

The First Selectman states that the Town receives a check every month from Seymour Ambulance for the Skate Park.

Frank Loda - 27 Osprey Drive. He states that the Town receives only fees and not any profit checks.

The First Selectman again reminds everyone that the Finance Department will look into this and reconcile the Skate Park invoices and the only reason that the Skate Park is on the Agenda is to vote on whether or not to continue running it.

- Motion to place the Addendum to the Agenda as the first item.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi

Second: Paul Rosebrock

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

ITEM # 1 - To consider and act upon a proposed authorization for the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$20,385,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2001.

The Town's new bank, Wachovia, went over the Town's existing bonds and found out that \$11,000,000.00 out of \$20,385,000.00 in bonds can be refinanced ultimately saving the taxpayers approximately \$270,000.00 in interest.

- Motion to pass the Resolution stating:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby adopts the resolution presented to this meeting authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$20,385,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2001. A copy of the resolution shall be inserted in or attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Act on Sexual Harassment policy.

George Temple, Town Counsel explains the Sexual Harassment policy and regulations that he has submitted to the Board for approval. Law requires this policy and the Town must adopt this because the insurance company requires it by the end of the week. The Policy and the Regulations must be adopted separately. He also states that he is working on a policy manual for the town employees that will contain everything from the Sexual Harassment Policy to vacations. A copy will be sent to Chris Hodgeson, the Town's Labor Counsel, for review. The Board also wants to get a copy of the Board of Education's Sexual Harassment Policy for a comparison. Attorney Temple feels that this policy that he has submitted is very clear and is no-nonsense and that it works and he also feels that it doesn't need to be amended, but that is up to the Board.

Motion to adopt the Sexual Harassment Regulations as presented.

Motion: Jeanne Loda

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as presented.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Action on Chatfield Park Track.

The First Selectman explains that the High School track is going to be closed during the day to the public (per Board of Education) and the track up at Chatfield Park is available but it needs to be finished. The Public Works Department has extra millings from Route 67 that can be used to finish the track. Also, the track is in need of floodlights, which could be installed for a minimum cost. The Town Engineer, Jim Galligan, said that this project is acceptable. The track is approximately a 5th of a mile and has a width of approximately 5 feet. There are approximately 11 or 12 feet of clearance in case an emergency vehicle needs to get in.

Motion to allow Public Works to lay millings to extend and finish the track at Chatfield Park. Also to give the First Selectman permission to get estimates and have 2 floodlights installed.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi

Second: Roberta King

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

REGULAR AGENDA

ITEM # 1 - Approve Charter Question for Ballot in November.

Motion to approve the following question for the Charter Revision to be on the ballot on November 2, 2004.

“SHALL THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 1982, AND AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 5, 1985, AND AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 6, 1990, AND AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 8, 1994, BE FURTHER AMENDED IN THE MANNER RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN?”

Motion: Patrick Lombardi

Second: Paul Rosebrock

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Extend Bid Period Deadline for EMS Facility Contract.

Motion to extend the bid period deadline for submitting proposals for the EMS Facility until Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at 2:00 PM when they will be opened and reviewed by the Architects, Smith-Osborne, and the EMS Building Committee. Then a recommendation will be made and submitted to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. This is due to an overwhelming response and proposal submission. (The prior deadline was September 17, 2004 at 2:00 PM and recommendations were to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2004.)

Motion: Paul Rosebrock

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Resolution for Housing Authority Grant for \$750,000.00.
Motion to approve the Resolution submitted by the Housing Authority for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program for \$750,000.00. (This Grant was already approved by the State but the Resolution needed to be done over and this Resolution will replace any other Resolutions that were done prior for this Grant.)

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

ITEM # 4 - Open Bids for Heating & Air Conditioning Service Contracts.
The First Selectman's Office has received Bid Proposals from three companies. These companies have had tours of the specified buildings and have been given the Town's requirements and that is what these proposals are based on.

1) Edgerton Heating & Air Conditioning, Monroe, CT.

Town Hall - Winter: \$750.00 Summer: \$750.00
Community Center - Winter: \$1,550.00 Summer: \$950.00
Library - Winter: \$350.00 Summer: \$350.00
Public Works Garage - Winter: \$275.00 Summer: N/A

- **One year - October 1, 2004 thru September 30, 2005**
- **2 Inspection Maintenance Plan**
- **Full heat start-up September/October**
- **Full air-conditioning start-up April/May**
- **Hourly labor rate \$90.00 hr**
- **Overtime labor rate \$135.00 hr**

2) Ralph Mann & Sons, Inc., Ansonia, CT.

One-year service contract for heat & air-conditioning on Town Hall, Community Center, Library, and Public Works-no air-conditioning. Total Cost - \$6,260.00
Total Cost excluding the Community Center - \$3,280.00

- **Hourly labor rate \$80.00 hr**
- **Over-time labor rate \$120.00**

3) Oatley, Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning Co., Oxford, CT.

Library - \$1,300.00 payable \$325.00 per quarter
Town Hall - \$3,200.00 payable \$800.00 per quarter
Public Works - \$950.00 payable \$237.50 per quarter
Senior Center - \$2,500.00 payable \$625.00 per quarter

- **2 Annual Preventative Maintenance Inspections, held Spring/Fall**
- **Hourly labor rate \$75.00 hr**
- **Over-time labor rate \$112.50 hr**
- **Public Works Garage - heat only**

Motion to turn bid proposals over to the First Selectman, Town Counsel, and Public Works Director to review and make recommendations to be submitted at the next Board of Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2004.

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

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Brian Curina to the Library Board of Directors for a term expiring on 12/1/05.

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

Motion to re-appoint Ron Mead to Catchment Area Council # 5 for a 2-year term expiring 4/30/05.

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

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds as presented in the amount of \$6,113.81.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi **Second: Jeanne Loda**
Vote: 7-Yes **0-No** **0-Abstain** **0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 7 - Transfers.

None at this time.

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

- **Letter to Fred Stanek from the First Selectman regarding the Fish Ladder issue. Asking the status of the Skate Park being moved and the State reimbursement.**
- **Letter to Attorney Allison Bloom from George Temple, Town Counsel, response to her letter dated 9/1/04 that was on the Agenda at the 9/7/04 Board of Selectmen Meeting. This is about the law that says if you are to be discussed at a meeting that you must be notified prior to that and put on the Agenda. Attorney Temple gives the Town's position on this issue in that the Board of Selectmen respects the law but in the "Public Comment" section of the meeting, the public is encouraged to exchange ideas and practice free speech.**
- **Letter to the First Selectman from Frank Marcucio, EMS Chief, regarding the letter sent to the Board of Selectmen from Seymour Ambulance's Attorney, Allison Bloom. Mr. Marcucio clarifies that no where in Attorney Bloom's letter did it mention the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Also that he understands that the law does not pertain to free speech from the public.**
- **George Temple, Town Counsel, asks that the Selectmen respect the law and if they would like to make a comment they need to step down and speak as a resident, not as a Selectman.**

ITEM # 9 - First Selectman's Report.

- **Explains the copy of the letter he sent to Selectmen Loda and Conroy regarding their FOI request from the First Selectman's Office.**
- **Speaks about the horrible rainstorm on Saturday, September 18, 2004, and how many homes in his area of Town were flooded with water and mud. Also, the**

First Selectman went with the High School Building Committee today at 6:00 PM to see the damage done to 21 Carriage Drive due to the storm and the construction being done at the High School. Lynn Terrace was also flooded and Public Works will be doing those repairs due to the scheduled repairs not done prior to the storm.

- A letter from the Library Director to the First Selectman stating issues of concern at the Library.
- The guardrails have to be fixed by Falbo's Garage.
- O&G is coming at the end of this week or beginning of next week to start the asphaltting of the roads.
- DeSantis will be working on the drainage problems and catch basins around town.
- Line painting will be done after asphaltting.
- The trees at Chatfield Park are being cut.
- The Public Works Department has been working very hard with the large amount of work that they have.
- Sochrin's Park is coming along nicely.
- Too many issues in the First Selectman's Office to even list!

ITEM # 10 - Skate Park.

The First Selectman wants to let everyone know that the only reason this is on the Agenda is to find out if the Town wants to keep the Skate Park open after the Seymour Ambulance Assoc. stops running it at the end of this year. We are still waiting for the State to put the moving of the Skate Park project through. The State will reimburse the Town all but \$1,000.00 to move the Skate Park and they will also be installing fences and doing any repairs needed.

The First Selectman would like to keep the Skate Park open and have the Recreation Department work on it. If the Board votes to keep the park open in the future for the residents of Seymour, it will go to the Board of Finance to try and get the funds for the operation. It costs approximately \$19,000.00 per year to run the Skate Park, and the feeling is that the fees are too low. The Recreation Commission will be taking over the Skate Park in April 2005.

Selectman Lombardi stresses how important the Skate Park is to the community. He feels that it keeps the kids off of the street corners and parking lots. He also feels that the Board of Selectmen should make sure that the Board of Finance funds this.

Motion, contingent upon the Town of Seymour running it, to keep the Skate Park open right now on a limited basis until the funds are appropriated and use the money that comes in as income on a monthly basis to run it.

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

Motion that the Board of Selectmen supports keeping the Skate Park opens in the future for our community.

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

ITEM # 11 - Other Business.

The Community Center will be getting a Bocchi Court and a Playscape through a Grant. The Community Center is also working with the Church (that is next to it) to reline the parking areas and driveway. Jim Galligan, Town Engineer, is working on this and the back parking lot eventually has to be repaved.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session.

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Loda 27 Osprey Drive: Wants to make sure that the minutes reflect the Skate Park stay open contingent upon the Town of Seymour running it.

The First Selectman lets everyone know that the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee will be meeting some time in the next week. They hopefully will take action in October 2004.

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM.

Motion: Roberta King

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Attested to:

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman