

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2008 @ 8:00 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, Town Counsel George Temple.

Others present: Frank Loda, Alfred Yagovane, Alex Danka, Trisha Danka, Cathy Rogers, Theresa Conroy, Carol Ralston, Mary McBride, John Christino, Glenna Chernak, Michael Eshoo, Anthony Schultz, Laurene Schultz, Jonathan Bossio, Allison Cunningham, George Junko, Barbara Junko, Leslie Lawrence, Brenda Bossio, John Grim, Mark Condo, Frank Condo, Peter Heintz, Stephen Rodgers, Tina Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Jean Kellogg, Norm Kellogg, Jorge Jaramillo, Elizabeth Santana, Loretta Ford Glazier, Calvin Glazier, Jay & Nicole Hernandez, and Myles & Peyton & Jennifer Dupont.

- The First Selectman re-opens the meeting at 8:00 PM as posted. He opened the meeting at 7:30 PM per yearly posting and recessed the meeting until 8:00PM. The reason is that many Board members attended the High School Graduation.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 6/3/08.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

None at this time.

Public Comment:

No action taken.

ITEM # 1 - Recommendation and possible award for Mason Body Truck from Board of Public Works.

The Board of Public Works has chosen the Alternate # 2 bid from Interstate Truck Center, which was received on 6/3/08. It is a 2008 Sterling Bullet 4X4 in stock that exceeds the bids specs for \$67,473.00. There is \$70,000 in the budget for this vehicle.

Motion to approve recommendation from the Board of Public Works to purchase the 2008 Sterling Bullet 4X4 from Interstate Truck Center for \$67,473.00.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Take action on Chatfield School Addition.

Motion to approve the Chatfield School Addition Project and bring to referendum.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Residential at Rolling Hills for the 360 town housing units. They are happy that the Board of Selectmen has decided not to consider this project.

Motion to go back into order to item # 5.

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

ITEM # 5 - Take action on Bulk Pickup.

Discussed bulk pickup on item # 3. Would like to discuss further at next meeting.
No Action Taken.

ITEM # 6 - Go out to bid for GPS in Public Works vehicles.

By placing the GPS in the Public Works vehicles it will save on fuel costs and produce more work. The Town should make their money back in approximately three months with the fuel savings.

Motion to go out to bid for GPS in Public Works vehicles and have the bids come into the First Selectman's Office on July 8, 2008 @ 4:00 PM.

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

ITEM # 7 - Take action on Library Positions.

The Assistant Head Librarian retired and another employee filled that spot now that spot is open. The First Selectman met with the Head Librarian and the Assistant and they discussed eliminating that open 35 hour position and making two existing 29 hour positions into 35 hour/full time positions. It would cost approximately the same amount for the Town. It would also benefit the library because these workers are dedicated and have been here for 5 and 10 years each and they know the patrons and the layout of the library. The two new job positions are Circulation Assistant and Collection Maintenance Assistant. There is also a 12 hour position that will not be filled at this time. Head Librarian Carol Ralston adds that this would be good for the moral at the Library.

Motion to change the two existing 29 hour positions at the Library to two 35 hour positions for Mark Kalish and Lisa Omlor and to eliminate the open 35 hour position and not fill the 12 hour position at this time, beginning on Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

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

The Union must now approve these positions.

ITEM # 8 - Appointments.

None at this time.

ITEM # 9 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$885.84.

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

ITEM # 10 – Transfers.
None at this time.

ITEM # 11 – Correspondence.

11a: Check Registers.

11b: Town Clerk Report for May 2008.

11c: Letter from the Economic Development Department changing the Merchant Meeting date from June 25th to June 26, 2008.

ITEM # 12 – Other Business.

12a: Resolution for STEAP Grant – Repairs to Sochrin’s Pond Dam.

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Seymour to enter into contracts with the Department of Environmental Protection.

In furtherance of this resolution, Robert J. Koskelowski the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Seymour. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town of Seymour on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

Motion to approve the above resolution for the STEAP Grant for Repairs to Sochrin’s Pond Dam.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

12b: Nondiscrimination Certification for STEAP Grant for Repairs to Sochrin’s Pond Dam.

NONDISCRIMINATION CERTIFICATION

(By corporate or other business entity regarding support of nondiscrimination against persons on account of their race, color, religious creed, age, marital or civil union status, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation, physical disability or sexual orientation.)

I, Robert J. Koskelowski, First Selectman, of the Town of Seymour, an entity lawfully organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on the 17th day of June, 2008 by the governing body of the Town of Seymour, in accordance with all of its documents of governance and management and the laws of the State of Connecticut, and further certify that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked, and is, at present, in full force and effect.

RESOLVED: That the Town of Seymour hereby adopts as its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned has executed this certificate this 17th day of June, 2008.

Motion to approve the above Nondiscrimination Certification for the STEAP Grant for Repairs to the Sochrin's Pond Dam.

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

ITEM # 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Frank Conroy: Passed out booklets about the Legion Pool/Land Trust that were made with grant money. The Land Trust has also received a \$2,500 grant for sidewalks and another grant to make conservation workbooks for the schools. He would like to request that a street light be put up at the Land Trust Park on the corner of Day Street and Pearl Street and he will give the pole number to the First Selectman's office. He would also like the Town to consider funding bathrooms at Chatfield Park. The Land Trust is working on their building and the bathrooms would be adjacent to their building and they would pay for the electricity and hook up. He would like to submit plans to the Town to consider due to the increased usage of the park since the walking track has been put in.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Although he feels that this is a good idea he would like to remind everyone that three other public bathrooms at the parks have had to be closed due to vandalism. They are at French Park, Matthies Field, and Gary Park. He would still like Frank to draw up the plans with the cost estimates and they will look at them.

Annmarie Drugonis: Would like GPS in all Town vehicles.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Eventually there will be GPS in all Town vehicles it is already in the Police vehicles.

Annmarie Drugonis: Went to the Fire Chiefs meeting and is not satisfied with their effort for the required NIMS training. She was told that there is no time for it. She would like them to make more of an effort to get this done and she will be speaking to Tom Eighmie more about getting it done. She would also like NIMS put on the next Board of Selectmen Agenda.

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

ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

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

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman