union contract negotiations are going on he is waiting to see if it will be a union position or not. One of the interviewers is also currently in China.

Paul Roy: Also states that the fence on Humphrey Street on the Railroad property side is down and people are throwing garbage down there as well as it being a safety issue. Also, the brush needs to be trimmed off of the wall on Maple and Humphrey Streets.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Will remind Dennis to take care of those issues. Also, if anyone in Town sees anything that needs to be cleaned or repaired please contact the First Selectman's Office or the Public Works Department.

Roberta King: What is going on with the Trucking School?

Robert J. Koskelowski: Attorney Lee who is handling this case for the Town explained to the First Selectman that there were transcripts that needed to be done by a certain time from approximately 13 tapes front and back and they were not submitted on time. The judge defaulted the case to the trucking school and Attorney Lee refilled and got the transcriptions into the court and the case is still ongoing.

ITEM # 15 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)
None at this time.

ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:04PM.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectmen**