

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Members Absent:** Karen Stanek and Al Bruno.

**Others Present:** Sean Walsh, Dennis Rozum, and Town Counsel, Brian LeClerc.

**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 April 7, 2015 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 7, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #5: Approve minutes from April 7, 2015 special Town meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 7, 2015 special Town meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #6: Approve minutes from April 7, 2015 public hearing.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 7, 2015 public hearing.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #7: Approve minutes from April 14, 2015 special meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 14, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – ABSTAIN

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

**ITEM #8: First Selectman's Report.**

1. As a reminder, the Annual Town Meeting on the Budget will be held on Thursday night at 7pm at the Seymour High School. If we do not have a quorum, the Board of Selectmen will need to meet to officially move the budget to referendum vote. In your packets is the agenda that has been filed in case that is needed.
2. The Town of Seymour Budget referendum will be held on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 am until 8:00 pm at the Seymour Community Center. I am asking all residents to please come out and vote on this very important issue.
3. Our new Director of Community Services, May McNelis has officially started. She has been spending the last two weeks reviewing structure and process for the new department. She has started to prepare a series of recommendations that she will present initially to Tony and myself and then to the Board of Selectmen. I expect that to be done in late May or early June.
4. I presented a State of the Town address to the Valley Chamber of Commerce members. During this presentation I was able to highlight Seymour steady improvement in our overall financials and the direction we are heading and our expectations for 2015 and beyond.
5. Meet with Town Council Rich Buturla and Town Engineer Jim Galligan to finalize the RFQ for the WPCA bid process. We expect the RFQ to go out in the next week and to be out for about 3-4 weeks. After a review of submissions, we will narrow the potential bidders based on their qualifications and move forward to the next phase.
6. DPW continues to work on the roads in Seymour. The brutal winter has caused much more damage than we have seen in the past. Though we have made strides in the last two years with our new proactive road program, it has exposed our lack of any true road repair or maintenance program for many years prior. Our situation is substantially worse now because of this lack of work and we are forced to play catch up. Asphalt plants are now open so we are able to use a more permanent solution when fixing potholes and roads such as Robin and Rimmon. Major road construction will begin in the next few weeks and will continue through the summer into late August. In total, we are projected to completely redo 43 roads. Later tonight, we will award the first of 6 bids for all of this work.
7. As we draw closer to the end of the fiscal year, we are finalizing our plans to close out the FY 2015 budget. At this point, we are projecting a small surplus but will continue to monitor these numbers on a daily basis to make sure we are able to hit all of our projected targets.

The Seymour Neighborhood Sweeps program will officially begin on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Director of Operations Tony Caserta, Public Works Director Dennis Rozum and I will drive every street in Seymour over a four day period and catalog every pothole, road crack, side walk issue and overall general state of each area. All of this information will then be compiled and used to create a master plan for not only repair, but ongoing maintenance. During this time we will also be looking at liter conditions and potential blight situations. This process will happen once a quarter to allow us to review and make updates. Rory will be setting up a spot on the website to allow residents to report in updates as they see things. These reports will come directly to my office to allow for better tracking and accountability. We expect to have more on the program in the coming weeks.

**ITEM #9: Award bid for roadwork.**

Kurt read a letter from Town Engineer, Jim Galligan, regarding 2014 Road Reconstruction Program; Contract 3 as follows:

Dear Mr. Miller,

Nafis & Young opened bids on the referenced project on Monday April 20, 2015. Three bids were received as follows:

Cocchiola Paving, Inc.	- \$833,125.00
A&J Construction	- \$864,782.25
Complete Construction	- \$1,099,450.00

We have reviewed the bids and find that they are mathematically correct and proper bid bonds accompanied each bid. The low bidder is deemed responsible and qualified, as they have completed similar work for the Town of Seymour in the past. Therefore, Nafis & Young recommends that the Town of Seymour award the bid for 2014 Road Reconstruction Program, Contract #3 to Cocchiola Paving Inc. in the amount of \$833,125.00.

Sincerely,  
James H. Galligan

Motion to award 2014 Road Reconstruction Program, Contract #3 to Cocchiola Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$833,125.00 as a recommendation from Town Engineer, Jim Galligan.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.                      Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Discussion:

Paul Roy stated that he does not have a good feeling about Cocchiola. He stated that they took way too long with the Derby Avenue project. He stated that there were way too many complaints.

Len Greene, Jr. stated that he remembers that project distinctly. He inquired about parameters being put into the contract that can avoid such a delay.

Kurt stated that they haven't gotten to the contract.

Town Counsel, Brian LeClerc stated that they can put in a provision regarding timing with a penalty.

Public Works Director, Dennis Rozum stated that the project took a little longer than it should have. He stated that if something could be written in the contract that can expedite that circumstance, it should be good.

Town Counsel, Brian LeClerc, stated that in the contract they can have a provision that there will be no more than a certain amount of time between the milling of any section of the road and the application of asphalt to that section. He stated they can't force anyone to go out and do the work unless there is a financial penalty such as an "x" amount of dollars per day.

Paul stated that the whole project on Derby Avenue should have taken 6 weeks but took 3 months.

The board continued to discuss Cocchiola and the other bidders.

Motion to table this item to the Special Board of Selectmen Meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.                      Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Paul Roy – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		

**ITEM #10: Action in lieu of special town meeting regarding appropriating \$2,000,000 for design and construct of an artificial turf athletic field and grandstand at Seymour High School (AKA Project CSAP 2015-17) and related improvements and amenities to be funded in part by an estimated \$1,895,000 in grants from the State of Connecticut DEEP.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, That the Town of Seymour appropriate TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) for costs with respect to design and construct of an artificial turf athletic field and grandstand at Seymour High School (also known as Project CSAP 2015-07), and improvements and amenities related thereto; to be funded in part by an estimated \$1,895,000 in grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the remainder from unencumbered General Fund balance. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, related equipment, materials, consultant and engineering fees, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and to reduce or modify the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so reduced or modified.

Motion to accept resolution as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.  
Vote: 5-Yes                    0-No  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
0-Abstain  
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action regarding LoCIP funding.**

Kurt Miller read the following letter from Public Works Director, Dennis Rozum:

The Seymour Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectmen to authorize \$10,000.00 in Local Capital Investment Program (LoCIP) money to perform necessary road repairs on Rimmon Street. The funds will be utilized for asphalt to temporarily repair many areas of Rimmon Street so vehicles can travel in a safe manner.

This repair is in anticipation of the complete Road Reconstruction Program which will be done in the spring of 2016.

All necessary labor will be supplied by the Public Works department.

Regards, Dennis Rozum

Motion to approve \$10,000.00 in LoCIP funds to repair Rimmon Street.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.  
Vote: 5-Yes                    0-No  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Second: Paul Roy  
0-Abstain  
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Kurt stated that this project was started under Paul Roy. He stated that the anticipation was that they would be able to bid and having work done by spring or summer. He stated that they will not be going out to bid until the fall of 2015 and the work will be done in the spring of 2016.

Len inquired as to why they should bank on that time frame. He inquired if there will be a possibility of the project getting pushed back again.

Kurt stated that he doesn't foresee the project getting pushed back again. All of the work is now in the hands of the State. He stated that the state delegation is very aware of what is happening.

Dennis Rozum stated that the safety of travel would be there even if it got delayed a month or two. He stated that they did the same process on Robin Road.

Kurt stated that they will know by late summer where this stands.

Kurt read the following letter from Public Works Director, Dennis Rozum:

The Seymour Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectman to authorize \$20,000.00 In Local Capital Investment Program (LoCIP) money to revise the Strand Parking lot to add additional 15 parking spaces. In addition to allow the Public Works Department to maintain the parking lot adequately.

The cost involved will be for relocation of the utility pole, asphalt for parking area, asphalt curbing and handicap ramp, sidewalk materials, cement curbing, parking lot sealing, vehicle stops and line painting.

All labor will be supplied by the Public Works Department.

Regards, Dennis Rozum

The board discussed the map of the strand parking lot revision with Dennis Rozum.

Motion to approve \$20,000.00 in LoCIP funds to revise the Strand parking lot to add additional 15 parking spaces.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.  
Vote: 5-Yes                    0-No  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Second: Paul Roy  
0-Abstain  
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Kurt read a letter from Public Works Director, Dennis Rozum, as follows:

The Seymour Public Works Department along with the Public Works Board, has recognized Maiden Lane as a road becoming unpassable. Extensive work must be addressed as soon as possible in order to maintain safe travel for residents as well as service vehicles.

The Public Works Department, working with the Town engineers, will be drawing up a plan for road resurfacing, guardrails where necessary, road back filling and a turnaround at the North end of maiden lane.

Funds available for this project could be available from the Town Road Improvement Account. A detailed report for this project will be presented at the May 5, 2015 Board of Selectman's meeting.

Regards, Dennis Rozum

Kurt stated that Maiden Lane is in dismal condition. The town has to turn a plow truck around in a resident's driveway. They had talked about making a cul-de-sac there and one of the residents had an issue with it.

Dennis stated that they should pursue the issue of creating a cul-de-sac more aggressively.

Kurt stated that the board needs to come up with an actionable plan for this. He stated that there is no money available to completely redo this road as it is a very expensive job. A report will come before the board on May 5<sup>th</sup> from Dennis Rozum and Jim Galligan.

**ITEM #12: Discussion on first quarter 2015 executive summary and ITEM #13: Discussion on strategic planning report.**

Kurt stated that next Wednesday at 8:00 PM Kurt will be presenting to Strategic Planning Committee. He stated that all quarterly reports from each department for the year are incorporated in his executive summary. He stated that he will walk through the executive summary with them step by step. He stated that he will be presenting this for the first time and there is no set format. He stated that the committee will review and will determine the format going forward. He asked the board members to go over the executive summary and give him any feedback or changes before Monday.

**ITEM #14: Executive session.**

None.

**ITEM #15: Appointments.**

Motion to reappoint Steve Kulas as the Motor Vehicle Hearing Officer for a two (2) year term expiring on May 2, 2017.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to reappoint Brian Anderson to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to reappoint Scott Andrews to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – ABSTAIN

Motion to appoint Nicole Klarides-Ditria to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No

Second: Len Greene, Jr.  
1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – ABSTAIN  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Dale Cann to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

Second: Paul Roy  
0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Tom Eighmie to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Annmarie Drugonis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No

Second: Len Greene, Jr.  
1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – ABSTAIN

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Kyle Kelley to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

Second: Paul Roy  
0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Kurt Miller to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No

Second: Len Greene, Jr.  
1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – ABSTAIN  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to reappoint Dennis Rozum to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to reappoint Paul Satkowski to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to appoint John Cronin, Jr. to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion:

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to reappoint Karen Spargo to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion:

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to appoint Mike Lombardi to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to reappoint Tim Willis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Motion to appoint Paul Wetowitz to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 21, 2017.

Motion: Paul Roy  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Second: Len Greene, Jr.  
0-Abstain  
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #16: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.  
Motion: Len Greene, Jr.                      Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #17: Transfers.**

Motion to approve transfer control #10 for Public Works in the amount of \$87,530.95 from Garbage Residential to Snow Plowing Overtime.  
Motion: Len Greene, Jr.                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Motion to approve control #11 for Public Works in the amount of \$85,894.87 from Contingency Labor to the following:

- Salary Reg employees public works - \$67,734.87
- Social Security Public Works - \$5,181.72
- Retirement Public Works - \$8,128.18
- Salary Reg employees Transfer station - \$4,053.57
- Social Security Transfer Station - \$310.10
- Retirement Transfer station - \$486.43

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes  
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

**ITEM #18: Correspondence.**

- Check registers.
- Letter from Town Planner, Robert Looker, informing us of the positive approval of section 8-24 referral for the High School Athletic Field.
- Letter from Kurt to our service chiefs; Scott Andrews (Ambulance Chief), John Cronin (Fire Chief), Captain Chris Edwards (Great Hill Hose Co.) and Captain Ron Burgess (Citizen's Engine Co.) with regard to requirements for volunteer tax abatements.
- Update on prescription discount card.
- Letter from DECD with regard to them withdrawing the \$500,000.00 Brownfield Grant for Housatonic Wire.
- Letter from Seymour pink thanking the board for participation at wine tasting event.

**ITEM #19: Public Comment.**



Dennis Rozum stated that there should have been control #9 submitted with the other transfers. Kurt stated that it does not need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, only the Board of Finance. Sean Walsh stated that with regard to the road construction project, you want to go on a company's merit as far as what they are going to do. He stated that Maiden Lane has been festering for years. He stated that this has come up in the past and the road has been brought up many times. He stated that it is far too expensive of a process to encompass in the road program project. He suggested one option to explore is getting it done by sections.

**ITEM #20: Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Paul Roy stated that he is happy with the progress of the turf field at the high school. He stated that the committee is working well together. He thanked the board for taking his thoughts and comments into consideration on Cocchilio.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that the Turf Committee is moving forward and are working well together. She stated that the bid documents went out this Sunday and the bids for the bleachers will go out soon.

**ITEM #21: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman