

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 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: Alex Danka, Trisha Danka, Jeanne Loda, Frank Loda, John Leon, Terrilynn Krampetz, and Michele Pavlik.

- **The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.**
- **Everyone Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motion to approve Minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/21/06.

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

First Selectman's Report:

- 1) **Oil tanks at the Library and Community Center had to have the water and sludge pumped out of them at the Library and Community Center. Cost \$385.00**
- 2) **Had to replace the burner motor on the furnace at the Community Center. Cost \$697.30**
- 3) **A home on Westerman Avenue burned and elderly homeowner had no insurance. Town Hall employees donated \$200.00.**
- 4) **The Fire Chief's vehicle was in an accident on the way to a call, no one was injured and no one received a violation.**
- 5) **The plans for the Dog Kennel are currently with the State of Connecticut and we are waiting on approval.**
- 6) **Ambulance Building renovations are on schedule.**
- 7) **Web-site shows up coming events for Senior Center and Town, etc.**
- 8) **Misinformation on Mill Rate because did not add Grand List Growth.**
- 9) **Possible Tax Increase to Board Members.**

ITEM # 1 – Set date for adjourned Annual Town meeting referendum for Monday, May 15, 2006 at the Community Center from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM for machine vote.

Motion to set date for adjourned Annual Town meeting referendum for Monday, May 15, 2006 at the Community Center from 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM for machine vote.

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

ITEM # 2 – Set date for National Day of Prayer at Town Hall on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 12:00 PM.

Motion to set date for National Day of Prayer at Town Hall on Thursday, May 4, 2006 at 12:00 PM.

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

ITEM # 3 – Parks Commission request to waive bidding on repairs to fields.

Motion to waive the bidding on the purchase of sod from Winding Brook Turf Farm. The sod would cost \$27,000 plus \$3,000 for the rollout service for a total of \$30,000. This is for Sponheimer Field.

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

Motion to waive the bidding to contract with Rick Capecelatro to drill seed, aerate, fertilize, and further treat DeBarber Field at a cost of \$15,000.

**Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 4 - Parks Commission bid results for bleachers.

Highland Products Group - \$6,410.00

Seating Solutions - \$6,850.00

Markers, Inc. - \$8,862.00

Jaypro - \$9,910.00

Sportsmen's - \$8,050.00

Motion to accept the bid for 7 sets of bleachers for the Parks Commission from Highland Products Group for \$6,410.00.

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

ITEM # 5 – Street light request on Legion Road.

Letter received by Richard Kearns on 9 Legion Road requesting that a street light be put in on his street because there aren't any on the street. He personally spoke to CL&P and they told him to go through the Board of Selectmen to request the street light.

Motion to request CL&P to put a street light on pole # CL&P 6737 on Legion Road.

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

ITEM # 6 – Katharine Matthies Grant Applications.

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for repairs to 98 Bank Street, which is town owned and currently occupied by the Board of Education and Naugatuck Valley Health District for \$36,000.00.

**Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the Seymour Senior Center to provide affordable activities for the elderly for \$1,000.00.

**Motion: John Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for repairs and maintenance to the Great Hill Cemetery for \$30,000.00.

**Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the completion of the Dog Kennel that was partially funded in 2005 for \$30,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for replacement equipment at the local parks for children for \$8,500.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for a master economic development plan for \$35,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the completion of renovations to the former police station for \$60,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for extending the hours of operation for the Recreation Department for more programs and activities \$6,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the completion of the Great Hill Fire House addition upgrades and sewer lines \$60,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the Greenway Trail study and possible connection to other towns \$50,000.00.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Frank Conroy
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for the needed repairs to the dam at Sochrin's Pond for \$120,000.00.

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

Motion to approve Katharine Matthies Grant Application for a pedestrian foot bridge at Legion Pool for \$75,000.00.

Motion: Paul Roy Second: Roberta King
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Seymour and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Seymour and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Agreement between the Metropolitan District and the Town of Seymour. This is the company that takes care of Hazardous Materials for the Town of Seymour, City of Ansonia, and City of Derby on 9-16-06. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement for Seymour to participate in the Hazardous Material Day on 9-16-06 at the Ansonia Dump.

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

ITEM # 9 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.
Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$155.91.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 – Transfers.
Motion to transfer for the Fire Department \$3,500.00 from Town Buildings electricity acct # 1001-410-1940-510622 \$500.00 and Contingency acct # 1001-410-1950-530-872 \$3,000.00 into Repairs & Maint Equip acct # 1001420-2200-550-430 for \$3,000.00 and into 1001-420-2200-550-720 for \$500.00 for repairs to dive van, dry hydrant, garage doors, plumbing repairs and electrical repairs.

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

ITEM # 11 – Appointments.
Motion to appoint Linda Bellavance to the Culture and Arts Commission for a 3-year term expiring 4/11/09.

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

Motion to appoint Evelyn Carney to Catchment Area 5 for a 2-year term expiring on 4/11/08.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table Hold Harmless Agreement and Easement.

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

Motion to accept the Hold Harmless Agreement and Easement for 82-84 Bank Street soil anchor to be installed on 98 Bank Street.

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

- ITEM # 12 – Correspondence.**
- **Check Registers.**
 - **Copies of letters with estimates on Sochrin Pond Dam repairs.**
 - **Quarterly report on funds for library.**

ITEM # 13 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Pending Litigation)

Motion to go into executive session on personnel and pending litigation with the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel at 8:22 PM.

Motion: John Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of executive session with no motions or action taken at 8:35 PM.

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

Motion to place on the table the Code of Ethics.

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

A public hearing was held in September 2005 on the Code of Ethics, only grammatical changes have been made.

Motion to adopt the Code of Ethics effective 4/11/06.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Position at Public Works.

There is a need for an Assistant Public Works Director position to be reinstated. The current Director is so busy in the field that a lot of the responsibilities are not being taken care of. Also, the maintenance of Town Buildings is currently the responsibility of the First Selectman’s office and it needs to be taken from that office. The position should start at approximately \$45,000.00 per year and other positions can be shifted around to try and offset the cost of the salary. This will also be a non-union position. Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director also addresses the Board with his plea for help in his department.

Motion to go out to advertise for an Assistant Public Works Director to be an non-union employee at \$45,000.00 per year.

Motion: Frank Conroy Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Roberta King, Yashu Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy) 0-No 1-Abstain (Patrick J. Lombardi) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 15 – Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 16 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman**

