

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, January 15, 2008 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Member not present: Frank Conroy.

Others present: John Leon, Trisha Danka, and Nancy Onofrio.

- 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 Committee on 1/2/08.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/2/08.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- The Town received about 80 gift cards for Stop & Shop. These gift cards came from Seymour residents and residents from other Towns. A donation was made from a third grade class from Orange who had made and sold crafts to raise money to donate to a worthy cause and they sent a Stop & Shop card in the amount of \$25.00. The Town's Police Union, Public Works Union, Town Hall Employee Union and Administrators Union and an outside Union also purchased and donated Stop & Shop gift cards. David Keyser, Housing Director has the financials of all the families and will distribute the cards to these families based the financial need. The First Selectman wanted to thank everyone for their kind and generous donations as this has helped these families due to rent increases.
- This last snow storm the public works employees worked 5 hours overtime. The First Selectman went out and rode along with Public Works as well.
- The First Selectman's office has received about 30 applications for the clerical position. Next week will be the close of applications being accepted.
- Three (3) STEAP grants have been applied for. 1). \$500,000 for Artificial Turf, 2). \$150,000 for Sidewalks, 3). \$150,000 for Sochrin's Dam.

- The First Selectman met with MaryAnne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools, Rick Belden and Bruce Baker, Chairman of the Board of Education regarding the budget proposal that will be presented to the Board of Finance.
- John Criscuolo, Economic Development Director started Monday, January 14, 2008. He has several appointments scheduled for the month of January and was out in the field today.
- Chatfield School building committee had their organizational meeting on January 8, 2008 and set their schedule.
- The First Selectman and Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director attended the Bristol Resource Recovery – Strategic Plan Workshop # 1 last week and workshop # 2 will be next month.

Public Comment:
None at this time.

ITEM # 1 - Approve RFP for GASB45.

John Putorti read Recommendation submitted to the Board by Finance Director, Doug Thomas. The recommendation reads as follows:

In evaluating the actuaries qualifications, location and cost were the major considerations. All firms appeared to be very well qualified. Firms without a Connecticut office are; Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc., Alliance Benefit Group and the Hay Group. These firms are not recommended due to lack of Connecticut office and lack of State of Connecticut experience.

The Segal Company has a lower bid and Milliman has more local experience. I consulted with our Health Care consultants (Lofton Group) and they recommended Milliman. The Board of Education’s Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations recommends Milliman due to conversations with other Schools. The Board of Education will supply the extra \$2,500 if Milliman is selected. Due to the last two recommendations I would recommend Milliman.

Motion to retain Milliman as GASB45 consultant as put forward by the Finance Director and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Operations:

Motion: John Conroy, Jr. Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table the Day Street Bridge Bid approval.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

The First Selectman explained to the Board that the Day Street Bridge needs to be completely replaced. Anchor Engineering went out to bid PJF Construction Corp was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,997,593. It is the recommendation of Anchor Engineering to award bid to PJF Construction Corp in the amount \$1,997,593. Connecticut Department of Transportation has reviewed the low bidder’s pre-award documents for the project and concurs with the selection of PJF Construction Corp as

primary contactor. The construction should begin in early spring, possibly March. There will be a pre-construction meeting on January 24, 2008 and contract signing. This needs to be approved by the Board of Selectmen so the First Selectman can enter into a contract. This project should be 100% funded at no cost to the Town.

Motion to award bid on the recommendation of Anchor Engineering to the lowest bidder PJF Construction Corp in the amount \$1,997,593.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 – Tax Refunds/Abatements:

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,293.99.

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

ITEM # 3 – Transfers.

3a – Motion to transfer \$10,250.00 from fund balance account # 2-001-390-0000-000-000 to Purchase Prof Service's account # 1-001-410-1400-440-310. Funds needed for the up coming special election 6109 less funds available 5755. Voter sessions and Election Day administration for presidential primary 9906. Senatorial Dist 32 special election was unexpected.

Motion to transfer \$10,250 from Fund Balance account # 2-001-390-0000-000-000 to Purchase Prof Service's account # 1-001-410-1400-440-310.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

3b – Motion to make emergency transfer in the amount of \$10,500 from Fire Department Misc Project account # 1-001-410-1950-530-875 to Repairs and Maintenance account # 1-001-410-1940-510-430. The emergency transfer (Charter Section 12.4 (d) is requested to protect health and property of the Town of Seymour. Citizens Firehouse boiler has failed and cannot be repaired. To restore heat and protect water piping, a new boiler must be installed. The old boiler was 20 years old and cannot be repaired. The contractor has given a quote of \$10,500 to purchase and install a new boiler.

Motion to make emergency transfer (Charter Section 12.4 (d) in the amount of \$10,500 from Fire Department Misc. Project account # 1-001-410-1950-530-875 to Repairs and Maintenance account # 1-001-410-1940-510-430.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Appointments.

None at this time

ITEM # 5 – Correspondence

- Check Register
- Correspondence from North East Facilities Service Office notifying the Town that the Seymour Post Office will keep all current operations located in the existing Seymour Facility.

- Town Clerks report for December 2007 submitted by Esther Rozum, Town Clerk.

ITEM # 6 – Other Business.

None at this time

ITEM # 7 – Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 8 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.

- Annmarie Drugonis handed out literature NIMS (National Incident Management System) to the Board for their review.
- Paul Roy asked if the EDC had looked into the CL&P Main Street Program which is designed to revitalize downtown areas.
- John Conroy, Jr. did state that this is one of many programs that are being looked into to revitalization of the downtown area.
- First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski, said a developer is coming in to meet with John Criscuolo, EDC Director next week and this developer is being brought in by former First Selectman, John O’toole. Also John Criscuolo has contacted Mr. Spector and along with other business in the Silvermine Industrial Park.

ITEM # 9 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)

None at this time.

ITEM # 10 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:04 PM.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Denise Powell,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman