

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: Frank Conroy.

Others present: Trisha Danka, John Leon, and Al Yagovane.

- **The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:30 PM.**
- **Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **The First Selectman introduces new Selectwoman Annmarie Drugonis and congratulates everyone.**

Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes from 11/13/07.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Roberta King

**Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, John Conroy, Paul Roy) 0-No
2-Abstain (John Putorti and Annmarie Drugonis) 0-Disqualify**

First Selectman's Report:

- **The new CVS on Rte 67 and West Street plans are in front of Planning & Zoning. Also the Chief of Police, who is in charge of the safety of the Town roads, did not approve the entrance and exits that were in the plans due to a potential traffic problem. The Walgreen's project also needs to be approved.**
- **New name plates have been put up in the Norma Drummer Room for the Board of Finance Members and the Planning & Zoning members.**
- **The First Selectman was in Florida last week and everything went very smoothly in the office. He was in contact with the office daily.**
- **The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be 2 weeks on Wednesday, December 19, 2007.**

Public Comment:

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 1 - EMSOC Report.

The Board Members received a report from the EMSOC Chairperson, Irene Jecusco dated November 12, 2007. The report comments on the progress of the financial situation of the Seymour Ambulance Association. The report also mentions that EMSOC will be changing from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings. Selectman John Conroy comments that the cash balance stated seems very low and he would like a copy of the last audit report and financials.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 2 - Resolution for Day Street Bridge project.

Motion to have the First Selectman sign the resolution for the Day Bridge Project.

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

ITEM # 3 - Resolution for Regional Performance Incentive Grant.
This is a grant through the Valley Council of Governments for all of the Valley Towns/Cities for a total of \$112,375.00. This grant is to provide GIS (Geographical Information Science) databases and mapping online for the Valley Towns.

Motion to have the First Selectman sign the resolution for the Regional Performance Incentive Grant through the Valley Council of Governments to provide GIS Mapping Databases for all of the Valley Town's for a total of \$112,375.00.

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

ITEM # 4 - Discussion and possible action on Economic Development Director position.

A committee had been formed consisting of John Conroy Jr., Rosalie Averill, and the First Selectman to interview and choose a candidate for the Economic Development Director position that had been posted for the Town. The Committee interviewed four candidates and then narrowed it down to two. They checked references and discussed a check list of qualifications that they are looking at for the position. The Committee unanimously decided on one candidate due to having more municipal experience and a master's degree in public administration. This will be classified as a part-time position, but the candidate knows that at least to begin with, it will be full time hours. The Town will not have to provide benefits.

Motion to hire John Criscuolo as the Town of Seymour's Economic Development Director as a part-time position beginning the second week of January 2008.

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

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Robert J. Koskelowski as the representative for the Americans with Disabilities for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes (John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy)
0-No 1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Denise Powell as the First Selectman's Administrative Assistant for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Joseph Raiola as the Building Inspector for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to appoint Allen Rochelle as a Fire Commissioner for the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 1/7/09.

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

Motion to appoint Patrick Lombardi as a Fire Commissioner for a 3-year term expiring 12-4-10.

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

Motion to reappoint Alfred Yagovane to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Mr. Sam Wasko, who was to be reappointed tonight on the Memorial Day Parade Committee passed away this weekend. The First Selectman asks for a moment of silence to reflect on all of the wonderful work he had done in the community and for our service men and women and veterans over the years.

Motion to reappoint Tony Porter, Sr. to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint John Hatfield to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint James Principi to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Judy Principi to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Robert J. Koskelowski to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 5-Yes (John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy)
0-No 1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Tom Tkacz to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint David McWilliams to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint George Temple to the Memorial Day Parade Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis **Second: John Putorti**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to reappoint Paul Wetowitz as an Open Burning Official for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Thomas Eighmie as an Open Burning Official for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: Paul Roy **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to reappoint John Putorti to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: John Conroy **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy) **0-No** **1-Abstain (John Putorti)** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to appoint Paul Roy to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: John Conroy **Second: John Putorti**
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Annmarie Drugonis, John Putorti) **0-No** **1-Abstain (Paul Roy)** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to reappoint Robert J. Koskelowski to the Ordinance Committee for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: John Conroy **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**
Vote: 5-Yes (John Putorti, John Conroy, Roberta King, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy) **0-No** **1-Abstain (Robert J. Koskelowski)** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to reappoint Lucy McConologue as the Moderator for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Susan DeBarber to the Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring 12/1/08.

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

Motion to reappoint Esther Rozum to the Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring 12/1/08.

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

Motion to reappoint Day Pitney LLP as the Bonding Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Richard Bruchal as Special Town Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Richard Bruchal as WPCA Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint George Temple as Town Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Pomeranz, Drayton & Stabnick as Workman's Comp Attorneys for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Fasano, Ippolito & Lee, LLC as Land Use Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Durant Nichols Houston Hodgson as Labor Counsel for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Nafis & Young as Town Engineers for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint John Fedor as Treasurer for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Al Yagovane as Ordinance Hearing Officer for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Clifford Strumello to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Elaine Buckley to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/30/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Marjorie Childs to the EMS Oversight Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

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

Motion to appoint Dianne Ricciardi as an Alternate Member of the EMS Oversight Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/4/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Bill Stowe to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Robert Lang to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Brian Pisano to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Dominic Bellucci to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 12/5/09.

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

Motion to appoint John Leon to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

Motion: John Putorti Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis) 1-No (Paul Roy) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Robert Pagliaro to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

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

Motion to appoint John Putorti to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

Motion: Roberta King Second: John Conroy
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Putorti) 0-Disqualify

Motion to reappoint Sean Walsh to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Jon Szuch to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-year term expiring 9/7/10.

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

Motion to appoint John Chucta to the Board of Public Works for a 2-year term expiring 12/4/09.

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

Motion to appoint John Conroy Jr. as Deputy First Selectman for a 2-year term expiring 12/7/09.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: John Putorti
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy) 0-Disqualify

(The First Selectman thanks John Putorti for serving as Deputy First Selectman the last term and for all of his hard work.)

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$259.44.

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

ITEM # 7 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk Recording Fee's.
- Public Hearing notice for Inland Wetlands Fee Ordinance for Wednesday, December 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room.
- Approved 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.

ITEM # 9 - Other Business.

None at this time.

ITEM # 10 - Public Comment.

No action taken.

ITEM # 11 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

- John Putorti states that he felt the inauguration went very well. It was an honor to have the Lt. Governor Michael Fedele there to swear everyone in and George Temple did a great job as Master of Ceremonies.
- Robert J. Koskelowski states that everyone involved did a great job including Deirdre Caruso, Dianna Koskelowski, and Brian Koskelowski.
- Robert J. Koskelowski mentions that the Town Employees declined the invitation from the owner of Villa Bianca for a free Christmas party due to it not being proper to accept a gift like that. It was a very nice gesture.
- Robert J. Koskelowski also states that EDC Chairman Jon Szuch was upset about the letter that Ron Spector of Tri-Town Plaza sent that stated he never got any help or was not contacted by the Town. Mr. Szuch has over 60 emails to prove that the Town was in contact with Mr. Spector.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Personnel, Contract Negotiations)

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman