MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2008 @ 7:30 P.M. Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski, Annmarie Drugonis, John

Conroy, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.

Not present: Roberta King, and John Putorti.

Others present: Brian Koskelowski, Walt Birdsell, Frank Loda, Tom Eighmie, and Paul Beres.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

- Everyone Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen Meeting on 2/5/08.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Paul Roy, & Frank Conroy) 0-No

1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify

Moment of silence for Elaine Buckley who served on the Library Board and Planning & Zoning and dedicated herself to the Town of Seymour and Former Selectman, John Greco who recently passed away.

First Selectman's Report:

- Board of Finance began budget workshop.
- Public Works was out during the last snowstorm however we had more ice than snow.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

ITEM # 1 – Recommendation to hire Economic Development Secretary/Town Hall Floater position.

John Criscuolo has completed the interview process for the EDC Secretary/Floater and it is John's recommendation to the Board to hire Nancy Onofrio.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 – Request for Funding for "Reverse 911" by Captain Beres and Tom Eighmie. Tom Eighmie, Emergency Management Director discussed how the Fire Dept, Police Dept Public Works, First Selectman, Public Health and the Board of Ed how table top exercises were performed. With the scenarios performed showed the need for the Reverse 911 notification system. They have applied for two Federal Grants and to the Katharine Matthies Foundation to no avail.

Capt Paul Beres told the Board the Reverse 911 notification system would allow up to 8 phone lines and would be able pump out 960 30-second messages an hour. Currently Trumbull, East Haven, and Shelton are all currently using the Reverse 911 system. Should Seymour purchase the system they would be able to enter into an agreement with Shelton and use their 8 lines and give us 16 phone lines to increase notification as well as doing the same for Shelton? The cost for the system is \$30,000 for initial install and an annual fee of around \$4,000. With the Reverse 911 system it would be able to notify geographical groups, neighborhoods and it can be used by municipalities for other types of notifications. There would be calling sites at the Police Station, Fire Houses, Town Hall and Emergency Management. Governor Rell did announce she was planning on putting funds aside for Reverse 911 for every community in the State but it is not known if and when this will happen. Capt Paul Beres and Emergency Management Director, Tom Eighmie is asking the Board to submit this to be included into next years budget. In the meantime they will be applying for other grants for this project. No action taken.

ITEM # 3 – Tax Refund/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds in the amount of \$8,907.01.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy

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

ITEM # 4 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 5 – Appointments.

Motion to appoint Walter Birdsell to the Planning & Zoning for a 2-year term expiring on 12/30/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Correspondence.

6-a: Check Register

6-b: Report of Town Clerk for the month of January, 2008

6-c: Letter from State of Connecticut regarding the American Heart Association.

ITEM #7 – Go out for quotes for Port-o-let for the Season.

Motion to go out for sealed quotes for Port-o-let for the next season's rental to be opened at the Board of Selectman Meeting on March 4, 2008.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Paul Roy

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

ITEM # 8 – Other Business

Motion to place on the table daily fees for Dog Kennel.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Frank Conroy Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify Daily fees for the dog kennel needs to be set and under State Statute fees can be set anywhere from \$5.00 to \$15.00 and it is the Dog Wardens recommendation to set the fee at \$10.00 per dog per day.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Frank Conroy Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 10 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Paul Roy said he had spoken with a Town resident and said there was some confusion on what is recyclable in the Town.

First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski, said he would verify what is on the recyclable list with what is in the contract with ADS.

ITEM # 11 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel). Two grievances were submitted to the First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski on February 4, 2008 and he answered Step 1. Under the Union Contract they have 5 days to go to Step 2 and if they don't go to Step 2 then they are finalizing Step 1 and today's date is February 19, 2008 and since Step 2 has not come in the grievances is dead. Town Counsel, George Temple verified this.

ITEM # 12 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:07 P.M.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: John Conroy

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

Respectfully submitted by, Reviewed by,

Denise Powell, Robert J. Koskelowski,

Recording Secretary First Selectman