

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2007 @ 7:30 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Not present: Yashu Purtorti.**

**Others present: Jesse Rallis, Melanie Kalako, Howard Simpson, Michele Pavlik, Alfred Yagavane, Frank Loda, John Leon, Rhonda Geffert, Jennifer Harkey, Joseph Marcinek, Scott Andrews, Trisha Danka, and Brian Koskelowski.**

- **First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:32 PM.**
- **Everyone Salutes the Flag and States the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Meeting on 3/06/07.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: Clifford Strumello**

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

**Motion to approve minutes from Joint Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Parks Commission meeting on 3/13/07.**

**Motion: Clifford Strumello**

**Second: Paul Roy**

**Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Frank Conroy, Paul Roy, Clifford Strumello)**

**0-No 2-Abstain (Roberta King & John Conroy) 0-Disqualify**

**First Selectman's Report:**

- **Hopefully next year the Anna Lopresti playground can be revitalized. The First Selectman will meet with PTA**
- **Public works worked 28 hours Fri 7:00 AM – Sat 12:00 noon during storm and were working to clear school areas today and yesterday.**
- **Middle School EDC meeting Video and Survey went well. Video is available to residents at the Seymour Public Library.**
- **Today I visited Chatfield School Third Grade to discuss the difference between City and Town Government.**
- **Last week on Tuesday & Wednesday the second grade class from Pendergrast School in Ansonia and Bungay School visited the City Hall in Ansonia and the Town Hall in Seymour.**
- **Will continue to look at future projects for Seymour**
- **Interviewing for temp Custodian.**
- **Working on Grant Applications with the Grants Coordinator.**

**ITEM # 1 – Request from the Emergency Management Committee to waive bidding of the FutureCom Transportable Repeater.**

**Motion to waive bidding on the FutureCom Transportable Repeater.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: John Conroy**

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

**ITEM # 2 - Request from the Emergency Management Committee to Purchase FutureCom Transportable Repeater.**



**ITEM # 8 – Take possible action on recommended 2.99% salary increase for non-union employee’s Finance Director, Head Librarian, Building Inspector, Assistant Officer’s and Public Works Director effective July 1, 2007.**

**Motion to approve salary increases for non-union employee’s Finance Director, Head Librarian, Building Inspector, Assistant Officer’s and Public Works Director effective July 1, 2007.**

**Motion: Clifford Strumello**

**Second: Paul Roy**

**Vote: 3-Yes (Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy, Robert J. Koskelowski)**

**1-No (Roberta King)**

**2-Abstain (John Conroy & Frank Conroy)**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 9 –Request from Public Works to go to bid to sell 1994 Ford F350 surplus vehicle.**

**Motion to go out to bid to sell the 1994 Ford F350 Public Works surplus vehicle as is.**

**Motion: Frank Conroy**

**Second: Clifford Strumello**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 10 – Act on if no action can be taken at the April 3, 2007 Town meeting the Board of Selectmen will meet in the Norma Drummer Room at Seymour Town Hall for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:30 PM.**

**Motion to have Board of Selectmen regular meeting @ 7:30PM on 4/3/07 Norma Drummer Room Town Hall.**

**Motion: Roberta King**

**Second: Clifford Strumello**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**10(a) – Motion to place on table resolution for High School Athletic Field.**

**Motion: Roberta King**

**Second: Clifford Strumello**

**Resolution of Board of Selectmen High School Athletic Field project initiating Adjourned Town Meeting State Statute 7.7.**

**Motion to approve the following resolution for the High School Athletic Field**

**Improvements Project machine vote to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007 12:00 noon through 8:00 PM at the Community Center 20 Pine Street.**

#### **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**High School Athletic Field Improvements Project – Initiating Adjourned Town Meeting  
Referendum Vote  
(March 20, 2007)**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen have called a special town meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Seymour Community Center to act upon a resolution with respect to an appropriation of \$825,000 for costs with respect to improvements to the Seymour High School athletic field;**

**NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that, in accordance with Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 13.1 of the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby designates such resolution for submission to vote upon voting machines or paper ballots in the manner provided by said Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The referendum shall be held on Tuesday on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., in the absence of a determination by the Town Meeting of an alternative referendum date. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote at the following polling place(s): Community Center Gymnasium at 20 Pine Street in Seymour. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s**

office. The resolution will be placed on the voting machines or paper ballots under the following heading:

**“SHALL THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATE \$825,000 FOR THE SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?”**

Voters approving the resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing the resolution will vote “No.”

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

**ITEM # 11 – Appointments.**

**Motion to re-appoint Keith Mitchell as the Town Arborist for a 1-year term expiring on 3/31/08.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Concetta Criscuolo to the Commission on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 3/31/09.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Virginia Dota to the Commission on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 3/31/09.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Helen Sherwinsky to the Commission on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 3/31/09.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Ellen Steinbrick as the Certifier of Land Records for a 2-year term expiring 12/1/08.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Ken Burns to the Communication Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Paul Haluschak, Jr. to the Communication Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Thomas Eighmie to the Communication Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint William Jarvis to the Communication Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Bill Paecht to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2-year term expiring 2/3/09.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Bill Paecht to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 2/25/09.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Howard Simpson as an Alternate on the Regional Planning Committee for a 4-year term expiring 12/3/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Ian Johnson to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Rosalie Averill to the Economic Development Commission for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/10.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Theresa Conroy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-year term expiring 2/1/11.**

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

**Motion to re-appoint Philip Wilhelmy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-year term expiring 2/1/11.**

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

**Motion to appoint John Conroy, Jr. and Yashu Putorti to the Matthies Grants Committee for a 9-month term expiring 12/3/07.**

**Motion: Roberta King** **Second: Clifford Strumello**

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

**ITEM # 12 – Transfers.**

**Motion to transfer \$ 20,000.00 from Public Works Overtime Snowplowing account 1-001-430-3110-570-131 into Repairs & Maintenance account 1-001-430-3110-570-430 \$ 5,000.00, Highway Materials account 1-001-430-3120-575-600 \$ 5,000.00, & Gasoline account \$ 10,000.00 to cover repairs, maintenance, highway materials & gasoline costs for the next three months of the fiscal year. There are no bids, invoices or other documentation to substantiate these expected costs. The amounts are estimated by the Director based on prior experience.**

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

**ITEM # 13 – Tax Refunds/Abatements**

**Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$ 73.12.**

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

**ITEM # 14 – Eagle Scout Leadership project.**

**Frank Conroy discusses the land was donated to the Seymour Land Trust by James Toth located at 178 Roosevelt Dr. Seymour, CT. The Land Trust named the land, Toth Mountain Park. The Land Trust has not been able to use the land and it has become over grown and unfeasible. The Eagle Scouts will clear ground brush, move park sign, clear fallen trees, rake out and clearing parking area, plant shrubbery and lay down mulch. It will be for use of Seymour residents and others to enjoy the outdoors.**

**Motion to approve Eagle Scout project @ Toth Mountain Park at 178 Roosevelt Dr Seymour, CT if all safety precautions are taken.**

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

**ITEM # 15 – Correspondence.**

**- Check registers**

**ITEM # 16 – Other Business**

**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 17 – Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations, Personnel).**

**None at this time.**

**ITEM # 18 – Public Comment**

**No action taken.**

**ITEM # 19 – Selectmen’s comments.**

**First Selectmen Robert J. Koskelowski said that the Residents have the right to make a decision by coming out to vote in regards to the High School Athletic Field.**

**ITEM # 20 – Adjournment.**  
**Motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM.**  
**Motion: Clifford Strumello**  
**Vote: 6-Yes                    0-No**

**Second: John Conroy**  
**0-Abstain                    0-Disqualify**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Reviewed by,**

**Denise Powell,**  
**Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,**  
**First Selectman**