

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2007 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Others present:** Jason Weaving, Howard Simpson, Frank Loda, Alfred Yagovane, Melanie Kalako, Trisha Danka, Thomas Shutte, and John Leon.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:30 PM.
- Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion to approve Board of Selectmen minutes from 10/16/07.**

**Motion:** John Conroy                      **Second:** Paul Roy

**Vote:** 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Paul Roy)      0-No

1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)      0-Disqualify

**First Selectman's Report:**

- The First Selectman met with the engineering company hired by the State for the fish by pass project. They went to Planning & Zoning with the plans, which will go back to the State by December 31, 2007 and then they will be going out to bid for a contractor. Part of the project is to move the Skate Park to where ever the Town would like it to go and if it can not be moved the State will replace the park.
- On Thursday, November 8, 2007 there was a Planning & Zoning meeting and the trucking company and another company were submitting plans. The First Selectman was there and was disappointed that not one member of EDC was there, since this is about commercial development. He will be encouraging the members of EDC to be more active.
- At the December 4, 2007 Board of Selectmen meeting, hopefully the committee that interviewed the candidates for the Economic Development Director position will be able to make their recommendation to hire someone.
- The Christmas Parade will be Sunday, November 25, 2007 at 2:00 PM with a rain date of Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 2:00 PM.

**Public Comment: No Action Taken.**

**ITEM # 1 - Waive bidding for roof repairs at the Great Hill Fire House.**

**Motion to waive bidding for roof repairs at the Great Hill Fire House.**

**Motion:** Roberta King                      **Second:** Frank Conroy

**Vote:** 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 2 - Award roof repair contract to Nick's Roofing for Great Hill Fire House.**

**Motion to award roof repair contract for the roof at the Great Hill Fire House to Nick's Roofing for \$15,000.00, which is in the budget for this project.**

**Motion:** John Conroy                      **Second:** Roberta King

**Vote:** 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 3 - Award bid for Air Conditioning repair/replacement at Library to Oatley.**

**Motion to award bid for the air conditioning repair/replacement at the Library to Oatley for \$133,558.00, which is being funded by Grants and Town money.**

Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                                      0-No    0-Abstain                                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 4 - Discussion of Noise Meter by Police Department.**

Lt. Paul Satkowski of the Seymour Police Department is here to discuss the purchase of the Noise Meter. This will be paid for out of a Police Department account. The SoundPatrol DP 2200 Class 2 Integrating/Printing Noise Ordinance Enforcement Meter Kit including 4 hour training for \$2,971.00 using purchase order # 44477. The city of North Haven has this model and they are very happy with it. This model is also approved by the courts and DEP.  
No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 5 - Inland Wetlands Fee's Ordinance.**

**Ordinance Establishing a Special Fund Administered and Managed by the Inland Wetlands Commission.**

John Conroy, Sr., Wetlands Enforcement Officer explains the purpose of the above 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.

Motion to set a Public Hearing for the Ordinance Establishing a Special Fund Administered and Managed by the Inland Wetlands Commission for Wednesday, December 19, 2007 @ 7:00 PM.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                                      0-No    0-Abstain                                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 6 - Discussion of High School Athletic Complex.**

The First Selectman states that the High School Athletic/Football Field is in terrible condition due to overuse. He will meet with school officials to discuss what is going to happen with the field. There are no funds available at this time to repair the field, but the application for the STEAP Grant has been submitted to the State. The Bonding Commission just went through a week ago so the applications have not yet been reviewed, but hopefully by the end of the year we will have an answer. The First Selectman will direct the Grants Coordinator to actively seek recreation grants.  
No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 7 - Resolution for Seymour Father's Club.**

John Conroy, Jr. reads the resolution below for the record. The reason for this resolution is to keep outside vendors from selling food for profit. The Father's Club gives all proceeds back to the community through scholarships, etc., as well as maintaining the building for approximately 41 years now.

**Resolution Concerning the Seymour Father's Club  
Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen**

**WHEREAS**, the Seymour Father's Club is a non-profit, all volunteer organization organized to carry out the primary objective of direct financial support to Academics, Athletics, and the Arts at Seymour High School through donations to school activities, organizations, and scholarships;

**WHEREAS**, the Seymour Father's Club has, as its primary source of revenue, operated the field concession stand at the Seymour High School athletic complex for over thirty years;

**WHEREAS**, the Seymour Father's Club donates all net proceeds from its volunteer activities to organizations, events and activities related to Seymour High School;

**WHEREAS**, the Seymour Father's Club wishes to have its long standing concession stand rights and exclusivity re-affirmed by the Seymour Board of Selectmen.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Seymour Board of Selectman hereby resolves that the Seymour Father's Club shall continue to hold the sole and exclusive right to all food and beverage sales at all outdoor Seymour High School athletic events, including Pop Warner football games, held at or adjacent to the Seymour High School athletic field complex.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

**Motion to approve the above resolution for the Father's Club.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy**  
**Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 8 - Increase Veteran's Exemption from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.**

**Motion to increase the Veteran's Exemption from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00.**

**Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Roberta King**  
**Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Paul Roy)                      0-No**  
**1-Abstain (Frank Conroy)                      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 9 - 2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.**

**2008 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall @ 7:30 PM**  
**(All meetings are held on Tuesday's unless otherwise specified.)**

- January 2, 2008 (Wednesday)
- January 15, 2008
- February 5, 2008
- February 19, 2008
- March 4, 2008
- March 18, 2008
- April 1, 2008
- April 15, 2008
- May 6, 2008
- May 20, 2008
- June 3, 2008
- June 17, 2008
- July 8, 2008
- August 12, 2008
- September 2, 2008
- September 16, 2008
- October 7, 2008
- October 21, 2008
- November 18, 2008
- December 2, 2008
- December 17, 2008 (Wednesday)

**Motion to approve the above meeting schedule for the Board of Selectmen for 2008.**

**Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Paul Roy**

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 10 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$842.86.

Motion: John Conroy                      Second: Roberta King

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 11 - Transfers.**

None at this time.

**ITEM # 12 - Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Allen Rochelle to the Fire Commission for the remainder of a 3-year term replacing Ken Burns expiring 1/7/09.

Motion: Roberta King                      Second: John Conroy

\* Due to the Town Charter stating that no appointments shall be made between new administrations being sworn in.\*

Rescind Motion: Roberta King                      Rescind Second: John Conroy

(Note: Mr. Rochelle will be put on the appointment list for the December 4, 2007 Board of Selectmen meeting.)

**ITEM # 13 - Other Business.**

None at this time.

**ITEM # 14 - Correspondence.**

- Check Registers.
- Senior Bus purchase letter and contract copies.
- The First Selectman states that the owner of the Villa Bianca would like to extend an invitation to all Town employees and their spouses for a Christmas Party hosted by him at the Villa Bianca on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 and he would like to know if there are any objections by the Board members. Town Counsel believes that the First Selectman should submit a letter to the Board of Ethics to inquire if this is proper. The letter will be done first thing in the morning by the First Selectman's office.

**ITEM # 15 - Public Comment.**

No Action Taken.

**ITEM # 16 - Selectmen's Public Comments.**

John Conroy responds to a comment made concerning the athletic/football field at the High School. He explains that the Town could not have had sod put on the field due to the fact that sod would have to be put down in March/April to be ready for September. The sod needs that much time to take root. The Public Works Department did a great job arrogating and seeding the field and it looked great in September, but due to overuse it was ruined quickly.

Robert J. Koskelowski adds that the High School are the ones that schedule all of the games on the field, which include Pop Warner and Soccer. The First Selectman also mentions that he will be out of Town next week, but will be in constant contact with the office and Deputy First Selectman John Putorti will be available.

Frank Conroy states that the Navy Band played at the Great Hill United Methodist Church last month and there were not many in attendance. He would like to know if there is a way to get more people out to these events and possibly get rides for the seniors. This and other events are posted on the Town website, as well as around Town buildings and on the billboard at the

Community Center. The First Selectman will look into using the Senior Bus to transport seniors to more events. Mr. Conroy also feels that there weren't a lot of people in attendance at the Veteran's Day Ceremonies and only he and the First Selectman were there along with a lot of Girl Scouts and their families. The First Selectman states that he feels there were a lot of people there compared to years before and that the Girl Scouts collected food, money, and socks, underwear, tee-shirts, etc. for the VA Hospital in West Haven.

The First Selectman also mentions that Al Yagovane did a great job at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veteran's Ceremony along with the Police and Fire Departments at the Veteran's Memorial Park. They recognized a 21 year old soldier that just served 9 months overseas and is now going back for her 2<sup>nd</sup> tour.

The quarterly newspaper is being worked on right now and will contain a calendar of events for the Town.

ITEM # 17 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)  
None at this time.

ITEM # 18 - Adjournment.  
Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: John Conroy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman