

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2005 @ 7:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Patrick Lombardi, Paul Rosebrock, Roberta King, Jeanne Loda, Frank Conroy, Town Counsel George Temple, and John Putorti (arrived at 7:35 PM).

Others present: Scott Martin, Michele Pavlik, Frank Loda, Paul Hassler, Joseph Marcinek, Paul Roy, Bob Potash, Ken Lignelli, John Leon, James Garofolo, Kristine Bourret, Judy Flood, Lynn Kovacs, Melanie Kalako, Bill Kovacs, EP Willis, Tom Eighmie, Peter Kubik, Alfred Yagovane, Paul Wetowitz.

- **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 10/18/05.

Motion: Roberta King Second: Paul Rosebrock

Vote: 5-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, Paul Rosebrock, Roberta King, Jeanne Loda, Frank Conroy)
0-No 1-Abstain (Patrick Lombardi) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve Minutes from Emergency Board of Selectmen Meeting on 10/26/05.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock Second: Patrick Lombardi

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

First Selectman's Report:

- **99% of the Downtown Sidewalk Project is completed.**
- **The trucks at the Public Works Department are being serviced and prepared for the winter.**

ITEM # 1 – Architect proposals for Great Hill Fire House Addition.

Three proposals were received in the First Selectman's office.

- 1) **Silver Petrucelli, Hamden CT - \$59,200.00**
- 2) **Noyes Vogt, Guilford, CT - \$25,000.00**
- 3) **Shoenhardt, Tarrifville, CT - \$25,000.00**

Motion to turn the three proposals over to the Great Hill Fire House Addition Building Committee for review and bring back to the Board of Selectmen with a recommendation.

Motion: Jeanne Loda Second: Patrick Lombardi

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

ITEM # 2 – Assistant Fire Marshal position.

A recommendation from the Board of Fire Commissioners to give the newly hired Assistant Fire Marshal, Henry Stormer, \$20.77 per hour, which is a step 5 making \$37,801.40 per year.

Motion to accept the Board of Fire Commissioners recommendation for the salary for the newly hired Assistant Fire Marshal, Henry Stormer, to be \$20.77 per hour, which is a step 5 at \$37,801.40 per year.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Rosebrock, John Putorti, Jeanne Loda, Frank Conroy) 2-No (Robert J. Koskelowski, Patrick Lombardi) 1-Abstain (Roberta King) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 – Discussion of Re-evaluation.

Motion to have the Assessor send out notices to all of the property owners regarding the re-evaluation by November 30, 2005.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 6-Yes (Patrick Lombardi, Paul Rosebrock, Roberta King, John Putorti, Jeanne Loda, Frank Conroy) 1-No (Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Resolution concerning Seymour as a STEAP Town.

Motion to accept the resolution to change the Town of Seymour into a STEAP Town so that we may apply for more Grants.

**Motion: Roberta King Second: Jeanne Loda
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 5 – Request for sidewalks at the Young Marine Hall.

An estimate to replace the sidewalks in front of the Young Marine Hall on West Street was presented from Classic Patterns & Design for \$12,020.40. The Board would like an additional estimate for the cost to fix the remainder of the sidewalk.

Motion to approve the estimate for repairs/replacement of the sidewalk in front of the Young Marine Hall on West Street with the Town of Seymour paying for 1/3 of the cost and the Young Marine Hall paying 2/3 of the cost with the total of the invoice being \$12,020.40, as well as to get an additional estimate for the remainder of the sidewalk.

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

ITEM # 6 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,906.14.

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

ITEM # 7 – Appointments.

None at this time.

ITEM # 8 – Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 9 – Pedestrian Bridge at Legion Pool.

The Board feels that the cost of \$75,000.00 is too expensive at this time to spend on the pedestrian bridge. The Board decides to investigate other companies and alternatives for the bridge at Legion Pool. The First Selectman states that he will instruct the Grants Coordinator to apply for Grants to help pay for the pedestrian bridge or alternatives for safety on the road.

Motion to reject the \$75,000.00 bid for the pedestrian bridge and perform a study to find alternatives and apply for grants to offset the cost.

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

ITEM # 10 – Correspondence.

- **Check Registers.**
- **Letter from the Board of Police Commissioners dated October 28, 2005 stating that they voted to turn over the Police Department's 1995 Dodge Caravan to the Town. This vehicle can be used to transport seniors when there is a few amount of them to save on gas and the use of the bus. This vehicle is already insured under the Town's insurance.**
- **Skip Item # 11 until the Great Hill Fire House Addition Building Committee comes back with their recommendation.**

ITEM # 12 – First Selectman's Position.

- **First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski excuses himself at 8:05 PM since this item is about his position and was requested to be put on the agenda by Selectman Paul Rosebrock.**

Selectman Paul Rosebrock explains that he requested this item be put on the agenda last week to discuss the First Selectman's salary. The current First Selectman has not had a salary increase in the past two years. What is being proposed is a 3% increase beginning on July 1, 2006 and another 3% increase beginning on July 1, 2007. At the end of two years the Board of Selectmen has the opportunity to make a recommendation for the next two years.

Motion to institute a minimum pay raise of 3% beginning on July 1, 2006 then another 3% pay raise on July 1, 2007 for the First Selectman.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock Second: John Putorti

Vote: 5-Yes (Patrick Lombardi, Paul Rosebrock, Roberta King, John Putorti, Frank Conroy)

1-No (Jeanne Loda) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

- First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski returns to the meeting at 8:28 PM.
- The Great Hill Fire House Addition Building Committee has returned with their recommendation for an Architectural Firm for their project with consultation from Town Counsel. Return to Item # 11.

ITEM # 11 – Take Action on Architect for the Great Hill Fire House Project.

- The Great Hill Fire House Addition Building Committee (GHFHABC) have reviewed the three Architectural Firm Proposals with assistance from Town Counsel and although all are very qualified they have decided on Noyes Vogt from Guilford, Connecticut per their hourly rate schedule attached to the proposal.

Motion to accept the Great Hill Fire House Addition Building Committee's recommendation and award the bid to the Architectural Firm of Noyes Vogt from Guilford per the hourly rate schedule attached in their proposal.

Motion: Jeanne Loda Second: John Putorti

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

ITEM # 13 – Other Business.

The First Selectman thanks everyone who has served in office for the past two years and congratulates everyone who has been elected to another term. Also, the swearing in ceremony will be on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Strand Theater and all elected will receive invitations. The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 7:30 PM.

ITEM # 14 – Public Comment.

No Action Taken.

ITEM # 15 – Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Personnel, Contract Negotiations)

None at this time.

ITEM # 16 – Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:55 PM.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: John Putorti

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman