

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 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, Howard Simpson, Brian Koskelowski, and Al Yagovane.

- 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 Ordinance Public Hearing on 12/19/07.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second:** John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Roberta King) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/19/07.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** John Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Roberta King) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- The new 21 passenger Senior Bus was delivered today. The bus was a little over \$50,000 and \$25,000 of that was from the Katharine Matthies Foundation.
- The new windows are now being installed at the Community Center/Senior Center by Derby Glass. These were paid for by a \$25,000 Grant from the Katharine Matthies Foundation.
- The First Selectman has directed the Grants Coordinator to apply for three STEAP Grants. One is for \$500,000 for artificial turf for the Athletic Field at the High School, the second is for \$150,000 for repairs to the Sochrin Pond Dam, and the third is for \$150,000 for sidewalks that are in need of repair throughout town.
- Over the holiday the Fire Alarm System at the Community Center was going off. The company came in and discovered a faulty wire for the horn strobe in the gym. To fix this is \$3,350.00 to rewire and replace parts. This must be done due to the gym being used almost everyday of the week. The alarm company is Siemens, who also have an energy efficient program, which they will be presenting to the First Selectman within the next week.
- The Chatfield School Building Committee will be having their first meeting, which will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room. They will be reporting their progress to the Board of Selectmen periodically.

Public Comment:

- Gina McClain, 46 Squantuck Road: Member of the Seymour Kick-Off Club and would like to ask the Town to donate funds to go toward the

championship rings and plaque for the Wildcat Football Team Class SS who won the State Championship. She states that the boys have been raising money on their own and just last weekend have already raised \$2,200.00. They will also be having a pasta party to raise funds and they would like to know if the Town can give any amount to help these boys who have worked very hard all year for this accomplishment.

- Julie Hamilton, Oxford resident, President of the Seymour Kick-Off Club: Would also like to state that the boys on the football team work very hard for their achievements and are not out on the streets getting in trouble. They all keep their grades up and practice all year and she would really like for the kids to be recognized.

Motion to place the Seymour Kick-off Club's comments concerning recognition of the State Champion High School Football Team on the table.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

- The First Selectman spoke to the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Board of Education concerning the fund raising issue with the Football Team. He also spoke to Mayor Della Volpe in Ansonia, who used to be a football coach in Ansonia and since being Mayor has had approximately \$3,000 per year put in a fund for any winning athletic team in the city. He would like to give the Seymour Kick-off Club \$3,000 to go toward the boy's championship rings and plaque and be taken out of Contingency or Fund Balance, whichever the Board of Finance decides.
- The First Selectman and the rest of the Board members really like the idea of putting money in the budget each year for athletic teams that make achievements.

Motion to transfer \$3,000 from the Contingency or Fund Balance to be given to the Seymour Kick-off Club for rings and a plaque for the Seymour Wildcats Class SS 2007 State Champions and to go to the Board of Finance for approval.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 1 - Approve Ordinance Establishing a Special Fund Administered and Managed by the Inland Wetlands Commission.

ORDNANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND ADMINISTERED AND MANAGED BY THE INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a special fund to reimburse the Town in whole or in part for the cost of all aspects of reviewing and acting upon all applications to the Seymour Inland Wetlands Commission as further specified in Section 22a-42a (e), C.G.S., to include compliance and enforcement of any conditions of approval placed upon any wetlands permit.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

1. All application fees paid to the Seymour Inland Wetlands Commission.
2. All fines for wetland violations collected by the Seymour Inland Wetlands Commission.
3. Any income from investments of monies from this fund.

EXPENDITURES

1. The cost of any professional consultants hired to evaluate wetlands applications.
2. Reimbursement to the general fund in whole or in part for the salaries of Town employees related to the time required to process and review wetlands applications, including but not limited to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Town Engineer and Town Planner.
3. Cost of maintaining and monitoring of the storm drainage system associated with any project for which a wetlands permit has been issued and fees have been collected where it is shown that the lack of such maintenance is degrading wetlands and/ or watercourses. Expenditures for this purpose shall not exceed 10% of the total fees or fines collected for this project.
4. Cost to remediate damage to wetlands or watercourses caused by violations of the Inland Wetlands Regulations as specified in Sec 9.3 of such regulations.

CONTINUATION

This continuation of this fund shall be perpetual, notwithstanding that from time to time there may be no monies in this fund.

Motion to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Special Fund Administered and Managed by the Inland Wetlands Commission to go into affect in 21 days on Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

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

ITEM # 2 - Create Clerical position at Town Hall per section 7.2.(b) in the Town Charter.

This will be a clerical position for the new Economic Development Director and a floating position for all of the Town Hall Departments.

Motion to accept the job description for the Clerical Economic Development Department/Town Hall Floater as presented.

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

Motion to approve Resolution to create a Clerical position at Town Hall per Town Charter section 7.2. Specific Powers and Duties, sub-section (b).

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

ITEM # 3 - Set Ordinance Public Hearing for proposed Post-Construction Stormwater and Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinances and proposed changes to DIVISION 2. PURCHASING for Tuesday, January 15, 2008 @ 7:00 PM.

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

ITEM # 4 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$885.98.

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

ITEM # 5 - Transfers.
None at this time.

ITEM # 6 - Appointments.
None at this time.

ITEM # 7 - Correspondence.
- Check Registers.
- Police Accounts October through December. Seizure: balance \$35,435.95,
Enhancement: balance \$22,156.62, Community Policing: balance \$24,932.31.

ITEM # 8 - Other Business.
None at this time.

ITEM # 9 - Public Comment.
No Action Taken.

ITEM # 10 - Selectmen's Public Comment.
None at this time.

ITEM # 11 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)
None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM.
Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman