

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Monday, August 21, 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, and Special Counsel Richard Bruchal.  
**Not present:** Frank Conroy and Town Counsel George Temple.

**Others present:** Sara Brauer, Jeanne Loda, Frank Loda, Carmie Potash, Bob Potash, Melanie Kalako, Michele Pavlik, Carrie Hunnicutt, and Walter Birdsell.

- The First Selectman opens the meeting at 7:37 PM.
- Everyone Salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM # 1 - Take action on recommended Charter changes.**

The First Selectman reads and explains portions of the draft report from the Charter Revision Commission to the other Board members. He also states that he supports all of the changes. John Conroy comments that he also supports the draft report and does not find the 3-part question confusing. Feels the Town should give it another year. Agrees with the police recommendations.

Yashu Putorti states that he supports the 3-part vote and that the Board of Finance does get to review the legal obligations before they are put through.

Paul Roy states that he does not approve of the 3-part vote and that the Board of Finance should be included in the group to determine legal obligations. He does agree with the police recommendations.

This will be voted on at the September 5, 2006 meeting.

**ITEM # 2 - Appointments.**

Motion to re-appoint Yashu Putorti to the Elementary School Planning Committee for a 6-month term expiring on 2/21/07.

Motion: Roberta King                      Second: Patrick Lombardi

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

Motion to re-appoint Trisha Danka to the Elementary School Planning Committee for a 6-month term expiring on 2/21/07.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi                      Second: Paul Roy

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

Motion to re-appoint Judy Legeza to the Elementary School Planning Committee for a 6-month term expiring on 2/21/07.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: Yashu Putorti

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

Motion to re-appoint Sandra Gesek to the Elementary School Planning Committee for a 6-month term expiring on 2/21/07.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: Roberta King

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

Motion to re-appoint Jay Hatfield to the Elementary School Planning Committee for a 6-month term expiring on 2/21/07.

Motion: Yashu Putorti                      Second: Patrick Lombardi

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

Motion to appoint Alex Danka to the Board of Ethics for a 4-year term expiring 8/21/10.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi                      Second: Paul Roy

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

**ITEM # 3 - Update on Katharine Matthies Grants.**

The Katharine Matthies Foundation has approved the following grants to date:

- Seymour Police Department - \$4,000
- Seymour Fire Department - \$23,800
- Seymour Recreation Department - 6,000
- Chatfield Park - \$7,198
- Great Hill Firehouse - \$60,000
- Senior Center - \$1,000
- Public Library - \$2,550
- Total \$84,548.00

Town is still waiting for answers on some other grants that were applied for. Also, the Katharine Matthies foundation rejected the requests for EMS gear/coats and the Cemetery at Great Hill, which the American Legion has decided to take care of, but they approved the extension of the Dog Kennel, the track at Chatfield, and the windows at the Community Center. The Friends of the Library received a grant from the New Haven Foundation for over \$2,000.

**ITEM # 4 - Day Street Bridge project contract.**

An Engineer was hired for the project and the First Selectman needs to sign the contract. The Town incurs no cost from this project. The government pays for 80% and the State pays for 20%.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract for the Day Street Bridge project Engineer.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi                      Second: Yashu Putorti

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

**ITEM # 5 - Executive Session (personnel, contract negotiations, pending litigation)**

None at this time.

**ITEM # 6 - Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:33 PM.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi                      Second: Yashu Putorti

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

Submitted by,

Attested to:

Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman