

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 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: Frank Loda, John Leon, and Brian Koskelowski.

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

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 2/19/08.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: John Conroy

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

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- **Home Invasion Educational Program last week went very well. Thank you to Brian Barrett, the Police Department, Director of Security at Seymour Schools, Board of Education and Seymour Land Trust.**
- **Continually working on the Day Street Bridge project, which the Construction is scheduled to begin in April.**
- **The Library was closed on Friday, February 29, 2008 due to the snowstorm.**
- **The First Selectman will be meeting with TD Bank North tomorrow to complete the conversion. TD Bank North and Webster Bank were both robbed here in Seymour in the past 2 weeks.**
- **The Town Engineer is developing specifications for replacement of heating system at the Community Center. A new conversion system from oil to gas will save approximately 40% in heating costs.**
- **Contract Negotiations have begun for Unions. Attorney Christopher Hodgson is working on the negotiations for the Union contracts for the Police Department, Public Works, Town Hall, and Administrators.**
- **The Economic Development Director hosted a breakfast meeting for the downtown businesses on Monday, February 25, 2008.**

Public Comment:

No Action Taken.

The First Selectman gives an update on the Tri-town Plaza. ED Director John Criscuolo has been in contact with the owner of Tri-Town Plaza, Mr. Spector and the Town have made an offer to Mr. Spector. Mr. Criscuolo is waiting for an answer from Mr. Spector about the offer at this time.

ITEM # 1 - Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting.

Due to lack of quorum there was no action taken at the Special Town Meeting for the request from the Housing Authority to extend the lease at Randall Field at \$1.00 per year for five (5) additional years expiring on 12/31/2012 for additional housing for the elderly and disabled that the Housing Authority is seeking funding for.

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, will be held at the Seymour Town Hall, Norma Drummer Room, 1 First Street in Seymour, Connecticut, on 4th day, March 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing and voting on the following item:

- 1) For the purpose of extending the lease at Randall Field for the Seymour Housing Authority at \$1.00 per year until 12/31/12.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 5th day of February 2008.

By, Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen

Town Counsel has discussed this lease with Housing Authority Counsel, Attorney Stamos and there is some wording in one of the sections that needs to be added. The section states "Elderly" housing and "young disabled" needs to be added due to new State laws. The modifications will need to be made and then it will be reintroduced for approval. Town Counsel and Housing Authority Counsel will meet to work on this.

Motion to approve the above resolution to extend the lease for the Housing Authority for Randall Field at \$1.00 per year for a five (5) year term expiring 12/31/2012.

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

ITEM # 2 - Sealed quotes for Port-o-lets.

Motion to table the sealed quotes for Port-o-lets until the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2008.

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

ITEM # 3 - Report on New Haven Foundation and Small Neighborhood Assistance Grants.

The First Selectman reports that the Grants Coordinator has obtained applications for the New Haven Foundation and the Small Neighborhood Assistance Grants.

ITEM # 4 - Proposed Capital Projects 2008/2009 per Town Charter, Chapter 8, section 8.2, sub-section (f).

	Proposed Capital Projects 2008/2009
Public Works Truck:	\$ 70,000.00
Roads:	\$100,000.00
Replacement of Furnaces at Community Center:	\$ 57,773.00

Fire Marshal's Vehicle (3-year lease):	\$ 11,127.00
Chatfield School Addition:	\$ 25,000.00
<u>Dog Warden Vehicle:</u>	<u>\$ 12,000.00</u>
Total:	\$275,900.00

Motion to accept the proposed Capital Projects for 2008/2009 listed above per Town Charter, Chapter 8, section 8.2, sub-section (f).

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

**ITEM # 5 - Recommendation for 2008/2009 LOCIP Funds.
LOCIP 2008/2009**

2008/2009 LOCIP:	\$116,785.00
Air Conditioner at Library:	\$ 34,558.00
Balance:	\$ 82,227.00

First Selectman's recommendation is to use the \$82,227.00 for the replacement of the furnaces at the Community Center.

Motion to approve the use of the balance of the 2008/2009 LOCIP funds of \$82,227.00 to be used for the replacement of the heating system at the Community Center, which will save the Town between 35 - 40% in heating costs.

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

**ITEM # 6 - Proclamation for the 96th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts.
Motion to accept the proclamation for the 96th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts and proclaim the week of March 9 - 15, 2008 as "Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week."**

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

**ITEM # 7 - Appointments.
Motion to appoint Adrienne Croce as the Assistant Municipal Animal Control Officer for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/08.**

Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 8 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$209.06.**

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

**ITEM # 9 - Transfers.
None at this time.**

ITEM # 10 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk's Report for February 2008.

ITEM # 11 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 13 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

John Conroy: Gives the Board an update on the MEDP Transition Team. The Committee is down to five recommendations left from the Master Economic Development Plan's suggestions. They would like a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and some of the Land Use Boards and the EDC to discuss ideas and get recommendations on the MEDP. John Criscuolo, Economic Development Director has shown up at all meetings and has been very productive.

Paul Roy: Would like John Criscuolo to come to the Board of Selectmen Meeting every other month to give the Board an update. He also would like John to invite the Board of Selectmen members to his monthly breakfast meetings so they can mingle with the Town's business owners and get recommendations and ideas.

First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski: Will plan the joint meeting and give John Criscuolo the Selectmen's recommendations.

ITEM # 14 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)

ITEM # 14a - Executive Session (Contract Negotiations - Union and Non-Union Employees)

None at this time, discussed earlier in the meeting.

ITEM # 15 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Motion: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Reviewed by:

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman