

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2004 @ 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Others Present: John Leon, Melanie Kalako, Desiree' Pidlipchak, and Paul Roy.

- **The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.**
- **The Board Saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- **Approve Minutes from Tuesday, September 21, 2004 Board of Selectmen Meeting.**

Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Rosebrock
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

- **Approve Minutes from Tuesday, September 28, 2004 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Leon - 7 Applewood Drive: Made several comments regarding Mr. Loda's comments at the last meeting regarding the invoices for the Skate Park. He is shocked to find out that the invoices are submitted in advance and that they need backup such as time sheets, inventory, etc. and he also feels that the billing should be changed and this issue needs to be investigated.

ITEM # 1 - LOCIP.

Motion to approve the revised updated LOCIP list for \$159,892.87.
Town Hall - Adjusted \$8,100.00
Old Middle School - \$8,100.00
Drainage - Adjusted \$49,092.00

Transfer Station - Estimate \$10,000.00
Street Line Painting - Adjusted \$4,000.00
Chip Sealing approximately 3 miles of road - Actual \$47,142.09
Street Sweeping approximately 90 miles - Actual \$26,820.00
Sidewalks & Paving - Estimated \$5,600.00
Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Jeanne Loda
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Witiak - 39 Bissell Place: Received his tax bill in July 2004, then a week later received a revised bill that raised his taxes. He has some complaints on the law for the Tax Assessor and feels that he is being unjustly treated. The First Selectman responds by stating that the Town is aware of the re-assessment of properties on Bissell Place and the only reason that the Assessor went up there to re-assess the property is because he received a letter from one of the property owners requesting an appraisal. The Assessor claims that Mr. Witiyak's property was under assessed before and that is why he received an updated tax bill. The First Selectman then invited Mr. Witiyak to come down to the Town Hall and he would help him research this issue.

ITEM # 2 - Skate Park.

Item # 2-a: A letter from the First Selectman to Frank Marcucio, Chief of EMS, stating that the Board of Finance will no longer fund the Skate Park, therefore, as of October 12, 2004, the Skate Park must close for the season.

Item # 2-b: Town of Seymour Revenue and Expenses Report for the fiscal years of 2004 & 2005 from the Finance Department.

Discussion: several Selectmen and the public make Further discussion about the Skate Park. The First Selectman reviews a copy of the contract for the Skate Park. In the contract it states that all payments will be made to the Seymour Ambulance concerning the Skate Park ahead of time each month from the Town.

ITEM # 3 – Appointments.

Motion to appoint Desiree' Esposito to the Recreation Commission replacing Lynn Bruneau for a 2-year term expiring 8/3/06.

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

Motion to appoint Kevin Murphy to the High School Building Committee to fill an opening for a term expiring at completion of the project.

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

Motion to appoint Peter Jezierny to the Inland/Wetlands Commission replacing Al Tucci for a 4-year term expiring 12/31/07.

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

Motion to appoint Susan DeBarber to the Board of Assessment Appeals replacing Karen Talamelli. This is an elected position so the term will expire on 11/08/05.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock **Second: John Putorti**
Vote: 7-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 4 – Transfers.

Motion to approve a transfer for the Fire Marshall’s Office from Salary account # 1-001-420-2230-560-110 for \$1,200.00 into Repairs & Maintenance account # 1-001-420-2230-560-430 for \$1,200.00. This transfer is to replace the emergency light and siren control panel in the Fire Marshall vehicle.

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

ITEM # 5 – Tax Refunds/Abatements

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4,283.38 as presented by the Tax Collectors Office.

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

ITEM # 6 – Correspondence.

- Letter to Esther Rozum, Town Clerk, regarding the approved Charter Revision question that will be on the voting ballot on November 2, 2004.
- Letter to David Keyser, Housing Authority Director, concerning the approved resolution for Connecticut Small Cities Grant for \$750,000.00.
- Letter to Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director, concerning the Board of Selectmen approving the use of the left over millings from Rte 67 to be used for finishing the Track at Chatfield Park.

ITEM # 7 – Part-time Children’s Librarian Position.

Motion to table part-time Children’s Librarian Position until the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, due to the applications not reviewed on time.

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

ITEM # 8 – Proclamation, National Federation of the Blind.

Motion to accept the Proclamation of the National Federation of the Blind as presented.

Motion: Paul Rosebrock Second: Jeanne Loda
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 9 – Proclamation, Visiting Nurse Association.

Motion to accept the Proclamation of the Visiting Nurse Association as presented.

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

ITEM # 10 – First Selectman’s Report.

- The First Selectman’s Office has received the completely signed copy of the \$500,000.00 Grant for the renovation project to the prior Police Department into the EMS facility for the Town of Seymour. The Town is also starting from scratch on this project and is going out to bid for an Architectural Firm. The Town is following the Grant to the letter and doing everything by State Statute. The Town of Seymour did not hire the previous Architectural Firm, the Seymour Ambulance Assoc. did.

- **The Valley Council of Government (VCOG) in which the First Selectmen is a member, has decided to keep Paramedic Service regionalized although it will cost more money. It used to cost the town \$19,000.00 and now it will cost \$48,000.00. There will be one vehicle at the Seymour/Oxford town line. It is worth the money for a much quicker response time. The new paramedic director that will be getting hired has to have nothing to do with any Ambulance Association.**
- **There is a rumor that Seymour will be pulling out of the Valley Street Crime Unit. This is not true especially since the Board of Selectmen is the only Board that can make that decision. The First Selectman will be going to their meeting at the end of the month to find out what is going on with the situation between Valley Street Crime Unit and the Seymour Police Department.**
- **The First Selectman passed out copies of checks paid to the Town of Seymour from Seymour Ambulance Assoc. concerning the Skate Park income. Hopefully, by the next Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, all of the Skate Park issues regarding expenses and income will be reconciled by Doug Thomas, Finance Director.**

ITEM # 11 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Personnel, Pending Litigation)

There is nothing to discuss in Executive Session at this time.

ITEM # 12 – Other Business.

Motion to place on the table award service contracts for Heating and Air Conditioning for four town buildings.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi Second: Roberta King

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

There were three proposals for Heating & Air Conditioning contracts for four town buildings (Town Hall, Community Center, Library, and Public Works), that were opened at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2004. They were given to the First Selectman for review.

