## **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 1-Abstain (Paul Roy) 0-Disqualify **Conroy**) 0-No

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-Disgualify** 

**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 vesterday.
- 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 C	Conroy	Second: J	John Conroy
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify

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

Motion to award bid to Utility Communications, Inc. for the FutureCom Repeater for a<br/>total of \$ 11,984.00 which will be taken from the Homeland Security Account.Motion: Frank ConroySecond: Roberta KingVote: 6-Yes0-No0-AbstainTom Eighmie discusses equipment.0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 – Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting per Town Charter Chapter 13s 13.1.(e). No action taken.

ITEM # 4 – Request from the Castles in the Park Committee to waive bidding for the purchase of playground equipment from Premier Park & Play. Motion to waive bidding on playground equipment for the Castles in the Park and to award the project and purchase to Premier Park & Play from Newton, MA. The Committee stated that they felt it was the best price for the type of equipment needed. Second: John Conrov **Motion: Paul Rov** Vote: 6-Yes 0-No **0-Abstain 0-Disgualify** 4(a) – Motion to place on the table proposal from Jachimowski Construction for completion of Bunkroom at 4 Wakeley Street Building. Motion: Roberta King Second: Clifford Strumello Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** 0-Abstain **0-Disgualify** Motion to approve proposal for Jachimowski Construction to complete the construction of the Bunkroom area at 4 Wakeley Street Seymour, CT in the amount of \$ 76,000.00. **Motion: John Conrov** Second: Frank Conrov Vote: 6-Yes 0-No **0-Disgualify 0-Abstain** 

ITEM # 5 – Discussion and take possible action on lease for Ambulance Building at 4 Wakely Street between the Town of Seymour and Seymour Ambulance Association. Town Counsel George Temple discusses new Lease on building. Wants Lease tied into Contract. If Ambulance contract expires then Lease expires. Old Lease ceases to exist due to SAA not getting \$ 500,000.00 for renovations, which was in terms of original Lease. The only difference is the SAA will be required to pay the utilities. Bob Koskelowski would like to make changes to Maintenance Costs on Page 2 section B of the Lease to have the Town be responsible for building maintenance since this is a Town Building. The First Selectman would also like to schedule a meeting with SAA Directors to discuss and negotiate Lease.

Motion to table this and arrange a meeting with Board of Selectmen and SAA Board ofDirectors for next week to have for the next Board of Selectmen meeting on April 3, 2007.Motion: Roberta KingSecond: Paul RoyVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Act on changes to Anti-Blight Ordinance. No action taken.

ITEM # 7 – Set Public Hearing for changes to the Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, April3, 2007 @ 8:00 PM in Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall.Motion to set Public Hearing for changes to the Anti-Blight Ordinance for Tuesday, April13, 2007 @ 8:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room @ Town Hall.Motion: John ConroySecond: Paul RoyVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-Disqualify

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 StrumelloSecond: Paul RoyVote: 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 ConroySecond: Clifford StrumelloVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-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 KingSecond: Clifford StrumelloResolution of Board of Selectmen High School Athletic Field project initiating AdjournedTown 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.				
<b>Motion: John Conroy</b>	7	Second: Paul Roy		
	Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy, Frank			
Conroy) 1-No (				
Motion to re-appoint Concetta Criscuolo to the Commission on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 3/31/09.				
Motion: Paul Roy	0.11	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.				
<b>Motion: John Conroy</b>	7	Second: Clifford Strue	mello	
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		mello		
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	,y 0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify	
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expiring 3/31/10.		e Communication Com	mission for a 3-year term	
Motion: Roberta Kin		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	

term expiring 3/31/10		nie to the Communicati	on Commission for a 3-year	
Motion: Paul Roy		Second: Roberta King		
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify	
Motion to re-appoint expiring 3/31/10.	William Jarvis	to the Communication	Commission for a 3-year term	
Motion: Roberta Kin	g	Second: Paul Roy		
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify	
expiring 2/3/09.	Bill Paecht to t	0 0	Commission for a 2-year term	
Motion: Paul Roy		Second: Fran		
Vote: 5-Yes (Robert - 0-No	,	John Conroy, Roberta lifford Strumello)0-Dis	n King, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) qualify	
Motion to re-appoint Bill Paecht to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring 2/25/09.				
Motion: Clifford Stru	umello	Second: Paul	l 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 Kin	0	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 Conrog		Second: Frank Conr	·	
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 Str		
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	0-Disqualify	
expiring 2/1/11.	Theresa Conro		of Appeals for a 4-year term	
Motion: Paul Roy		Second: Clifford Str	umello	
Vote: 4-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy)				
0-No	2-Abstain (Jo	hn Conroy, Frank Cor	nroy) 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	
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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 Kin	g	Second: Clifford Str	umello	

Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Roberta King, Clifford Strumello, Paul Roy, FrankConroy)0-No1-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-Disqaulify

ITEM # 13 – Tax Refunds/Abatements

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$ 73.12.Motion: Clifford StrumelloSecond: Roberta KingVote: 6-Yes0-No0-Abstain0-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 DrSeymour, CT if all safety precautions are taken.Motion: John ConroySecond: Clifford StrumelloVote: 5-Yes (John Conroy, Clifford Strumello, Roberta King, Robert J. Koskelowski, PaulRoy)0-No1-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