

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2004 @ 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Patrick Lombardi, Paul Rosebrock, Roberta King, Jeanne Loda, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.

Not Present: John Putorti

- **Meeting was opened at 7:02 PM by the First Selectman.**
- **The Board Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Motion to approve minutes from October 5, 2004 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Fanotto – 44 North Street: Inquires about Item # 1 on the Addendum – Accept Evergreen Terrace as a Town Road. Wants to know if the First Selectman will table this item due to unfinished work on the sub-division especially the retention pond.

John Leon – 7 Applewood Drive: Reads a letter he wrote to the First Selectman concerning the Seymour Ambulance Assoc. running the Seymour Skate Park. Also, makes comments about News Releases that have been in the newspapers lately on the same subject.

Paul Hassler – Ross Drive: Has several questions and comments about the Seymour Skate Park and Seymour Ambulance Assoc. Also makes comments about other projects going on in Town and states his disapproval.

Frank Loda – 27 Osprey Drive: Makes comments regarding the Grant for the renovation project on the former Police Station and the money he feels the Town will lose due to the Architect being hired without going out to bid. He also makes comments about the Seymour EMS Commission's minutes to their meetings and the members being the same as the Seymour Ambulance Association.

ITEM # 1 – Hire Part-time Children's Library Assistant.

The First Selectman and Carol Ralston, Head Librarian, interviewed three out of five candidates for this position and they both agreed on the same person, Ann Szaley from Oxford. They were very impressed with her background, enthusiasm, and talent as a musician. They also felt that she would be a great match with the full-time Children's Librarian, Kara Schilling.

The First Selectman offers all of the applications and resumes to the rest of the Board members for review but recommends Ann Szaley to be hired. She can start either this coming Monday, October 25, 2004 or the following Monday, November 1, 2004. This position is 19.5 hours per week and pays \$10.07 per hour. It is a Union position without benefits.

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Transfers.

- a) **Transfer for the Police Department from Contract Negotiations account # 1-001-410-1950-530-862 for \$14,790.60 into Chief Salary account # 1-001-420-2100-535-102 for \$3,220.75 and into Captain Salary account # 1-001-420-2100-535-103 for \$2,807.06 and into Lieutenant Salary account # 1-001-420-2100-535-103 for \$7,696.88 and into Fica Medicare account # 1-001-420-1550-535-220 for \$202.02 and into Clerks Salary account # 1-001-420-2100-535-105 for \$802.50 and into Fica account # 1-001-420-1550-535-220 for \$61.39. This is for salary increases for the fiscal year of 2004-2005 for Police Chief, Captain, and Lieutenant.**
- b) **Transfer for the Finance Department from Finance Health Ins account # 1-001-410-1550-450-120 for \$7,698.22 into Asst Finance Dept account # 1-001-410-1512-450-102 for \$7,151.15 and into Social Security account # 1-001-410-1550-450-220 for \$547.07. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- c) **Transfer for the Fire Marshal's Department from Salary Regular Employees account # 1-001-420-2230-560-110 for \$1,654.90 into Salary Fire Marshal account # 1-001-420-2230-560-101 for \$1,537.30 and into Social Security account # 1-001-420-1550-560-220 for \$117.60. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- d) **Transfer for the Library from Lib Salaries Reg Emp account # 1-001-450-5550-640-110 for \$1,823.19 into Library Director account # 1-001-450-5500-640-101 for \$1,693.62 and into Social Security account # 1-001-450-1550-640-220 for \$129.56. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- e) **Transfer for the Assessors Office from Contract Negotiations account # 1-001-410-1950-530-862 for \$1,513.69 into Salary Director account # 1-001-410-1522-465-101 for \$1,406.12 and into Fica account # 1-001-410-1550-465-220 for \$107.57. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- f) **Transfer for the Recreation Department from Contract Negotiations account # 1-001-410-1950-530-862 for \$3,286.55 into Salary Director account # 1-001-450-5110-620-101 for \$3,053.00 and into Fica account # 1-001-410-1550-620-220 for \$233.55. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- g) **Transfer for the Town Planner from Contract Negotiations account # 1-001-410-1910-500-101 for \$1,347.55 into Salary Director account # 1-001-410-1910-500-101 for \$1,251.79 and into Fica account # 1-001-410-1550-500-220 for \$95.76. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**
- h) **Transfer for Town Clerks Office from Contract Negotiations account # 1-001-410-1950-530-862 for \$1,404.69 into Salary Director account # 1-001-410-1550-475-101 for \$1,304.87 and into Fica account # 1-001-410-1550-475-220 for \$99.82. This is for Union Contract raises plus extra day in fiscal year.**

Motion to approve transfers 5-a through 5-h (see above).

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

Motion to transfer for Town Miscellaneous from General Supplies account # 1-001-410-1950-530-610 for \$100.00 into Potter's Field account # 1-001-410-1950-530-858 for \$100.00. This is to cover additional fee for Potter's Field as set by their Board of Directors.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

Motion to transfer for Town Buildings from Liability/Fire/Bond account # 1-001-410-1550-485-520 for \$5,761.00 into Repairs and Maintenance account # 1-001-410-1940-510-430 for \$5,761.00. This is for Liability, Fire, and Bond Insurance were renegotiated by the administration and saved \$69,600.00 over prior year insurance premiums. Transfer to repairs and maintenance for the repair of the old senior center roof.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi **Second: Roberta King**
Vote: 6-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 6 - Appointments.
No Appointments at this time.

ITEM # 7 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,820.33 as presented by the Tax Collectors Office.

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

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

- **Letter to the Board of Finance regarding action taken by the Board of Selectmen at their October 5, 2004 meeting.**
- **Letter to the Board of Finance regarding the Town's Annual Audit and a possible extension needed due to the Finance Office being held up by Skate Park reconciliation.**
- **Letter to Jeanne Loda and Frank Conroy regarding an F.O.I. request that was sent to the First Selectman's Office on off-hours.**
- **A letter sent to the First Selectman's Office praising the Skate Park and the positive effect it has on the children of our community.**
- **The September 2004 Monthly Skate Park Report along with a copy of a bank check paid to the Town.**

ITEM # 9 - Invitation given to the Board of Selectmen for October 28, 2004 at the Community Center for CenterEdge Coalition Presentation.

An invitation has been given to all of the Board of Selectmen to attend the CenterEdge Coalition Presentation at the Community Center on October 28, 2004. This is a presentation of development and prosperity of our community.

ITEM # 10 - First Selectman's Report.

- Citizens received their new Ladder Fire Truck this week. Training will start for the Firemen on the new vehicle. It is financed short-term for a 7-year lease purchase from Chase Bank.
- The Great Hill Hose will be receiving their new Pumper Fire Truck either late spring 2005 or early summer 2005. This truck is also a short-term financing at approximately 2% interest.
- The Town is looking for options on what to do with the old Ladder Truck.
- Lorrie from the Finance Department had a baby boy this morning. Both Mom and baby are doing fine.
- The First Selectman met with Bill Purcell, President Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the owner/president of the Greenwich Workshop regarding marketing ideas that they have for our downtown area. They have a lot of approaches to this and there are at least three businessmen working on this.
- There is a new Art Studio on Bank Street called "Off Center". It has many different art sections.
- The owner of Tri-town Plaza has not decided on anything yet.
- There is a new Chiropractors Office in Klarides Village named St. Cyr Chiropractic; the family is originally from Seymour.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

ITEM # 1 - Accept Evergreen Terrace as a Town Road.

The First Selectman states that there is some issues concerning environmental. The Town would like nothing more than to give these residents the Town Services that they need such as, garbage collection, recycling, mail delivery, and snowplowing. The Town Engineer, Town Counsel, and Wetlands Enforcement Officer will be going to investigate the large boulders in the retention pond. The issues have to be resolved by the Contractor as soon as possible. The Planning & Commission did not have all of the information when they voted to approve the road.

Motion to table approval of Evergreen Terrace until the Contractor rectifies the problems and the Town Engineer gives approval, Town Counsel, and the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

**Motion: Patrick Lombardi
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No**

**Second: Jeanne Loda
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 2 - Skate Park Report.

The Finance Director, Doug Thomas, submitted his reconciliation report for the Seymour Skate Park. He used the records within the Town of Seymour and the Skate Park Contract to produce this report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was a discussion and some questions were asked about the Skate Park report and the Finance Director, Doug Thomas answered those questions.

Several people make comments about the contract regarding the Skate Park and Seymour Ambulance.

There were also comments made about the septic tanks at the High School. The First Selectman responds by stating that it was the Board of Education that was responsible for that project.

Town Counsel, George Temple comments that he is also disappointed about the High School Track being closed during the day, but he understands the security issues when it comes to our children.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session.

None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman

