

**MINUTES**  
**Ordinance Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2008 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

**Board of Selectmen Members Present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti, and Paul Roy.**

**Members Absent: Frank Conroy and Town Counsel George Temple.**

**Others Present: John Leon, Peter Jezierny, and Bill Kovacs.**

**ITEM # 1 - Open Public Hearing.**

**The First Selectman opens the Ordinance Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.**

**ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ITEM # 3 - Discussion of proposed Ordinance for Post-Construction Stormwater.**

**Peter Jezierny, 93 Walnut Street: Being Chairman of the Conservation Commission he is in full support of this ordinance being passed. This ordinance is a tool to keep a handle on new construction and making sure that in the future the property owners are responsible for maintenance and all run-off from the property. This will be a great benefit to the Town.**

**John Leon, 7 Applewood Drive: Mr. Leon states that he has not read the Ordinance, but he remembers that years ago property owners used to have to have dry wells to collect the water run-off.**

**John Conroy, Selectman: Wants to know if this can prevent developers from giving the Town land with detention ponds that the Town ends up maintaining.**

**Peter Jezierny, 93 Walnut Street: States that in the last 2 years that the Town has turned down any donated land that has detention ponds on it. They have also been checking the land vs. the maps that are submitted due to discrepancies that have been found in the past.**

**ITEM # 4 - Discussion of proposed Ordinance for Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater.**

**Peter Jezierny, 93 Walnut Street: This is very important for the Town because this is to prevent people from using illegal drains into the catch basins by imposing punishment and fines. The goal is to have nothing in the drains but Stormwater. This ordinance will also allow a Town agent to enforce this law and gain access to private property that are believed to be illegally draining into the catch basins. The State of Connecticut would like all towns and cities to adopt this ordinance.**

**John Leon, 7 Applewood Drive: Has not read the ordinance, but appreciates all of the hard work that the Conservation Commission and other Land Use Boards put into this.**

First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski: These Ordinances have taken approximately 2 years to develop. He realizes that they are very long and involved and they tried to condense them, but were unable to because all of the language needs to be there. There will be a high cost to publish them in the paper, but that is required once they are passed. The engineer and the Land Use Boards have worked very hard on these and they are State mandated.

**ITEM # 5 – Discussion of proposed changes to DIVISION 2. PURCHASING Ordinance.**

First Selectman, Robert J. Koskelowski: Explains that the changes are highlighted and other Towns have also increased the dollar amount for bidding purposes and/or are working on doing so. This increase is for cost of living and when the original ordinance was done in 1961, you could almost buy a home for the amount in the ordinance. It has been difficult to get companies to submit bids for Town projects due to the fact that they must submit bid bonds and the amount is so low. The increase will make it easier to get companies to submit quotes for projects.

Public Comments:  
None

**ITEM # 6 – Refer to the Board of Selectmen.**

Motion to refer the above three ordinances to the Board of Selectmen for approval at the February 5, 2008 meeting.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Roberta King  
Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 7 – Close Public Hearing.**

Motion to close ordinance public hearing at 7:18PM.

Motion: Paul Roy                      Second: John Putorti  
Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Robert J. Koskelowski,  
First Selectman