

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, August 14, 2007 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: John Conroy, Jr.

Others present: Frank Loda, Jesse Rallis, Joseph Marcinek, John Leon, Fred Stanek, MaryAnn Mascolo, Bob Potash, and Melanie Kalako.

- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30PM.

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen Meeting on 7/10/07.

Motion: Frank Conroy **Second:** Clifford Strumello

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

First Selectman's Report:

- Met with a member of the Sochrin family regarding possible improvements at the Sochrin's Pond Park. The family is interested in assisting the Town on ideas, as well as financially.
- The new Seymour Dog Kennel should be opened next week. The Building Inspector did the final inspection today. This is the first ever Dog Kennel for the Town of Seymour.
- The new Starbucks has opened on Route 67.
- Three developers have shown interest in the Town of Seymour. One has gone to Planning & Zoning to build a 52,000 square foot building at Silvermine Industrial Park. Another company is moving from Milford to the Silvermine Industrial Park.

ITEM # 1 - Open Bids for Cherry Street Wall.

Four bids were received in the First Selectman's Office before 3:00PM on August 14, 2007.

- 1) Trumbull Construction Company, Inc. from Ansonia, CT. \$49,030.00
- 2) Engineered Septic & Sewer LLC from Essex, CT. \$57,398.00
- 3) Cisco LLC from New Haven, CT. \$47,640.00
- 4) PJF Construction, Co. from West Hartford, CT. \$104,910.00

Motion to turn over the above bids to the Town Engineer for review and his recommendations by the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2007.

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

Motion to move item # 13 – Transfers up on the Agenda to item # 1a.
Motion: Clifford Strumello Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 1a – Transfers.

Motion to set Special Town Meeting date for Transfer of \$23,645.00 of Capital Funds to purchase a vehicle for Public Works for Tuesday, September 4, 2007 @ 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

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

Motion to Transfer \$11,000.00 for the Board of Education from Fund Balance acct 2001390000000000 into Board of Education acct 10014707110650800 for the purchase of 4 defibrillators for the three Elementary Schools and one for athletic events at the High School. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

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

Motion to go back in order on the Agenda to item # 2.

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

ITEM # 2 – Town of Seymour Bond Rating.

The Town of Seymour’s bond rating is the best in the history of the Town. It has gone from “GOOD” to “EXCELLENT” A- to A+.

ITEM # 3 – Town of Seymour Bond Rating & Note Sale.

The First Selectman, Finance Director, and Assistant Finance Director will be going to Moody’s on Wednesday, August 15, 2007. The Town has sold bonds compared to an “AAA” rating. There aren’t any new major projects that need to be bonded. Possibly the next major project that will need to be bonded will be an addition to one of the Elementary Schools.

ITEM # 4 – Approve STEAP Grant.

Motion to approve applying for the STEAP Grant for recreational use for approximately \$500,000.00.

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

ITEM # 5 – Katharine Matthies Grants applied for Awarded and not Awarded.

There were sixteen grants applied for and the Town of Seymour was awarded eleven of them for a total of \$166,070.45.

- 1) \$25,000.00 - Senior Center – Was Made to Support the Purchase of a 21 Passenger Van to Transport the Elderly.
- 2) \$50,000.00 - Castle’s in The Park – Was Made To Assist With the Funding & Reconstruction Revitalization at Gary Park.

- 3) \$25,000.00 - Community Center - Was Made to Purchase and Install New Windows in the Community Center.
- 4) \$35,000.00 - Library - Was Made to Assist With the Cost of Installing a New Air Conditioning System.
- 5) \$7,185.00 - Police Department Community Resource Division - Was Made to Support the Purchase of Family & Friends CPR Anytime Kits.
- 6) \$3,200.00 - Police Department Community Resource Division - Was Made To Support the Division of Youth Services' Children & Youth Police Academy Program.
- 7) \$5,000.00 - Seymour Land Trust -Was Made to Support the Development of a Community Park that Would Primarily Serve Senior Citizens and Individuals with Special Needs.
- 8) \$4,275.00 - Seymour Public Schools - Was Made to Support the Take a Stand Program Which Combats Underage Drinking & Driving.
- 9) \$3,000.00 - Seymour Tigers Pop Warner - Was Made to Support the Purchase of Safety Equipment for the Football Players.
- 10) \$3,000.00 - Seymour Babe Ruth League, Inc. - Was made to support the purchase of Baseball Equipment.
- 11) \$5,410.45 -Seymour Fire Dept - Was Made to Support the purchase of New Furniture for the Fire Department's Training Room.

Katharine Matthies Grants Not Awarded.

- 1) Seymour High School - Was Not Awarded a Grant to Support the Installation of Artificial Turf at Seymour High School.
- 2) Seymour Fire Dept - Was Not Awarded a Grant to Support the Purchase of a New Commander/Staff Vehicle.
- 3) Seymour Emergency Management Committee - Was Not Awarded a Grant to Support the Purchase of a Reverse 911 Interactive Community Notification System.
- 4) Town of Seymour - Was Not Awarded a Grant to Support the Installation of Security Cameras at Various Parks Through Out the Town.
- 5) Naugatuck Valley Health - Was Not Awarded a Grant to Support the Upgrade of the Heating System.

ITEM # 6 - Possible CL&P Rate Increase.

The Board members are given a letter concerning a possible rate increase from CL&P. The First Selectman will be sending a letter to the DPUC objecting to this.

ITEM # 7 - Set Special Town Meeting date for transfer of Capital Funds to purchase a vehicle for Public Works for Tuesday, September 4, 2007 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Done under item # 1a.

ITEM # 8 - Hire Assistant Head Librarian.

The current Assistant Head Librarian is retiring and the First Selectman, Head Librarian, and Assistant Head Librarian interviewed a current employee at the

Library and have recommended that the Town hire the current Adult Services Librarian, MaryAnn Magda for the Assistant Head Librarian position.

Motion to hire MaryAnn Magda as the new Assistant Head Librarian starting on September 18, 2007.

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

ITEM # 9 - Continuation of Contract for Replacement of Windows at Community Center with Derby Glass.

The Katharine Matthies Foundation gave the Community Center a \$25,000.00 grant for the replacement of the windows at the Community Center/Senior Center. Derby Glass replaced some of the windows with the Katharine Matthies grant that was received last year for the same amount. They have given us the quote for the continuation of the contract for this year in the amount of \$23,950.00.

Motion to continue the contract with Derby Glass for the replacement of windows in the Community/Senior Center with Grant money received from the Katharine Matthies Foundation for \$23,950.00.

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

ITEM # 10 - Go out to bid for Senior Van.

The Senior Center received a grant for \$25,000.00 from the Katharine Matthies Foundation towards the purchase of a 21 passenger van. The Senior Center also requested \$25,000.00 from the Capital Equipment Fund. They would like to go out to bid to get a new van.

Motion to go out to bid to purchase a new 21 passenger van for the Senior Center and have the bids come into the First Selectman's Office on September 18, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

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

ITEM # 11 - Go out to Bid for Air Conditioning for Library.

The Town has approximately \$100,000.00 in grant money for this project.

Motion to go out to bid for a new air conditioning system at the Library and have the bids come in on September 18, 2007 at 4:00 PM in the First Selectman's Office.

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

ITEM # 12 - Proclamation for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Motion to accept the proclamation from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for the month of September 2007 to be Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month in the Town of Seymour.

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

ITEM # 13 - Transfers.
Done on item # 1a.

ITEM # 14 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$19,118.35.

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

ITEM # 15 - Appointments.
Motion to appoint Marjorie Childs as a regular member of the EMS Oversight Commission for the remainder of a two year term expiring 12/3/07.

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

Motion to reappoint Clifford Strumello to the Regional Planning Committee for a four year term expiring on 8/20/10.

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

Motion to appoint Nicolette O'Toole as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate for a four year term expiring 8/14/11.

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

Motion to reappoint Frank Misiewicz to the Aging Commission for a two year term expiring 8/2/09.

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

Motion to reappoint Paul Behuniak to the Lake Housatonic Authority for a three year term expiring 5/18/10.

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

Motion to reappoint Robert Kezelevich to the Aging Commission for a two year term expiring 5/31/09.

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

ITEM # 16 - Correspondence.
- Check Registers.

ITEM # 17 - Other Business.
The EMS Oversight Commission met on Thursday, August 9, 2007 with the Seymour Ambulance Association members and the Finance Director Doug Thomas to go over the SAA Audit. The Town did not receive a copy of the audit. There was no management letter attached to the audit. The EMSOC members and the Finance

Director requested the management letter and were refused by the SAA Board of Directors member and the Executive Director of SAA. The First Selectman reminds the Board of Selectmen about the FOI complaint filed and won by Joanne Pelton of the New Haven Register against the SAA in 1993 for not disclosing documentation. The First Selectman will be sending a FOI request for the management letter on behalf of the Town.

The Board of Selectmen will be going back to two meetings per month in September.

One of the Town Buildings Custodians has resigned after approximately 5 years of service. Currently there is someone temping in that position. The First Selectman's Office is accepting applications from within for this position.

ITEM # 18 - Public Comment.
No Action Taken.

ITEM # 19 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)
None at this time.

ITEM # 20 - Selectmen's Public Comments.
Clifford Strumello - Has a seminar pamphlet regarding Regional Planning for all Land Use Boards. The First Selectman's Office will be distributing them.

John Putorti - Happy to be back in the United States from his business trip in China.

ITEM # 21 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman