

MINUTES
Board of Selectman Meeting
Tuesday, April 3, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour

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

Others present: Alfred R. Yagovane, Howard Simpson, Michele Pavlik, Trish Danka, Brian Koskelowski, and John Leon.

- **The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.**
- **Everyone Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motion to approve minutes of the Ordinance Committee Meeting from March 20, 2007.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Robert J. Koskelowski (stepped down as chair)

Vote: 2-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski stepped back up to Chair) 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes of the Board of Selectman Meeting from March 20, 2007.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 6-Yes (John Conroy, Clifford Strumello, Roberta King, Robert J. Koskelowski, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Yashu Putorti) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- **Special Town Meeting on April 3, 2007 @ 6:30 PM held at the Community Center to discuss the Artificial Turf Project will go to a Paper Ballot Vote on April 10, 2007 from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- **Public Works will clean and put in plantings in areas of West Church and West St, Intersection of Old Ansonia Rd and Maple St, RTE 67 and along Main St.**
- **Channel 3 News interviewed Robert J. Koskelowski regarding the Blight-Ordinance.**
- **Budget is set to go to a Budget Hearing on April 9, 2007 @ 7:00PM @ the Seymour Middle School. People will be able to comment on what the Board of Finance has proposed just a little over 1.1 Mil increase. After Budget hearing it will be reconvened and make adjustments if necessary on the Budget. Hopefully we will have the Annual Budget Meeting on April 26, 2007 and first Budget vote in the first week of May.**

ITEM # 1- Fish By Pass.

Update: Olin Corp contacted Attorney Fred Stanek who is presently doing the Title Search on the property. Olin Corp has notified the Town of Seymour it is interested in donating land for the Fish By-Pass. First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski did contact the State and they are very excited about it and they still have funds available to do the Fish By-Pass. This has been nine years into this project. Public Works has been asked to clean out and level the new area to move the Skate Park to if the Fish Ladder is to be built. New Haven Copper officially closed last week and they are in the process of cleaning out the factory. There are at least three developers interested in that property.

ITEM # 2- Open bids for surplus vehicle for Public Works take action on awarding bid.

The First Selectman's office received four bids for a used surplus vehicle, 1994 Ford F350 Mason Dump Truck, 4 Wheel Drive, Snow Plow, 83,500 Miles sold as is. Bids opened by Yashu Putorti and bids received were as follows:

- Liberty Motors Inc in the amount of \$1,212.99**
- Mike Balko in the amount of \$1,022.00**
- Robert Falbo in the amount of \$1,510.00**
- John Knopick in the amount of \$1,188.08**

Motion to award bid to purchase 1994 Ford F350 Mason Dump Truck, 4 Wheel Drive, Snowplow, 83,500 Miles sold as is to Robert Falbo for \$1,510.00.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3- Request to waive bidding on Backhoe for Public Works Dept and approve purchase of Backhoe.

Motion to waive bidding on Backhoe for Public Works Dept.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Public Works Dept to purchase 1997 John Deere rubber tire Backhoe, 310 SE, Turbo 4X4 3000 hours with fully enclosed cab with lights, heat, wipers, in the amount of \$33,000.00. Public Works Mechanic States Backhoe is in excellent condition.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table LOCIP 2007.

Motion approved to place on the table LOCIP 2007.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-N0 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

LOCIP money for 2007 is in the amount of \$115,846.00. Recommendation from First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski is for the Public Works Dept to resurface the following roads, Chestnut St, a section of Derby Ave, a section of Silvermine Rd, a section of Bungay Rd, Wakeley St, Hickory Lane, South Benham, and a section of Mountain Rd.

Motion to approve LOCIP money for 2007 in the amount of \$115,846.00 to be used for above roads to be resurfaced this year.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4- Resolution for Lake Housatonic Authority.

Motion to accept the Resolution for Lake Housatonic Authority to have municipalities along Lake Housatonic officially designate LHA as the entity that shall be required to provide approval or denial of marine events does not in any way represent a change from the prior established practice and does not increase liability upon the municipality by the current level.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5-Amend Motion from March 20, 2007 from Machine to Paper Ballot Vote (Recommended by Registrar of Voters).

Motion to rescind Motion from March 20, 2007 from Machine to Paper Ballot Vote (Recommended by Registrar of Voters) on April 10, 2007 @ Community Center Gymnasium @ 12:00 PM through 8:00 PM to vote on Artificial Turf Project.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to have a Paper Ballot Vote on Tuesday, April 10, 2007 from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Community Center Gymnasium on the Artificial Turf Project.

Paper Ballot Vote is recommended by the Registrar of Voters due to the lower cost.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6-Rescind Motion from March 20, 2007 for recommended 2.99% salary increase for non-union employees.

Motion to rescind Motion to approve salary increase for non-union employee's Finance Director, Head Librarian, Building Inspector, Assistant Building Inspector Position, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Public Works Director effective July 1, 2007 from March 20, 2007 Board of Selectman Meeting.

Motion: Clifford Strumello Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7-Take possible action on recommended 2.99% salary increase for non-union employee's effective July 1, 2007.

Motion to have First Selectman/Personnel Director give up to 2.99% salary increase for non-union employee's, which include Finance Director, Head Librarian, Building Inspector, Assistant Building Inspector Position, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Public Works Director effective July 1, 2007 and report to Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8-Approve Farmers Market for 2007 season.

Motion to Approve Farmers Market for 2007 season @ the Seymour Community Center every Tuesday from 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM from May 15, 2007 through November 6, 2007, subject to change if Town business arises.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Meeting recessed @ 8:00 PM to go in to Anti-Blight Ordinance Public Hearing.

Motion to recess Board of Selectman Meeting @ 8:00 PM for the Public Hearing on the Anti-Blight Ordinance:

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of Anti-Blight Ordinance Public Hearing Meeting @ 8:03 PM and come back into Board of Selectman Meeting:

Motion: John Conroy Second Frank Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9-Approve National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

Motion to approve National Day of Prayer Proclamation for Thursday, May 3, 2007 @ 12:00 PM @ Town Hall.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10-Act on proposed changes on Anti-Blight Ordinance.

Board of Selectman will vote on changes to Anti-Blight Ordinance at the next Board of Selectman meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 @ 7:30 PM @ Town Hall.

ITEM # 11-Appointments.

Motion to appoint Walter Woods to Assistant Building Inspector for a 2-year term expiring March 1, 2009.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint William Paecht to Board of Finance for a term expiring on November 6, 2007.

Motion: Clifford Strumello Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Marjorie Childs to EMS Oversight Commission Alternate for a 2-year term expiring on April 3, 2009.

Motion: Clifford Strumello Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 12-Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13-Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,027.44.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Clifford Strumello

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14-Other Business.

(14a) Check Register.

(14b) Cancellation Notice for The Board of Selectman Meeting Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

(14c) Memorandum from VCOG regarding Traffic Signal at RT 67 and Mountain Rd, State Project No. 174-0300.

(14d) Eagle Scout Leadership Project.

(14e) The Housing Authority of the Town of Seymour Open House Invitation @ Smithfield Gardens Assisted Living on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

(14f) FOI letter request from Frank F. Marcuocio, III.

ITEM # 15-Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations, Personnel)

None at this time.

ITEM # 16-Public Comment.

No action taken.

ITEM # 17-Selectman's Comments.

- Frank Conroy discussed with the warmer weather the housing development mining operation on Skokorat Rd in Beacon Falls, will increase the truck activity and scales may need to be brought back.
- Clifford Strumello discussed his concerns regarding the use of ATV's & Dirt Bikes on Town property and the erosion this is causing to the land. Possibly The Conservation Commission should take charge of ATV and Dirt Bike usage.
- Town Counsel George Temple stated he is in the process of working on an Ordinance regarding the use of ATV's and Dirt Bikes.
- John Conroy and Yashu Putorti are working on the Grants.
- Police Dept Division of Youth Services will be creating the first of its kind a Youth and Junior Police Academy geared towards youths in 6th – 11th grades.

ITEM # 18-Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:52 PM.

Motion: Clifford Strumello Second: Yashu Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

**Denise Powell,
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman**