

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Member absent: John Putorti.

Others present: Frank Loda, Trisha Danka, Howie Simpson, Lucy McConologue, Marco Gianotti, Thomas Shutte, Bob Potash, Melanie Kalako, John Leon, Amy Adamo, Angie Lydekser, Shane Sercombe, Jennifer Harkey, Rhonda Geffert, Chris Adamo, and Brian Koskelowski.

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

Motion to approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen from 9/4/07.

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

Discussion: Selectman Paul Roy points out that the minutes were very detailed and long. Selectman John Conroy agrees, but feels that more detail is better.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Bulk pickup will be the entire month of October. Call Public Works for an appointment.
- Looking for anyone interested in purchasing the old lever machines and submit a quote to the First Selectman's Office. This is on the website.
- Day Street Bridge Project should be starting in March 2008.
- Route 67 widening project with the Town, State and VCOG. Study done in 1991 and portions of Route 67 in Seymour have been recommended. West Street to Martha Street \$800,000.
- Recognition Day nominations in by October 1st. Recognition Day will be on the second week of October.
- Paving of roads and center lines: Mountain Road, Kozey Lane, section of Wakeley Street, section of Derby Avenue, Hickory Lane, Chestnut Street, West Street, Haddad Road, Silvermine Road, section of Bungay, Bungay & Botsford intersection, Progress & Silvermine intersection, Willow Street, section of Old Ansonia Road. Over 3 1/2 miles of roads as of this date have been done. Approximately \$140,000 has been spent on Mountain Road so far.
- Taking tours of schools with Superintendent Maryanne Mascolo and Board of Education Chairman Bruce Baker. Monday went to Anna LoPresti and Chatfield Schools.
- Attended Little League Banquet last Friday. The 9-10 year old girls won the State Championship.
- Opening of Seymour Animal Shelter in October we are just waiting on the signage.
- Doing drainage work on South Benham Road.
- Public Works in working on Sochrin's Park.

There was only one bid received for the 20 passenger shuttle bus for the Senior Center from:

CBS Bus Sales & Service \$53,495.00
735 Naugatuck Avenue
Milford, CT 06461

The Town has received \$25,000.00 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation. This bid will be turned over to the Town Counsel for review and recommendation back to the Board of Selectmen.

ITEM # 3 - Open bids for Air Conditioning system @ Library.

There was only one bid received for the air conditioning system at the Library from:

Oatley Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning Co. \$154,858.00
306 Oxford Road
Oxford, CT 06478

The Town has received approximately \$100,000.00 in grant moneys from the Katharine Matthies Foundation and the State of Connecticut. This bid will be turned over to the Town Counsel for review and recommendation back to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion to turn over the bid for the 20 passenger shuttle bus and the bid for the air conditioning system at the Library to Town Counsel for review and recommendations back to the Board of Selectmen for the next meeting on October 2, 2007.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Clifford Strumello
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Hire Custodian for Town Buildings starting date 9/24/07.

The present custodian has been a temp since March 2007. The other custodian recently resigned. This was the only internal application that was submitted.

Motion to hire Marco Gianotti as a permanent custodian for Town Buildings beginning 9/24/07.

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

ITEM # 5 - Mt. Auburn Master Economic Development Plan Report.

John Conroy has put together a list of some of the recommendations that are in the MEDP report. There are short term recommendations and long term recommendations.

- One of the recommendations is to form a transition team/committee that consists of at least 7 members, which will include some members of the original Steering Committee. They need multiple members from different backgrounds to accomplish all of the tasks listed in the MEDP Report. Bob would like to have names of people interested by the next meeting on October 2, 2007 so they can be appointed. The First Selectman, John Conroy, and Rosalie Averill are going to be conducting interviews this coming week for the new Economic Development Director position. When they choose a candidate

to hire that person will be working with the Transition Team/Committee. This Economic Development Director will also be the liaison to the State & Local Brownfield Programs.

- At least two times a year there should be a meeting with the Transition Team and the local business owners to see what they need or want.
- Possible re-zoning for the New Haven Copper Company to bring in business.

ITEM # 6 - Waive tax for George J. Hummel Little League.

Motion to waive the taxes in the amount of \$2,637.52 for George J. Hummel Little League.

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

ITEM # 7 - Appointments.

Motion to reappoint Judy Simpson to Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 10/4/10.

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

Motion to reappoint Anne Conroy to Culture & Arts Commission for a 3-year term expiring on 10/4/07.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy)
0-No 2-Abstain (John Conroy and Frank Conroy) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$656.78.

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

ITEM # 9 - Transfers.

Motion to place on the table Castles in the Park discussion.

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

Jennifer Harkey, Castles in the Park Committee passes out some information to the Board, which includes information on the raffle tickets that they will be selling at the Pumpkin Festival to raise money for the remainder of the project. The project has received \$50,000.00 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation. They need approximately \$7,292.00 for completion of the project.

Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 for the Castles in the Park project from the Contingency Acct# 10014101950530872 into Castles in the Park acct # 10014101950530862 to help Castles in the Park complete renovations. Any unused money will be returned to the Town. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

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

ITEM # 10 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.

ITEM # 11 - Other Business.

The First Selectman reminds everyone about the \$800,000.00 being secured for the widening project for Rte 67. The design should begin by the end of the year and construction will begin in 2008.

ITEM # 12 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

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

None at this time.

ITEM # 14 - Selectmen's Public Comments.

Paul Roy responds to a public comment about today being Constitution Day and that he is aware that it is Constitution Day because his son is doing a project in school.

ITEM # 15 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Motion: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

Second: Roberta King

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman