

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

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

Not present: Roberta King.

Others present: Bill Paecht, Melanie Kalako, Bob Potash, Carmie Potash, Paul Hassler, John Leon, Scott Martin, Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, Brian Pisano, Wm. B. Stowe, Sr., Bob Lang, Ray Necio, Michele Pavlik, Joseph Marcinek.

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

Motion to approve Minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting on 1/3/06.

Motion: Yashu Putorti

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- **Snow removal from sidewalks in Town. Some property owners have not been shoveling their sidewalks and the Police are aware. The law in the Town of Seymour says that they can be charged up to \$99.00 for not shoveling.**
- **Update on renovation project to the Former Police Station. The building has been completely gutted and they have been working on the roof.**
- **The January 3, 2006 Board of Selectmen meeting was not recorded due to the tape recorder not working properly.**
- **VCOG, Bob elected Chairman.**
- **Continually speaking with Jon Szuch/EDC and developers. Two major developers may be interested in moving to Seymour.**
- **Article on January 11, 2006 regarding Education Administrative increases.**
- **Letters to Legislators, Len, Doc, Lou regarding \$300,000 in funding to improve High School recreational fields.**
- **Furnaces in Town Buildings very costly approx. \$6,000 spent this season on repairs and maintenance. Including 98 Bank Street.**
- **Due to events in other Town's, the First Selectman checked to make sure that all Town Buildings are insured, and they are.**
- **The Re-evaluation numbers will be finalized at the end of the month and no action has been taken by the Board as of yet.**
- **EMS Oversight Committee will have their organizational meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 6:30PM in the Norma Drummer Room.**

ITEM # 1 – Request from Parks Department.

The Parks Commission gives the Board members a packet containing information about a field renovation plan for the High School Football Field to have synthetic grass installed for a price ranging from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The Board of Selectmen would like pricing from different companies, as well as other alternatives, such as sod. The Parks Commission will come back to the Board on the first or second Board of Selectmen Meeting in February. The First Selectman also has written letters to the legislators asking for \$300,000 in funds for Seymour's recreational fields to be renovated, as well as directing the Town's Grants Coordinator to apply for any grants available for this project.

ITEM # 2 – Requests from Fire Department.

Motion to waive the bidding on 12 sets of protective clothing for the fire department for a total of \$19,875.00 from Industrial Safety of Hartford, CT.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Yashu Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

(This was approved at the January 3, 2006 Board of Selectmen Meeting.)

ITEM # 3 – Accept Open Space at Briarwood Estates.

Motion to table Open Space at Briarwood Estates until the map is available.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Audit 2004-2005.

The Town Auditor explains the Audit report that was given to the Board at the beginning of this meeting. (A copy is available in the Town Clerk's Office.) The First Selectman will get copies of the Management Letters to the Board Members.

ITEM # 5 – Caspari Property.

In the early 1980's Caspari bought 2 lots up at Silvermine Industrial Park from the Town of Seymour and built on only one. Under their contract dated 3/31/83, if they choose to sell one of the properties they can only make the amount that they paid for the property and the rest will go to the Seymour EDC. They are considering selling their other lot to another company.

ITEM # 6 – Video Production Proposal.

Jon Szuch, Chairman of the EDC and the First Selectman have been discussing hiring a company to produce a DVD/Video on the Town of Seymour and distribute them to developers, companies, entrepreneurs, etc. The company is called Video Production Association from Shelton, CT and they quoted a price of \$16,900.00. The Board of Selectmen all agrees that this is something that the Town needs as soon as possible.

Motion to have the First Selectman ask the Finance Director to try and find the \$16,900.00 funding for the DVD/Video production of Seymour.

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

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

Motion to re-appoint Dominic Bellucci to the Parks Commission for a 2-year term expiring on 12/3/07.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: John Conroy

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

ITEM # 11 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Letter requesting a \$30,000 grant for the maintenance of the Great Hill Cemetery from Katharine Matthies.
- Letters to the Legislators asking for \$300,000 in funds for the recreation fields in Town.

ITEM # 12 – Other Business.

None at this time.

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

Motion to go into Executive Session for pending litigation at 9:30 PM with the Board members and Town Counsel.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Yashu Putorti

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

Come out of Executive Session for pending litigation at 9:48 PM without any action or motions taken.

Motion to hire a Special Counsel for pending litigation if needed.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Yashu Putorti

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

ITEM # 14 – Public Comment.

No Action Taken

ITEM # 15 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

Motion: Yashu Putorti Second: Paul Roy

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**

**Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman**

