

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2006 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others present: Frank Loda, Tom Eighmie, and Scott Martin.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:34 PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from the Ordinance Committee meeting on 10/3/06.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi **Second:** Frank Conroy
Vote: 3-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Ordinance Public Hearing on 10/3/06.

Motion: Yashu Putorti **Second:** Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve minutes from the Board of Selectmen meeting on 10/3/06.

Motion: John Conroy **Second:** Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- There was a fire at the Seymour United Methodist Church on Pearl Street yesterday. The Fire Department did an excellent job and made great use of the ladder truck. This church is very old and they also took a lot of care in trying to preserve the windows and things in the church. The fire departments from Oxford and Ansonia also assisted in putting out the fire. The Bishop was there today to give his blessing to the building and the First Selectman offered the Community Center if needed to have Sunday school and or church services. Haynes also offered an empty building that they own.
- The walking track at Chatfield Park has been completed today. O&G have finished paving it and Public Works is working on the parking area.
- The dog kennel is moving along. Public Works is now erecting the building on top of the cement walls and foundation. Many local businesses, including Haynes, John Allen, and a local plumber have donated supplies and labor to this project.
- The Town Engineer has sent a certified letter to Yankee Gas Co. to pave Skokorat Street and Beach Street by November 1, 2006. The Town Counsel is also going to send them a letter due to this being three weeks behind schedule.
- The First Selectman will be meeting with Ron Skurat, Peter Jezierny, and Elaine LaBella from Housatonic Valley Association next week to discuss a possible Greenway Trail along the Naugatuck River in Seymour.
- Discussion and minutes from the last VCOG meeting regarding the VEMS vehicle.

Motion to place on the table to go out to bid for sand & salt for the winter season.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to go out to bid for sand & salt for the winter season and have the bids in for the November 14, 2006 meeting.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 1 - Adopt Ordinance for "Regulating No Thru Truck Traffic".

Motion to adopt the Ordinance for "Regulating No Thru Truck Traffic" to be instated on November 1, 2006.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Bids for new Boiler for the Great Hill Fire House.

One bid was received by Ehman Mechanical Services, LLC of Ansonia, CT for the amount of \$32,290 for the boiler and \$1,800 for the zone valve.

Motion to award the bid to Ehman Mechanical Services, LLC of Ansonia for a new boiler for the Great Hill Fire House for a total of \$33,090.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Bids for new underground tank at the Great Hill Fire House.

One bid was received from Clean Harbors of Milford, which is only for removal of the old tank for \$3,080 for labor, equipment, and materials and \$6.00 per ton for back fill.

Motion to reject the bid from Clean Harbors of Milford due to it not including the cost of a new oil tank.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion for the Board to accept the quote that was received on 9/5/06 from Superior Tank Removal of Waterbury, CT for a quote for a new 1,000 gallon tank for \$9,800 and \$1,800 for tank removal and soil sampling for \$860 if the quote is still valid.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Retaining wall at Rte 313 and Rte 115.

The First Selectman updates the Board on a meeting that he had with the State DOT last Thursday, October 12th and they stated that the retaining wall is not their responsibility and that their engineers claim it is structurally sound and the damage is only on the façade. They also claim that who ever owns the property whether it is the Town or a private owner that they are responsible for repairs. The First Selectman did some research and says that the State did maintain that wall in 1989/1990. Hopefully the façade will be fixed by spring time.

ITEM # 5 - Resolution for Homeland Security.

Motion to pass the resolution for Homeland Security.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Take action on Health Insurance Broker.

A copy of a letter from Sherman Insurance Services offering to be the Town's Insurance Broker for the same cost as the current insurance broker. Sherman is also the Broker for the Board of Education and the Town's group life and disability insurance. He feels that he can give the Town better service for the same cost.

Motion to retain Sherman Insurance Services, LLC as the Broker of Record for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the Town of Seymour at no additional cost as the current insurance broker.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

(Note: When the current contract has expired the Board would like to pursue a fee schedule.)

ITEM # 7 - Expansion of Downtown Sidewalk Project.

Motion to approve the invoices for \$48,005.00, which includes the additional work on Wakley Street for \$6,450.00, for the downtown sidewalk project and issue the funds to the contractor Classic Pattern & Design.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Sidewalk at 36-38 Roberts Street.

A request was given to the First Selectman's office to have the Town pay 1/3 of the cost to repair the sidewalk in front of 36-38 Roberts Street. The First Selectman rejected the request due to the fact that proper procedure was not followed and the owners came to the Town only after they had the sidewalk repaired. They have now requested that the First Selectman have the Board decide.

Motion to reject the request to pay 1/3 of the repairs on the sidewalk in front of 36-38 Roberts Street due to proper procedures not being followed.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 - Request from Connecticut Hurricanes.

The Connecticut Hurricanes have requested to use the Seymour Community Center as their home base for their practices and pay a rental fee. They have also stated that they would play at least one concert for the Summer Concert Series and be in one Memorial Day Parade free of charge. They also have given the First Selectman their proposal to work with the schools to bring music back to the students, which the Board of Education has approved.

Motion to accept the Performing Arts Collaborative Teen Program and to make a lease contract for the Hurricanes to use the Seymour Community Center as their home base with one Memorial Day Parade and one Summer Concert free of charge for the Town of Seymour.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Energy Conservation Report.

The Board reviews the monthly and quarterly report provided by the Finance Department, which shows that the savings for the first quarter by closing Town Hall, the Community Center, and the Library one day a week is already \$3,748.96.

The Building Department has also requested to move into the Community Center in the old Ambulance Training Rooms. They have outgrown their office space in Town Hall.

ITEM # 11 - Appointments.

None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$955.96.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 - Correspondence.

14a: Check Registers.

14b: Copies of letters to Susan Cable and the State of Connecticut on the study for Skokorat Street.

14c: Invitation for dedication of Ambulance Corps. Building on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at 2:00PM.

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

Motion to go into executive session for personnel with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel at 8:35 PM.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of executive session with no action or motions taken at 8:45PM.

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

An advertisement for the position of Purchasing/Town Buildings Manager was put on the internet and in the paper. Interviews are still being held.

Selectmen John Conroy, Yashu Putorti, and Paul Roy will form a Board of Selectmen sub-committee to conduct second interviews on Monday, October 23, 2006 beginning at 6:00PM for at least four candidates. An agenda will be filed for an executive session.

ITEM # 16 - Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 17 - Comments from the Selectmen.

Frank Conroy: Speaks about a Veterans Day ceremony at the new Memorial Park on Pearl Street and four Veterans' in their 80's are going to be raising the flag. The old building on the site will be taken down in the spring and they will be putting up a new war memorial, bocce courts, and horse shoe pits. He also brought photos of the walking track and would like to have the dedication on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 10AM before the Halloween Festival that day. Also, the developers of the Waldron property want to dedicate 12-acres to the Seymour Land Trust for walking trails and open space.

ITEM # 17 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15PM.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

Second: John Conroy

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman