

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2006 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Thomas Eighmie, Paul Wetowitz, Melanie Kalako, Alfred Yagovane, Frank Loda, Tom Burns, Alex Danka, John Leon, Trish Danka, Michele Pavlik, and Scott Andrews.

- **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **The meeting was opened at 7:38 PM.**

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 12/5/06.

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

First Selectman's Report:

- **The First Selectman received a call from the State D.O.T. with the results of the skid test near exit 22. They are putting up six signs to caution drivers of the dangerous corner and if resurfacing needs to be done they will have to wait until the spring.**

ITEM # 1 - Residents concerns regarding proposed Allstate Truck Driving School. Brian Barrett, 272 Pearl Street: The residents that live in the Pearl Street area near the proposed truck driving school would like the help of the town to make sure that this project does not happen. They sight health and safety issues and would like the Board of Selectmen to endorse the rejection of this project for Planning & Zoning. They would also like to use town resources such as Town Counsel and the Town Engineer.

The First Selectman explains that although the Board of Selectmen agrees that the trucking school should not be put in that area, they cannot endorse a rejection as a Board due to being the appointing board. They can however go to the Planning & Zoning meeting individually as residents and discuss their objections. The First Selectman can also speak as an ex-officio member of the Commission. Several residents make public statements about their rejections. There are no supporters of this project present.

Recess at 8:20 PM. Out of Recess at 8:25 PM.

ITEM # 2 - Acceptance of Blueberry Lane.

The Planning & Zoning Commission has accepted Blueberry Lane as a town road. Motion to accept Blueberry Lane as a town road and contact Public Works, the Post Office, the recycling company, and the garbage company.

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

ITEM # 3 - EDC preliminary presentation on questionnaire.

Motion to table until EDC Chairman arrives from the EDC meeting.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Fire Department request to purchase three thermal imaging cameras.

The Fire Department would like to purchase three thermal imaging cameras off of the State Bid List. They are MSA 5200HD2, which will cost a total of \$26,847.93 and \$23,800 will come from a grant from the Katharine Matthies Foundation and the balance will come from the Fire Departments operating budget.

Motion to waive the bidding on three thermal imaging cameras for the Fire Department from the State Bid List, which they feel is a more reasonable price then going out to bid.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to have the Fire Department purchase three thermal imaging cameras MSA 5200HD2 for a total cost of \$26,847.93 of which \$23,800 will be from a Katharine Matthies Grant and the balance from the Fire Department operating budget from the State Bid List.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Yashu Putorti

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Ambulance Building Monitoring System.

A fire alarm monitoring system is needed in the 4 Wakley Street Ambulance Building. The Fire Marshal has recommended Sonitrol, which do the rest of the town buildings for \$414.00 installed and \$40 per month for 5 years.

Motion to approve installing a fire alarm monitoring system at the ambulance building at 4 Wakley Street for \$414.00 installed and \$40.00 per month fee by Sonitrol for a 5 year contract.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Modify fee schedule for Fire Marshal's Office.

The fee schedule has been modified to include buildings that are over 50,000 square feet in space, which is not currently on the list. It is only stated as 20,000 or over.

Motion to approve the modifications to the Fire Marshal's Office fee schedule to include building spaces of 50,000 square feet and over as presented by the Fire Marshal. This should also be revisited annually.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Proclamation for the American Heart Association.

Motion to approve proclamation for "Wear Red Day for Women", which will be on February 2, 2007 for cardiovascular disease and stroke victims in Connecticut.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: John Conroy

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

Motion to place item # 3 - EDC preliminary presentation on questionnaires back on the table.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Roberta King

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

Jon Szuch, Chairman of the EDC explains that the EDC had sent out 7,400 questionnaires and have received approximately 26% of them back. The EDC have gone through them and will provide a written report to the Board of Selectmen with their findings. He also discusses all of the work that the EDC has been doing for the town including the DVD/Town Video, the Master Economic Development Plan and the questionnaires. The Board gives its appreciation of all of their hard work.

Motion to go back in order on the Agenda to Item # 8.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Yashu Putorti

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

ITEM # 8 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Yashu Putorti as Deputy First Selectman for a 2-year term expiring 12/3/07.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Frank Conroy

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

Motion to reappoint Peter Jezierny to the Conservation Commission for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/10.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti

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

Motion to reappoint John Hatfield to the Conservation Commission for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/10.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Paul Roy

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

Motion to reappoint Ron Skurat to the Conservation Commission for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/10.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: John Conroy

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

Motion to reappoint Joe LaRovera as the Animal Control Officer for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/07.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Paul Roy

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

Motion to reappoint Alissa Lee as the Assistant Animal Control Officer for a 1-year term expiring 12/31/07.

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

Motion to appoint Trisha Danka on the MEDP Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring 11/14/07.

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

Motion to appoint James Simpson on the MEDP Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring 11/14/07.

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

Motion to appoint Robin Imbrogno-Greenfield on the MEDP Steering Committee for a 1-year term expiring 11/14/07.

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

Motion to reappoint Debra Zotti to the Board of Ethics for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/08.

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

Motion to reappoint Esther Rozum to the Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring 12/5/07.

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

Motion to reappoint Karl Trybus to the Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring 12/5/07.

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

Motion to reappoint Susan DeBarber to the Pearson Memorial for a 1-year term expiring 12/5/07.

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

Motion to appoint Arlene Brummer as a regular member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 4-year term expiring 8/17/08.

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

Motion to reappoint Mary Skurat to the Housing Authority for a 4-year term expiring 11/30/10.

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

Motion to reappoint Brenda White to the Housing Authority for a 4-year term expiring 11/30/10.

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

Yashu Putorti has been appointed to the Ordinance Committee by the First Selectman for a 2-Year term expiring 12/3/07.

ITEM # 9 - Transfers.
None at this time.

ITEM # 10 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,350.50.

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

ITEM # 11 - Correspondence.

11a - Check Registers.

11b - Copy of a ltr sent to Ms. Ricozzi of the State of Connecticut regarding the accidents near exit 22 on Route 8.

11c - Ltr to the Board of Finance regarding the VTD transfer on their agenda.

11d - Copy of ltr sent to Mr. Loda regarding an FOI request faxed to the First Selectman's Office.

11e - Copy of a ltr from the Seymour Pop Warner thanking the Board of Selectmen for their contributions.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation)

Open Executive Session:

Motion to place on the table Cook vs. Town of Seymour for pending litigation.

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

Motion to pay \$6,000 settlement for the Cook vs. Town of Seymour.

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

ITEM # 13 - Other Business.

- Selectmen are given a report of the pay scale for First Selectman's positions in the State.

- Also a copy of a letter from Scott Andrews, Executive Director of the Seymour Ambulance asking for funding to finish the bunk rooms at the ambulance building. Attached is the First Selectman's response.**

ITEM # 14 - Public Comment.
No Action Taken.

ITEM # 15 - Selectmen's Comments.

Frank Conroy - Comments on the walking trail at Chatfield Park and all of the animals and animal waste. Wants to make sure that the Town puts up the rules and regulations signs.

Yashu Putorti - Does not like the idea of the truck driving school on Pearl Street.

Paul Roy - Requesting new playground equipment at LoPresti School. Wants to know if they can have the equipment that is supposed to go to the Community Center and would like something done about vandalism.

John Conroy - Frank Conroy and he are still working on their research about the First Selectman's position salary. Hopefully will have a report to present at a Board of Selectman meeting in February.

ITEM # 16 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

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**