

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** W. Kurt Miller, Paul Roy, Karen Stanek, Annmarie Drugonis, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Al Bruno, and Len Greene, Jr.

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Linda Bellavance, Sean Walsh, Mike Marganski, and Lianna Staffieri.

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:02 PM.

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

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from January 6, 2015 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from January 6, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes            0-No

1-Abstain(Nicole)

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.**

None.

**ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action on Founder's Day request.**

Linda Belleavance discussed Founder's Day briefly. She stated that Founder's Day will be held June 7, 2015 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM with a rain date of June 14, 2015. She stated that everything is the same as previous years. The committee has met with most of the individuals they need to meet with. She stated the benefactor will be the American Legion, Post 10. She stated that the committee meets with the groups prior to the event. Every bit of money they receive, they spend on veterans groups. The Founder's Day Committee will ask the American Legion to use the money on the building. The request from the Founder's Day Committee is for the Board of Selectmen, as in previous years, picks up the tab for police costs.

Motion that Founder's Day for 2015 will be set for June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5 pm with a rain date of June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5PM and that the Board of Selectmen will make arrangements to have the cost of extra duty police officers covered by the town.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes            0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on 2015-16 capital plan.**

Kurt discussed key points of the budget briefly.

- Long term capital plan:
  - Fiscal Year 2015-2016
  - Kurt discussed what is entailed in the capital plan. It includes his projections over the next 5 years: 15-16 all the way through 19-20.
  - Target is to spend approximately \$300,000.00 a year. He stated we are slightly over for the next 3 years.
    - \$25,000.00 for grounds equipment.
    - \$25,000.00 for a dog park. He stated we are currently applying for a grant.
    - \$5,000.00 for large snow plow blades.
    - \$130,000 for a bucket truck. Kurt stated \$75,000.00 was put away in FEMA money to purchase a new bucket truck. He stated they are having a hard time finding an appropriate bucket truck for that amount. The \$75,000.00 will be used to redo one of the dump trucks now.
  - Police Department:
    - Second year purchase of portable radios.
  - Fire Department:
    - \$9,347.00 for surplus equipment. Kurt stated he recommended that the Fire Department only purchase one truck.
    - \$75,000.00 for the simulcast system which will help with communications.
  - Oil tank removal fund - \$40,000.00 saved up.
  - \$5,000.00 for a community service website upgrade.
  - Parks Commission is asking to redo road at French Park.
  - \$2,500.00 for interest costs.

Kurt stated that right now they stand at \$32,847.00 too high. He will be bringing forth the final capital plan sometime in March.

Debt service over next several years:

- Kurt stated the town was able to go out to bond for 5 million dollars for road reconstruction and will have minimal impact with regard to taxes.
- Kurt pointed out the change in cost of debt service.
- He stated that next year they are projecting an increase of debt service in the amount of \$97,000.00.
- The Board of Finance is asking that the capital plan money is reflected in debt service.
- He stated the next year there will be a slight increase of \$117,000.00 of debt service.
- Over next 4 years there are decreases each year. The biggest increase is shown in the year 2018.

Kurt discussed several issues that will need to be addressed in the coming years.

- Over hall of Bungay School.
- Fire Department requesting 4 new engines priced at \$500,000.00 each.
- Every town building either needs a roof or furnace, etc.
- Category C of the Road Program.

Kurt requested a breakdown of the debt the Town of Seymour currently has from Doug. For the fiscal year 2014, 76% of the debt load was driven by schools. He stated of the 36 million dollars outstanding, 27.5 million dollars is in schools. He stated that looking back to 2005, it has changed tremendously. Kurt stated over the last 10 years they have spent substantially more to schools. He stated he believes that they need to address other town buildings before we address another school.

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on Winters Brothers MSW & recycling program.**

Kurt gave an update as to where the town stood comparing 2013 and 2014 as follows:

- **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).**
  - November, 2013 - 502.1 tons of MSW.
  - November, 2014 - 409 tons of MSW.
  - December, 2013 - 571.11 tons of MSW.
  - December, 2014 - 555.36 tons of MSW.
  - Total savings of \$77.25 per ton which equals a grand total of \$8,825.00.
  
- **Recycling**
  - November, 2013 - 62.81 tons.
  - November, 2014 - 89.42 tons.
  - December, 2013 - 50.32 tons.
  - December, 2014 - 107.53 tons.
  - He stated that rebates have increased by \$1,200.00. He stated they have saved over \$10,000.00 in total savings in the first two months of the new program.

**ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee reporting procedure.**

Kurt stated that he along with the Director of Operations and the Finance Director are required report to the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee once a quarter with regard to how they performed with regard to the 10-Year Strategic Plan. He stated that he will create a quarterly summary that will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

**ITEM #10: Executive session.**

None.

**ITEM #11: Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Colleen Lundgren to the Recreation Commission for a term of two (2) years expiring on January 20, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Robert Acquavella to the Recreation Commission for a term of two (2) years expiring on January 20, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to appoint Paul Wetowitz to the Inland Wetlands Commission for a term of four (4) years expiring on January 20, 2019.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #12: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #13: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #14: Correspondence.**

- Check registers.
- Town of Seymour Prescription Card Plan savings of \$19,000.00 in 11 months of 2014
- Letter from Sean Strumello resigning from the recreation commission
- Letters from Theodore Holly III resigning from EMSOC and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Resignation from Lucy McConologue resigning from the Livable Communities Commission.

**ITEM #15: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #16: Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Karen Stanek stated that the Derby Board of Alderman created a Blight Committee and inquired if the Board of Selectmen can do the same.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that the town has an existing Blight Ordinance, so if they were to create a Blight Committee the board would need to establish its purpose. He stated they would need to decide if they will create it by ordinance or if it will be advisory. He stated that in concept he does not have an objection.

Karen stated that the marquee by the elevator in town hall lists the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:30PM.

Kurt stated he will get it changed.

Karen stated she thought that Jim Baldwin was the Building Inspector and inquired if the town had electrical or mechanical inspectors and/or plumbers, etc.

Kurt stated that Jim Baldwin has certifications for that and if necessary, he can call an Electrical Inspector, etc. He has money in his budget to do so.

Paul Roy inquired about the issue with the dam at the Great Hill Reservoir.

Kurt stated that they are starting to uncover everything now. The dam was never maintained in the last 20 years. He stated that annual maintenance was never done. He stated they are in the process of determining what the possible solutions are.

Paul stated that some members on the Commission on Aging reached out to him regarding bad communication with the chairman. They have not had a meeting in a few months.

Kurt stated the staff should have no impact on the meetings.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria inquired about the last year the dam was maintained.

Kurt stated the town took the property in 2003. He stated that sometime after First Selectman Barton was the last time it was maintained and has not been since.

Paul stated that there hasn't been any correspondence with DEEP with regard to the dam from what he remembers.

Kurt stated that the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Pete Jezierny brought it to his attention. The issue is emergency management and if the dam would give way, Route 34 would be flooded. He stated the town has brought in Fuston & O'Neil who specialize in this work.

Al Bruno stated that there is garbage all over the town and on the sides of the roads. He inquired about getting the garbage cleaned up and if there was a schedule to clean our roads.

Kurt stated that when it is brought to our attention, Public Works cleans it up. He will find the answer to his question.

Sean Walsh, Board of Public Works Chairman, stated that the property Public Works maintains cleans up the garbage, mow and clip. In the winter it is more difficult. He stated he doesn't think there is a specific schedule. He stated that the state is slowly taking care of less and less.

Al stated that this is a constant issue since he has moved to town 10 years ago. He suggested getting the town on a schedule. He also suggested more of a police presence around Mountain Road and/or Great Hill where the majority of the garbage is. He also inquired about the status of the Adopt-a-Spots.

Kurt stated that currently all spots are taken. Individuals have been contacting him for spots. He stated that the signs will be up by spring time. He stated that they are trying to come up with 4 extra spaces.

Al stated with regard to the Great Hill Dam, we need to assess our structures in town. He stated the board should take this opportunity to assess what is old and needs updating.

Kurt stated this will be addressed in the 10-Year Strategic Plan.

Annmarie Drugonis inquired who was in charge of maintenance when the dam became the towns responsibility.

Kurt stated there is no answer yet. They aren't sure if the dam was there and town purchased land and bought dam with it or if they got it through a grant.

Annmarie commended Public Works for a job well done with the storm on Sunday. She stated she felt the town did the best they could with short notice.

Len Greene, Jr. inquired about the status of the other fire truck that the Fire Department was trying to sell.

Kurt stated the trucks are stripped and ready to be sold. The truck that has not been requested, the Fire Department is still trying to find a buyer. He stated they are looking at costs of repairing the pickup versus not.

**ITEM #17: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

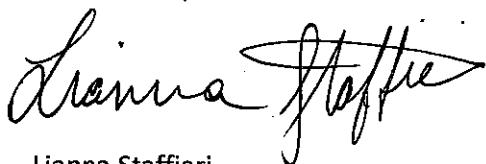
Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman