

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 16, 2007 @ 8:00 P.M.
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Members absent: Frank Conroy, Jr.

Others present: John Leon, Trisha Danka, Brian Koskelowski, Rick Belden, Maryanne Mascolo, Chris Motasky, Tom Eighmie, Melanie Kalako, Jason Weaving, and T. Shutte.

Motion to approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen Meeting on October 2, 2007.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 5-Yes (Roberta King, John Putorti, Robert J. Koskelowski, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy, Jr.) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Minutes from Ordinance Public Hearing Meeting on October 2, 2007.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 5-Yes (Roberta King, John Putorti, Robert J. Koskelowski, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy) 0-No 1-Abstain (John Conroy, Jr.) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- **Road resurfacing is nearly complete O & G will complete the remainder of the roads in the next week or so. The Town is spending approximately \$365,000 on the road program this year.**
- **New Recreation Teen center opened Friday, October 12, 2007 at the Community Center. This will be for the Middle School Students. Information regarding hours and dates will be posted on Town Web Site.**

ITEM # 1 – Greenway Trail/Housatonic Valley Association.

Ron Skurat gave an update report on the Greenway Trail from Seymour Route 67 to Beacon Falls. Route 42 received a \$750,000 grant and Housatonic Valley Association and the Conservation Commission arranged within that grant to cover the Greenway Trail from Seymour to Beacon Falls. The grant will be used to analyze and determine where to put the Road and the Greenway Trail. This will take about 5 years with a ball park cost of 10 to 15 million dollars. Ron Skurat asked the Town if they would be willing to make a good will donation of \$5,000.00 per year towards the project until project is complete. The Boards recommendation is for Ron Skurat to put his request in writing to the Board of Finance during the budget process.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 2 – 98 Bank Street Fire Detection & Alarm System.

Motion to approve DuBaldo Security Systems, Inc for 98 Bank Street annual cost of the contract \$700.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 – Award bid for Rescue Truck for Fire Dept.

Motion to Waive Bid Bond requirement as was written in the specs for the check deposit requirement to allow the Bid Bond as required by Town Ordinance.

Motion: John Conroy, Jr.

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Astain

0-Disqualify

Motion to award the Bid for New Rescue Fire Truck on recommendations of Town Counsel and Fire Commission Committee.

Motion to award Bid to Chrism Fire for \$500,000.00

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Board of Education Administrators Contract.

Rick Belden from the Board of Education and Maryanne Mascolo, Seymour School Superintendent discussed the Board of Education Administrators Contract for July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 5 – Inland Wetland Fees.

Steve Plotkin Chairman for Inland and Wetlands Commission and John Conroy, Sr. Inland and Wetlands Enforcement Officer discussed the need to implement an Ordinance to establish a Wetland Protection Fund. New Ordinance for Inland and Wetland Protection Fund to be presented at next Board of Selectmen meeting.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 6 – Dedication Seymour Animal Shelter on Saturday, October 20, 2007 @ 11:00 A.M.

No Action Taken

ITEM # 7 – Dedication of Sochrin's Park on Sunday, October 28, 2007 @ 11:00 A.M.

No Action Taken

ITEM # 8 – Appointments.

Motion to re-appoint Ugo Zullo to the Board of Fire Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 11/16/10.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Conroy, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Nick Dota to the Housing Authority for a 4-year term expiring on 11/30/11.

Motion: John Putorti **Second: Clifford Strumello**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to re-appoint Gail Zullo to the Housing Authority for a 4-year term expiring on 11/30/11.

Motion: Clifford Strumello **Second: Paul Roy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to re-appoint Gail Catlin to Comcast Advisory Board for a 2-year term expiring on 10/16/09.

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

Motion to re-appoint Paul Tontini to Comcast Advisory Board for a 2-year term expiring on 10/16/09.

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

Motion to re-appoint Dan Della Volpe to Planning & Zoning for a 2-year term expiring on 11/14/09.

Motion: John Conroy, Jr. **Second: Paul Roy**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 9 – Tax Refund/Abatments.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds in the amount of \$233.71.

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

ITEM # 10 – Transfers.

Motion to transfer \$34,000.00 from Contingency account # 1-001-410-1950-530-872 to Library account # 1-001-410-1950-530-862 for Town’s portion of Library Building Air Conditioning unit replacement.

Motion: Clifford Strumello **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 11 – Correspondence.

- Check Register
- Copy of Letter to Chief Metzler regarding Noise Meter
- Police Enhancement Account Balance as of 9/14/07 - \$22,074.50
- Police Community Policing Account Balance as of 9/5/07 - \$25,037.46
- Police Seizure Account Balance as of 9/14/07 - \$35,304.62
- Town Buildings Energy Use Report
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ITEM # 12 – Other Business.

Motion to place Birm 1 on the table for consideration.

Motion: John Conroy, Jr.

Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Birm 1 was the contractor putting in the sidewalks for the Town. A property owner of a building on Main Street claimed Birm 1 had broken a section of her sewer pipe. Birm 1 fixed the section of pipe even though they did not damage the pipe with a cost around \$9,000.00. It was actually the property owner’s responsibility to repair the damage. Papers have been filed by the Town to recover fees from property owner. Birm 1 is asking for the following, retainage fee around \$3,900, cost of the sewer repair, with a total settlement of \$14,500.00.

Motion to approve settlement payment in the amount of \$14,500.00 from the Town to Birm 1.

Motion: John Conroy, Jr.

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation).

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 14 – Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 15 - Selectmen’s Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 16 – Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:50 P.M.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

**Denise Powell
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman**