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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 17, 2015 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

Others Present: Labor Counsel, Warren Holcomb; Don Smith, Shaye from Boys & Girls Club, Sean Walsh, Human Resource Director, Michelle Wasikowski; State Representative, Theresa Conroy; Mary McNelis and Jessie Patrick.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

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

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 February 3, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from February 3, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

1. As of Friday, the town has official closed the sale of the LoPresti School. I have received a check for \$335,000 which will be used to improve the overall condition of our town buildings. We will be taking action on a specific resolution later in the meeting on usage of these funds.
2. The town has depleted its snow budget for the year. We will be discussing a transfer later in the meeting outlining how we will handle things until the end of the season. We project to be about \$103,000 over in materials and \$23,000 over in labor. These projections allow for 4 more additional storms. I have brought along the 2014-2015 Snow Event Report that we keep to log the cost of every storm if anyone would like to view it.
3. I am scheduled to present my budget to the board of Finance on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. At that point, I will do a review of the town's overall financial position including debt service, fund balance and expense projections.
4. Had initial meeting with Jim Galligan regarding the road program and the work to be done for Spring of 2015. Based on some conversations that have been had, we may be able to include about \$500,000 worth of category C roads. Jim and I will be meeting again on Thursday to discuss in greater detail. I hope to have him at our next meeting to talk about time lines and schedule for the project.
5. At our March 3 meeting, I will be showing you the next master quarterly report for the town that will be used as part of the presentation to the 10 year strategic planning committee. My first report to them is scheduled for the third week in April.
6. Attended the final walk through of the fish by pass with staff from the contractor, Milone and MacBroom and Chuck Lee. We are waiting for some final paper work from the state to officially turn the park over to the town. Once that paper work is received and reviewed by Atty. Stanek, it will be presented to this board for final approval and acceptance. As it stands, we are projecting the fence to come down and the park to be open for the season on or around Friday April 3, weather permitting.

ITEM #6: Presentation from Seymour Boys & Girls Club.

Boys & Girls Club Director, Jessie Patrick, thanked the board for their support. She discussed the many progressions at the Boys & Girls Club. She stated that they have 86 enrolled after school members with an average daily attendance of 65. She stated that the Friday night program for middle-schoolers (TGIF) has 181 members with an average weekly attendance of 91. They are expecting to grow with the sensation of winter sports. They have extended their hours of operation by request of the parents. She stated that Seymour has a bright future with the wonderful children. She introduced one of the Seymour Boys & Girls Club members named John Busik.

John Busik stated that he has been a member of the Seymour Boys & Girls Club since September. He previously spent his afternoons watching TV and playing video games. He stated that now he spends time taking opportunities to better his life. He also discussed all of his accomplishments and successes since he has started going to the Seymour Boys & Girls Club. He discussed the positive impact that the staff members have on him and his future. He also spoke about the positive impact the relationships he has established at the Boys & Girls Club has made on his life. He stated that his future is brighter because of the Boys & Girls Club.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on Town Clerk’s State Library Grant application.

Kurt read the letter from Town Clerk, Susan DeBarber as follows:

Requesting the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen to empower the Town Clerk to execute the application and contract with the State Library for a \$3,000.00 grant. The grant will be used to upgrade our land record software system. This will bring our land record images back approximately three years from 1982. This provides easy, accessible information for attorneys, title searchers, and the public.

- Susan DeBarber

Motion to empower the Town Clerk to execute the application and contract with the State Library for a \$3,000.00 grant.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #8: Update from Ordinance Committee.

Kurt Miller stated that the Ordinance Committee met last week and went through the Fire Department Ordinance, Sidewalk Ordinance, Delinquent Tax Ordinance, and the Veterans Tax Exemption. He stated that everyone is in agreement with the changes. Town Counsel, Richard Buturla is writing up ordinances and will be brought forth at the March 3, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting. He stated that he expects that the Fire Department ordinance changes, sidewalk ordinance changes and the delinquent tax ordinance changes to go into effect as soon as possible. The Veterans tax exemption will go into effect July 1, 2015.

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on resolution regarding revenue from sale of 29 Maple Street.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION: Restricting the Use of the Proceeds from the Sale of LoPresti School

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2015, the Town of Seymour conveyed the former LoPresti School property to 29 Maple St., LLC for the sum of \$335,000; and

WHEREAS, Town owned buildings and capital assets require regular ongoing maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds derived from the sale of a capital asset should be utilized to preserve the value of our capital assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proceeds generated from the sale of the former LoPresti School located at 29 Maple Street, Seymour, Connecticut are hereby required to be deposited into a restricted special revenue account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds are to be utilized for capital expenditures, ongoing repairs and maintenance of Town owned capital assets.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

The \$335,000 will be put in a special revenue account and will only be used for town buildings.

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action on resolution regarding potential revenue from BRRFOC.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION: Revenue Derived from Covanta Bristol, Inc. and Bristol Resource Recovery Facility

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is a member of Bristol Resource Recovery Facility (the "Facility"); and

WHEREAS, Covanta Bristol Inc. ("Covanta"), is the operator of the Facility; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that the Facility may generate unanticipated revenue for the Town of Seymour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, all revenue generated by the Facility and/or Covanta and paid to the Town of Seymour shall be deposited into a restricted special revenue account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such revenue shall only be utilized to enhance, repair or maintain the Seymour Transfer Station or to support other environmental related expenditures.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Bristol Resources was a consortium that we are involved with along with several other towns. Kurt stated that the initial reason for the creation of this group was to create the plant that is used to burn all the garbage. When it was initially put into place, it was determined that once the note was paid off, the communities that paid for it would no longer own the facility and that it would go to Covanta. Kurt stated that they have given the town favorable rates in which to dispose of our garbage. Now that BRRFOC is dissolving, we are getting payments back of fund balance, excess capital, etc. Kurt stated that the town to date has received \$190,000.00. The town is projecting to receive another \$130,000.00 over the next three months. Kurt stated that BRRFOC encouraged the town to use the money towards environmental issues.

ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action on Seymour Lady Wildcats Shred-It CT fundraiser.

Kurt read letter as follows:

The Seymour Lady Wildcats Booster Club would like to use the parking lot adjacent to the Community Center and Skate Park for a document shredding fundraiser to be scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015, beginning no earlier than 7:30 AM and ending no later than 1:30 PM.

Shred-It CT would bring one document shredding truck to be parked in the lot for a 2-4 hour time slot (to be determined), plus approximately 30 minutes before and after for set-up and clean-up. They offer this service beginning in April, Saturdays only, as a "community" event.

The event would provide a valuable, convenient opportunity for individuals and small businesses in our community to safely dispose of personal and confidential documentation. As a fundraiser for our team, the site is a safe location for our players to assist with a service event and thank the community for their continued support of the SHS Lady Wildcats Softball Program. My next steps are to request approval from the Board of Education and confirm the date with Shred-It. Thank you for your consideration and I hope to hear from you soon.

Dina Zygmunt

Kurt stated that this was discussed at the Recreation Commission meeting and was approved.

Motion to allow the Seymour Lady Wildcats Booster Club to hold a Shred-It fundraiser event at the Seymour Community Center and Skate Park parking lot on Saturday, April 18, 2015 beginning no earlier than 7:30AM and ending no later than 1:30 PM.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action regarding the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee's recommendation for architecture/engineering firm.

Kurt Miller read the letter from Chairperson, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, as follows:

At our meeting on February 5, 2015, the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee voted to select Nafis & Young Engineers as our recommendation for the architectural/engineering firm for the renovation of the Seymour High School athletic complex. We found them to be the best candidates for the position based on the submitted qualifications and proposals as well as the interviews we conducted with the candidates. We hope you will approve our recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Kurt stated that they have received a tentative contract from Nafis & Young. Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, is reviewing it and is hoping to have it ready for the Board of Selectmen to vote on at the meeting on March 3rd. Paul Roy inquired about whether or not the contract with Nafis & Young is with the state or the town. He also inquired about having Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, attend one of the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee meetings.

Kurt stated that all three groups were very good and it came down to comfort.

ITEM #13: Discussion and take possible action on a resolution making certain determinations in connection with the financing of the Town of Seymour's \$5,600,000 Road Improvement Program 2014 (Category B Roads).

Kurt Miller read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour, by resolution presented at a Special Town Meeting held October 21, 2014 and approved at referendum held November 4, 2014, appropriated \$5,600,000 for the Town of Seymour Road Program 2014; and authorized the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$5,600,000 to finance the appropriation; and

WHEREAS, said resolution authorized the Board of Selectmen to delegate to appropriate officers of the Town certain determinations and actions in connection with the issuance of such bonds or notes and temporary notes;

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of such bonds, notes and temporary notes; to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption of interest on the bonds, notes and temporary notes from federal income taxation, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes and temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information; to sell the bonds, notes and temporary notes at public or private sale; to execute and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to sell, issue and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #14: Discussion of and possible action on a resolution making certain determinations in connection with the financing of the Town of Seymour's \$220,000 2014 facilities and capital equipment acquisition and improvements project.

Kurt read resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour, by resolution approved by the Board of Selectmen on November 5, 2014 acting in lieu of the Special Town Meeting called for that date, appropriated \$220,000 for the Town of Seymour 2014 Facilities and Capital Equipment Acquisition and Improvements Project; and authorized the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$220,000 to finance the appropriation; and

WHEREAS, said resolution authorized the Board of Selectmen to delegate to appropriate officers of the Town certain determinations and actions in connection with the issuance of such bonds or notes and temporary notes; NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of such bonds, notes and temporary notes; to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption of interest on the bonds, notes and temporary notes from federal income taxation, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years; to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds, notes and temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information; to sell the bonds, notes and temporary notes at public or private sale; to execute and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to sell, issue and deliver the bonds, notes and temporary notes.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #15: Executive session (Personnel – Interview with Community Services Director applicant).

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:32 PM with Labor Counsel, Warren Holcomb; Human Resource Director, Michelle Wasikowski and potential Community Services Director candidate.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to exit executive session at 8:25 PM with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #16: Discussion and take possible action on hiring of Community Services Director position.

Motion for the board to offer the position of Director of Community Services to Mary McNelis pending all background checks and necessary verification by our Human Resources Department.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #17: Executive session (Personnel – Gianotti grievance).

Motion to add to enter into executive session at 8:27 PM with Labor Counsel, Warren Holcomb; Human Resource Director, Michelle Wasikowski; Marco Gianotti and Nadia Staffieri.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to exit executive session at 9:08 PM with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #18: Discussion and take possible action on Gianotti grievance.

Motion to deny the grievance and uphold recommended punishment.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #19: Appointments.

None.

ITEM #20: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0- Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #21: Transfers.

Motion to approve Control #3 transfer for Public Works Department in the total amount of \$131,076.96 - \$50,000.00 from Contingency and \$81,076.96 from Fund Balance - to Snow Plowing, Snow Plowing Overtime, Social Security and Retirement.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and take possible action regarding setting of a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 6:45 PM to discuss the transfer of snow material and overtime transfer requested by Public Works in the amount of \$131,076.96.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Discussion and take possible action regarding setting of a special meeting for March 3, 2015 at 6:45 PM to discuss the transfer of snow material and overtime transfer requested by Public Works in the amount of \$131,076.96.

Motion to set Special Town Meeting for March 3, 2015 at 6:45 PM to discuss Public Works transfer request.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #22: Correspondence.

- Check register.
- Resignation letter from Robert Aquavella from the Recreation Commission.
- Kurt read letter from Chatfield-LoPresti student Brook Reilly as follows:

○ Dear Mr. Miller,

My name is Brook Reilly. I go to Chatfield-LoPresti School. I think that our town (Seymour) should have a community garden. Maybe there is room in Seymour that people can use for gardening. I think it would be a good idea because it would attract more people to Seymour. It would also make our town look better. Also, people that live in apartments would have a place to garden. Gardens improve our environment and we should take part in keeping our environment clean. I think that if free space is not being utilized we should use it for a garden. I know it's a lot to ask for but I've been hoping that it would happen.

Sincerely, Brooke Reilly

Kurt stated that the Seymour Land Trust has land that can be used for this. Alex Danka is in the process of finding a spot. He stated that the Bristol Resource money could possibly be put toward this.

ITEM #23: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #24: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Kurt Miller stated, with regard to Karen Stanek's request of a blight committee, Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, reached out to Attorney Fran Teodosio and is waiting to get the information from him.

Paul Roy stated that Mike Flynn is interested in being a part of the Inland Wetlands Commission. He stated that in conversations with Ed Strumello, different departments in town were asked to be a part of a mentoring program through the school system. The Chief of Police was asked and stated that the Police Department would not be interested in taking part of the program. He stated that he would like to see police officers get involved and be mentors. He suggested approaching the Police Department again. He stated it will be interesting to see how well the pothole killer worked through the winter we are having.

Kurt stated that Don Smith did an analysis before the winter and will be doing one after. He will give a report after.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that it would be an asset to have police officers be a part of the mentoring programs. She inquired about whether or not the Fire Department was asked to be a part of the program as well. Kurt stated that he will look into it.

Nicole stated that all three candidates that the Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee interviewed were great. She stated that in the end the committee felt strongly that Nafis & Young would be best for the town.

Al Bruno stated that when the snow melts, we are going to see a lot of debris in our town. He inquired if Kurt has thought about a "Seymour Goes Green Campaign."

Kurt stated that the Seymour Sweeps program is along those lines. He stated that they are targeting April for the program to begin. He stated that himself, Dennis Rozum, Director of Public Works, and Tony Caserta, Manager of Operations; will do the first run. Light Duty employees will be used for the program.

Annmarie Drugonis stated that she is glad to see that the Maple Street School building was sold and the money is finally coming in and making improvements to town buildings. She stated that the way the storms have been hitting the town, Public Works has been doing the best they could to keep up. She stated that Kurt is doing good job with the Code Red System. She discussed what Beacon Falls did with snow removal around fire hydrants. The offer was if you were the first 10 people to let the town know that you shoveled out a fire hydrant, they get \$25 gift card to a local restaurant. She stated that she thinks it is a great idea and it's great to get the residents involved.

ITEM #25: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:32 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

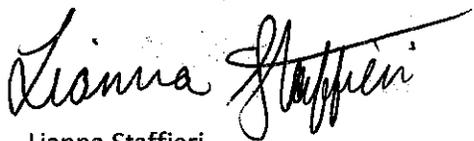
Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman