MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting Tuesday, February 5, 2008 @ 7:30 PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple. Not present: Annmarie Drugonis.

Others present: Bill Paecht, Trisha Danka, Peter Jezierny, Frank Loda, Alfred Yagovane, Michele Pavlik, Sue Rafferty, Nancy Onofrio, and Peter Kubik.

- 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 the Ordinance Public Hearing on 1/15/08.Motion: Roberta KingSecond: Paul RoyVote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Paul Roy)0-No1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/15/08.Motion: John ConroySecond: John PutortiVote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Paul Roy)0-No1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report: None at this time.

Public Comment: No Action Taken.

ITEM #1 – Bond Refinancing.

The First Selectman, Finance Director, and Assistant Finance Director met with the Town's Financial Advisors a week ago and were told that it would be a good idea to refinance the 2004-2005 series bonds. In the future this could save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars. Tony Caserta, Assistant Finance Director explains that we need to take any opportunities to save money on our debt. He is requesting authorization from the Board to give the appropriate officials permission to jump on an opportunity to refinance when they are advised by the Financial Advisors.

This is to consider and act upon a proposed authorization for the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$7,435,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004 and \$10,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby adopts the resolution presented to this meeting authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$7,435,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004 and \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005. A copy of the resolution shall be inserted in or attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST AND ANY CALL PREMIUM ON TOWN OF SEYMOUR'S \$7,435,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2004 AND \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2005, AND COSTS RELATED THERETO

RESOLVED,

That the Town of Seymour issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed THIRTEEN (a) MILLION DOLLARS (\$13,000,000), the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the First Selectman and the Treasurer, of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town's \$7,435,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004 (consisting at original issue of \$833,000 General Purpose Bonds, \$1,865,000 Water Bond and \$4,737,000 Sewer Bonds) and \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005 (consisting at original issue of \$10,000,000 School Bonds), including the payment of interest accrued on said bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, bond insurance premiums, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above. Such payment of the bonds to be refunded pursuant to this resolution may be accomplished, without limitation, through the funding of one or more escrows, and the application of the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon. The refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes.

(b) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the bonds to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the refunding bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds and escrow agent with respect to any refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(c) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(d) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(e) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized in connection with or incidental to the carrying or selling and issuance of the bonds, notes or temporary notes: (1) to obtain letters of credit, lines of credit or other credit facilities for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such bonds, notes or temporary notes redeemed, repurchased or defeased prior to maturity or for providing additional security for such bonds, notes or temporary notes, and (2) to enter into and execute reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, interest rate swap agreements (which agreements may include without limitation such contracts as the First Selectman and the Treasurer may determine to be necessary or appropriate to place the obligation of the Town, as represented by the bonds, notes or temporary notes, in whole or in part, on such interest rate or cash flow basis as the they may determine, including without limitation, insurance agreements, forward payment conversion agreements, futures contracts, contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or changes in, interest rates or market indices, and contracts to manage interest rates risk, including without limitation, interest rate floors or caps, options, puts, calls and similar arrangements) and any other necessary or appropriate agreements, all upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the them, including such payment, security, default, remedy and other terms and conditions as

the they may deem appropriate. Such credit facilities may be obtained and such agreements may be entered into on the basis of negotiation or competitive bid. The First Selectman and the Treasurer may determine to pledge the full faith and credit of the Town to its payment obligations, including netting payments, under any such credit facility or agreement entered into pursuant to the authority granted hereby.

(f) That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Finance Director and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the Town's outstanding \$7,435,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004 and \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with holders of the bonds to be refunded, underwriters, trustees, escrow agents, bond insurers and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, any escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(g) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on June 30, 2009.

Motion to accept the above resolutions to give authorization for the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$7,435,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2004 and \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005.

Motion: John PutortiSecond: John ConroyVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - 2008 LOCIP.

The projected 2008/2009 LOCIP funds for the Town of Seymour are \$115,846.00, which should go up to approximately \$140,000.00. An additional \$34,558.00 is needed for the air conditioning project at the Library. The Grants Coordinator advised the First Selectman in a letter that she contacted the State and that the LOCIP funds can be used for the air conditioning project. The total air conditioning project is \$133,558.00 there was \$35,000 received from the Katharine Matthies Foundation, \$34,000 received from the Town, and \$30,000 received from Library Funds.

Motion to approve using 2008/2009 LOCIP funds in the amount of \$34,558.00 for the remainder of the air conditioning project at the Library.

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

The First Selectman wants the Board to know that the boiler at the Community Center needs to be replaced. It is over 50 years old. He has requested that the Town Engineer have one of the Engineers in his firm draw up specifications for a new boiler system. Currently the Town purchases 1,500 to 2,000 gallons every other week. The Town has already replaced many windows thanks to grants from the Katharine Matthies Foundation.

ITEM # 3 - Lease at Randall Field (Housing Authority).

The Director of the Housing Authority, David Keyser is requesting to extend their lease for the property known as Randall Field located at Pine Street and Derby Avenue. The lease expired on 12/31/07. The reason this is needed is to secure funding for additional housing for the disabled. They need proof of the lease on the property to be able to apply for funding. The Housing Authority currently pays \$1.00 per year to secure the property, which will stay a usable soccer field and baseball field until the time that funds are secured and the project is approved, which can be up to ten years from now. The Charter states that we need to have a Special Town Meeting to authorize the extension of the lease on this property.

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting for the approval of the extension of the lease onRandall Field for the Seymour Housing Authority until 12/31/12 for Tuesday, March 4, 2008at 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room at Seymour Town Hall.Motion: John ConroySecond: John PutortiVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Request by Chatfield School Building Committee.

Don Smith, Co-Chairman of the Chatfield School Building Committee has requested on behalf of the committee a transfer of \$25,000 for an Architect for the initial study for the expansion project and an additional \$5,000 for a demographic study, which is needed for approval of the project by the State of Connecticut. The First Selectman has had a transfer made up for \$25,000 from Fund Balance into Capital Projects for this request.

ITEM # 5 – Transfers.

5-a: Motion to transfer \$25,000 for the Chatfield School Building Committee from Fund Balance acct # 2-001-390-0000-000-000 and into Capital Projects acct # 1-003-410-0000-400-000 to begin the process for the Chatfield School Building project and refer to the Board of Finance.

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

5-b: The Castles in the Park Committee have unused funds from their project and the LoPresti Playground Committee would like to receive those funds for their project. Jason Avery from the committee states that they have already cleared out an area to start to build a nature trail. The estimates that they have are for replacement of equipment approximately \$25,000 and repair of some of the existing equipment approximately \$1,500.00. They have raised approximately \$11,400.00 so far and have other fund raisers planned. They would like to start this spring and have the project completed by the end of summer.

Motion to transfer \$5,464.00 from Castles in the Park Committee acct # L-001-208-0040-000-000into LoPresti Playground acct # 1-001-410-1950-530-877 and refer to the Board of Finance.Motion: Paul RoySecond: Roberta KingVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Banking recommendations from Finance Director Doug Thomas. The Town is currently looking to save money anywhere that we can, so we went out for RFP's for banking services. The Finance Director Doug Thomas received four RFP's from local banks that have branches in the Town of Seymour, which are Bank of America, Webster, TD Bank North and Wachovia. Mr. Thomas is recommending to use TD Bank North because the banking services are comparable to the others, but the savings to the Town would be \$5,784.00 annually. They would also like to supply a scanner, software, and training to the Town for electronic deposits that can be done on premises. Board member John Conroy has used the electronic deposit scanners at his job and is very impressed with them.

Motion to authorize the Town of Seymour to use TD Bank North as their new bank and have the Finance Director and Assistant Finance Director immediately change over.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualit	Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
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Motion to authorize all resolutions necessary to change over to TD Bank North and have the appropriate Town officials sign.			
Motion: John Conro Vote: 6-Yes	oy Secon 0-No	ıd: Roberta King 0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
ITEM # 7 – 2008 State Library Grant (Town Clerk). This is the State Library Grant for the Town Clerk's Office that the Town receives every year that is used for their imaging system for land records for \$7,000.00.			
Motion to approve the application of the 2008 State Library Grant for the Town Clerk's Office for the imaging system for land records in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Roberta King			
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
ITEM # 8 – Proclamation for the American Heart Association. Motion to approve the proclamation for the American Heart Association for "Wear Red for Women Day".			
Motion: Paul Roy Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	ıd: John Putorti 0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
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Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
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Motion to adopt the Ordinance for Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater to go into			
effect 21-days from today, which is Tuesday, February 26, 2008, including any need for			
additional enforcement to be designated by the First Selectman. Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti			
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
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ITEM # 11 - Adopt changes to DIVISION 2. PURCHASING Ordinance as presented. Motion to adopt changes to DIVISION 2. PURCHASING Ordinance as presented to go into			
effect 21-days from today, which is Tuesday, February 26, 2008. Motion: John Putorti Second: Roberta King			
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
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ITEM # 12 – Tax Refunds/Abatements. Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$599.94.			
Motion: John Putort		ıd: Roberta King	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify

on 6/30/10.		Knott to the Regional Water	Authority for a 3-year term expiring
Motion: Paul Roy		Second: John Putorti	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Nicolette O'Toole as a regular member of the ZBA for a 4-year term expiring on 2/1/12.			
Motion: John Conro	ру	Second: John Putorti	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Ray Faustich to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09. Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy			
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
Motion to appoint Theodore Holly to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 4/5/08.			
Motion: Paul Roy		Second: John Putorti	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify
ITEM # 14 – Correspondence. 14-a: Check Registers. 14-b: Copy of a letter sent to the Knights of Columbus asking to renegotiate the lease for the			

14-b: Copy of a letter sent to the Knights of Columbus asking to renegotiate the lease for Strand Theater, which is up this year.

ITEM # 15 – Other Business. None at this time.

ITEM # 16 – Public Comment. No Action Taken.

ITEM # 17 – Selectmen's Public Comment.

Paul Roy: Wanted to know if the fire departments were included on the Town Buildings Heating & Air Conditioning Maintenance Contract. The First Selectman responds that: No, the fire departments have there own maintenance contracts.

Paul Roy: Wants to know how the Public Works Foreman position is going and if it is going to be Union or Non-Union. The First Selectman responds that the interviews have been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday of this week for seven candidates and the position was posted as undetermined whether or not it is a Union position.

Frank Conroy: Update on Seymour Land Trust on Day Street. The VFW has been taken down and by spring the bocchi court and pavilion along with the horseshoe pits should be done. There will be a replica of the old Cedar Wood School. There has been a problem with vandals and the gazebo has been vandalized several times. Also, the foundation has been poured for the addition of the Henry Hammel Environmental Center at Legion Pond. The Land Trust is looking for any support that they could get for the projects. They also plan to open the new bocchi court park to the public and work with the Parks Commission on special events.

John Conroy: Would like to say that he is happy with the audit report and that comparing last years budget report that the Town was \$263,000 under budget to this years audit report being \$348,000 under budget.

Robert J. Koskelowski: He has been working with the Finance Director and the Assistant Finance Director very hard on the budget. He will not be recommending any more than a \$2.00 per week tax increase for the average taxpayer assessed at \$200,000.00, hopefully there will be no increase. He is still working on the budget due to some budget requests being tardy. The loss of revenue for tuition from Oxford is approximately 1.5 million dollars over the last three years..

George Temple, Town Counsel: Concerning extending the lease for Randall Field for the Housing Authority Section 13.2(f) in the Charter says that a Special Town Meeting will not be needed for a lease extension for terms less than 2-years. This would be a temporary extension. Housing Authority Director David Keyser needs the lease to be in place this week due to the grant applications having to be in by Friday.

Motion to place on the table Randall Field Lease extension for the Seymour Housing Authority. **Motion: John Conrov** Second: John Putorti Vote: 6-Yes 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify 0-No Motion to temporarily extend the lease at Randall Field for the Seymour Housing Authority until March 4, 2008, which is the Special Town Meeting to vote on the lease extension. Motion: John Conrov Second: Paul Roy Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify ITEM # 18 - Executive Session (Personnel, Employee Grievance Step 2, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation) Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:37 PM for Personnel, Employee Grievance Step 2 with the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman, Town Counsel, two Union Representatives, the employee and her attorney. Motion: Roberta King Second: John Conroy Vote: 6-Yes 0-Disqualify 0-No 0-Abstain Motion to come out of Executive Session with no action or motions taken at 9:38 PM. Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify Motion to deny Employee Grievance Step 2. Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Frank Conroy) 1-No (Paul Roy) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The Town Counsel was given a personnel file from the employee's attorney to submit into public record.

ITEM # 19 - Adjournment.Motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM.Motion: John PutortiSecond: Frank ConroyVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman