

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2015 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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DATE: 5/14/15  
TIME: 5:00pm  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

**Members Absent:** Annmarie Drugonis.

**Others Present:** Priscilla Altorelli, Linda Bellevance, Judy Simpson, Rick Belden, Fred Wat, Tori Marsit, Crystal Heiden, Alexis Gazy and Town Counsel, Richard Buturla.

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

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:05 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 21, 2015 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 21, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No                      2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – ABSTAIN

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

Al Bruno – ABSTAIN  
Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #5: Approve minutes from April 21, 2015 special Town meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 21, 2015 special Town meeting.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 4-Yes                      0-No                      2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – ABSTAIN

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

Al Bruno – ABSTAIN  
Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #6: Approve minutes from April 23, 2015 special meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 23, 2015 special meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – Yes

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

Al Bruno – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #7: First Selectman's Report.**

- Monday night the Board of Education formally approved a partnership for the Technology Committee. Rob Dyer, who is the technology person will be coming to the Board of Selectmen meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- I spent last two weeks driving around with Dennis Rozum and Tony Caserta doing the Seymour Neighborhood Sweeps program. It is taking us longer than anticipated because our

infrastructure is not in the best shape. We cataloged potholes, cracks in the sidewalks, litter, etc. We have one more section of town and will have completed every section of town.

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action on 2015 Farmer's Market request.**

Kurt read letter from Seymour Farmer's Market as follows:

*To the Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen,*

*The Seymour Farmers Market would like to request permission to hold the open air weekly market in the front municipal parking lot of the community center on Pine Street/Broad Street on Tuesdays, 12-6pm starting May 19 and ending November 17, 2015, pending weather conditions and elections on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of November.*

*The Seymour Farmers Market has been home to many farmers. At times, the market has had up to 7 vendors. This year we hope to have 2 area bakeries, as well as Arcadia Farms, Southbury with meats, eggs, Metro Crops of Bridgeport with organic salad mixes, Old Solar Fan of Oxford with organic produce, and a soap vendor from Seymour.*

*We are currently renovating our website, so it is not operational. However, our Facebook page is well received.*

*If you have any questions, please contact me.*

*2015 will mark the 21<sup>st</sup> season, feeding families of all surrounding Naugatuck Valley towns, as well as far away as the Danbury, Milford, New Haven areas.*

*Thank you very much for the consideration.*

*Sincerely, Alexis Gazy, Seymour Farmers Market.*

Motion to approve the request of the Seymour Farmers Market for use of the Community Center parking lot on Pine Street/Broad Street on Tuesdays from 12 PM to 6 PM starting May 19<sup>th</sup> and ending November 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 pending town counsel review and all applicable insurances.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action on Bike with Hope request.**

Kurt read the letter from Bike with hope as follows:

*Dear 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman and Selectman board,*

*We are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CT Bike For HOPE on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would like your permission to use the commuter parking lot near the train tunnel on Rt 115 (the same spot as last year). Thank you for your consideration.*

*Sincerely, Tad Duni, Even Organizer*

Motion to allow Bike with Hope to accept the request of use of the commuter parking lot near the train tunnel on Rt 115 for their annual bike event on May 23, 2015.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #10: Discussion with Culture & Arts Committee regarding art piece for downtown.**

Judy Simpson stated that they wanted to do signs for the train station entering and exiting Seymour Identical to what is down there now. She handed out the proposal for the signs to the board members. Entering Seymour it will say "Welcome to Seymour Historic and Antique District" and opposite it will say "Leaving Seymour Historic and Antique District." New Age Design will be creating them. She stated that the Culture & Arts Committee have come up with the idea to do a mural underneath Rte. 8 between Wakelee Street and entrance ramp to Rte. 8. She stated that the Committee has been talking to and working with the High School teachers and students. She stated that they haven't done anything until they get approval from the board. She stated that they would have to go to the state and get approval from them. She stated they thought they could do something in conjunction with the fish ladder and the falls. The teachers are very interested. She stated that the Culture & Arts Committee would provide

the students and teachers with the supplies. If they get approval from the Board of Selectmen and the state, they would bring the design before the Board of Selectmen for finalization.

Kurt stated that because this is a special meeting the board cannot discuss because it is not on the agenda. He asked the Culture & Arts to come back to the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and they can discuss.

Town Counsel stated he doesn't see a problem with the Culture & Arts Committee reaching out to the State for approval.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria suggested adding "Come back soon" to the 'Leaving Seymour' sign.

Judy stated that the Culture & Arts Committee have been looking to do something in the culture aspect of the town for a while. The committee toured different towns and got ideas from that. Judy presented a 3D figure of statue they are proposing. She stated they would like to electrify it. Crystal and Torri (the artists) ran with this project. Judy stated that it incorporates the history of Seymour and it is made out of stainless steel. They would like to install it in front of the train station.

Crystal and Torri passed out detailed paper work that explains every aspect of the proposed statue and statue design.

Crystal stated what they are proposing to build is a stainless steel obelisk. The obelisk will be 10 ft. tall and the base would be 2ft x 4ft. They are proposing to put the obelisk on a 2 and a half foot base.

Crystal used a scale as an example. The obelisk will have four segments; pre-Colonialism, post-European, industrial revolution and today.

Kurt inquired about the annual maintenance.

Crystal stated that since it is stainless steel there is no worry about corrosion. If it is graphitized you can power wash it.

Kurt inquired about how much of a vehicle collision the obelisk can absorb.

Crystal stated that they will have to ask engineer. She stated with regard to concerns about the impact resistance, which would be in the structure of the concrete block, it would be placed into the ground, below frost level (3 and a half feet). The concrete block base is the only piece the town will have to install and be accountable for.

Linda Bellevance stated that the pieces of metal that will hold the obelisk to the concrete will be on the inside, not on the outside so no one can tamper with it.

Crystal stated that if someone needed to get in there for wiring or another reason, there will be a special key ordered to get inside the obelisk.

Judy stated the Culture & Arts Committee would like to place in on Main Street in front of the train station. She stated that it is a very focal point of Seymour. She stated they are going to ask Haynes if they would donate the concrete block for the ground. She stated they will need to find an electrician.

Kurt inquired about a timeframe.

Crystal stated that the timeframe is dependent on the scheduling of the plasma putting and programming. She stated that it should take approximately a week to program. She went into detail about the process. She stated it could be done by the summer.

Judy stated that she is talking about the island in front of the train station.

Kurt inquired about the money for this purchase being in FY 2015 or 2016.

Priscilla Altorelli stated that it is in their current budget.

Paul Roy inquired about lightning strikes.

Crystal stated that the grounding is in the plan.

Kurt asked Town Engineer, Jim Galligan, if he sees any issue with the wind.

Jim Galligan stated he does not foresee any issues with wind with stainless steel.

Len Greene, Jr. inquired about issues with noise.

Jim Galligan stated that he would speculate that it might let out a whistle but wouldn't call it loud. He stated that it will be nowhere near as loud as the traffic or train.

Len inquired about whether this would be completely unique to Seymour.

Judy stated that it would be completely unique to Seymour.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that they should consult with the state just in case, because it would be located on a state road.

Motion to authorize the Culture & Arts Commission to purchase a plasma cut 12 gage stainless steel obelisk that is 2' X 2' at the base and 1' x 1' at the top at a height of 10' 6' at a price of \$3,000.00 pending D.O.T. approval of placement.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #11: Discussion with Town Engineer regarding Maiden Lane.**

Town Engineer, Jim Galligan, stated that there are a couple things that could be done with Maiden Lane that would make it passable. He stated that the access way is probably 12-14 feet. He stated the Town standard for an access way is 30 feet. There is some reconstruction work to do there to make it more passable. He stated they will need some easements or property rights from the Livoli's, who own property in front of Maiden Lane. They need turn around at the end. He stated that the town over the years plows to end of the road and there is a driveway at the end of the road and has always been an issue for that resident. Jim stated that in order to make into passable road, they need to widen it, fix surface and will need land from the Livoli's.

Kurt inquired about drainage.

Jim stated that will need to be done to Rte. 34. He is certain that there is drainage in the Livoli property.

Kurt inquired about the cost.

Jim stated close to a half a million dollars.

Kurt inquired about a less expensive alternative that can be done for the short term.

Jim stated that if they would like to make it more passable, he suggests a reclaiming process. He stated he would augment that with shoulder work in the road and then put new surface down and put a snow shelf down at top of road. Jim stated that would be a \$100,000.00 project.

Len Greene, Jr. inquired about the road being more passable for larger vehicles, with regard to the short term reconstruction.

Jim Galligan stated that it would make it more passable but the larger vehicles cannot turn around. He stated that placing a snow shelf will not provide enough space to turn around.

Len inquired about concern with environmental impact with drainage down to Rte. 34.

Jim stated not that he can think of.

Len inquired whether the town will have an issue with the State D.O.T.

Jim stated in order to accomplish reconstruction the town will go through an application process. If there is an issue, the D.O.T. will tell you the first day.

Kurt inquired where Maiden Lane would be categorized going forward, after the road work is done this year.

Jim stated he would categorize it as an "A" or "B" Category Road after the first road program is completed.

Kurt inquired if this could potentially be addressed this summer if there was extra money or if the town was able to get extra savings somewhere.

Jim stated it definitely could be done if there funds left over from the "B" Category.

Len inquired about the implications if the town did nothing to the road.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that State Statute 13a-149 is a defective highway statute that applies. He stated that it has to be a sole approximate cause. It is a difficult case for a plaintiff to make

out; however, there is always risk with infrastructure. He stated with regard to minimal work, the town is improving the road and it will mitigate the exposure.

Jim stated that any improvements made to the road will show the residents that the town is trying to improve the safety issues with the road.

Kurt suggested that at this point the board should see where they stand and see how much money they will have left after the first road program is finished. He stated that Jim Galligan is projecting there will be some money left. He stated the board will revisit additional roads for Category "C."

Jim stated they are looking at an August time frame.

**ITEM #12: Award bid for 2015 Road Reconstruction Program Contract #3.**

Kurt stated that he asked Jim Galligan to go back over the bidders. He stated that he and Jim made some calls regarding Cocchiola Paving.

Jim Galligan stated that he researched several of the references that were given. He stated that the four towns that they worked in all had pretty strong recommendations for them. He stated that he looked back on the contract for the Derby Avenue project to see the reason for delays. He stated they had to send out sampling for laboratories and had to get approval from D.O.T. before they could start paving. Paul Roy stated he remembers the project started late. He continued to discuss the issues from Derby Avenue.

Jim stated that there are a couple things he has to look at from a global standpoint. Cocchiola is accepted by D.O.T. and are hired regularly by D.O.T. and other municipalities. The bulk of their work has been satisfactory. He stated that it is hard for him to not look at the whole picture. The numbers of their satisfactory performance is very large.

Paul inquired about bad references.

Jim stated he contacted references that weren't on their list and none of them had any bad or good to say. He received no bad results.

Kurt stated that he spoke to Mayor Laretti who has worked with Cocchiola quite a bit and he said that he would use them again and has not had any issues with them. Kurt asked Town Counsel if there is anything they can do in the contract with regard to time penalties or something similar.

Town Counsel stated that it sounds like the town has it covered. He stated that if they get a bad experience, they hit them for liquidated damages. He stated that Cocchiola's record that has been built, the town doesn't have a basis to disqualify them as a responsible bidder.

Len stated that the difference between bids is \$32,000.00. He stated that with all the background information, he feels relatively comfortable supporting this.

Al Bruno stated that he supports it and that it is important for Jim Galligan and Rich Burtura to connect to make sure the necessary language is incorporated in the contract. He stated that it is important to let Cocchiola know that the Board of Selectmen is watching them carefully.

Motion to accept Nafis & Young's recommendation and award the contract for the 2015 Road Reconstruction Program Contract #3 to Cocchiola Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$833,125.00.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 5-Yes

1-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – NO

**ITEM #13: Discussion and possible action regarding LoCIP request for DPW road work.**

Kurt read letter from Dennis Rozum as follows:

*The Public Works Department is requesting the Board of Selectmen to authorize \$5,000.00 in Local Capital Investment Program (LoCIP) money to perform the necessary road repairs on Holbrook Road. The funds will be utilized for 50 tons of asphalt to temporarily repair many areas of Holbrook Road so vehicles can travel in a safe manner.*

*All necessary labor will be supplied by the Public Works Department.  
Regards, Dennis Rozum, Public Works Director.*

Motion to authorize \$5,000.00 in LoCIP funds to be used to purchase 50 tons asphalt for temporary repair on Holbrook Road.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #14: Discussion and take possible action regarding worker's compensation.**

Kurt stated that the town and the Board of Education have built a partnership with regard to workers compensation.

Doug Thomas, Finance Director, stated that the auditors in the last audit took a look at our workers compensation claims and recommended the town adopt an internal service fund in which we would pay out our entire workers compensation claims. He stated that they would take the budgeted amount for the Board of Education and from the town and would put it into the internal service fund. He stated that at this time they have a small reserve on the town side to cover some of those claims but once this fund is up, then we would take that money and put it into to the internal service fund. He stated that he is projecting they may have some kind of deficit with workers compensation and at that time they will have to do a transfer.

Rick Belden, Assistant Superintendent, stated that what precipitated the comment from the auditors was that there was a proactive approach being done in terms of a reserve. Good fiscal practices, according to the auditors, create a separate fund. He stated that it is more visible and they already are self-insured.

Doug stated that the current reserve that they have is a short term reserve and covers for one year. With the internal reserve, it can be covered for years.

Kurt stated the town has ability to do that on the municipal side whereas the Board of Education does not. He stated the town still does the processing but Brian Driscoll in Richard Buturla's office handles workmen's compensation processing for us. This will manage the money a little better. They still have to work out some mechanics and how each side will budget what is necessary.

Doug stated that they need action from Board of Selectmen to establish the internal service fund.

Rick stated that this is a common practice in accounting circles.

Motion to start the process to establish an inter-service fund between Board of Education and the municipal side to deal with workers compensation issues and dental.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #15: Set special town meeting for Tuesday May 19, 2015 at 6:50 PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall, regarding 2 transfers (Control # 10 & 11).**

Motion to set special town meeting for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6:50 PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall, regarding 2 transfers (Control # 10 & 11).

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #16: Discussion and take possible action regarding Seymour High School Athletic Field Committee's recommendation for contractor bid.**

Kurt stated that the Turf Committee will be meeting to award the bid on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Selectmen will have a special meeting after the Turf meeting and the board will take action.

**ITEM #17: Discussion and take possible action regarding State Library Grant resolution.**

Kurt read resolution as follows:

*Resolution empowering First Selectman to sign contract:*

*Resolved: That W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.*

Motion to accept the resolution as read.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #18: Discussion and take possible action on Gagliardi sidewalk reimbursement request.**

Kurt stated that there is a letter from Mike Gagliardi, quotes, and pictures of his mother who has fallen on the sidewalk. Mike Gagliardi included quotes from Hamlin Construction, Betkoski Brothers and P & S Paving. Kurt stated that he is asking that the town of Seymour to reimburse at least a third or 100% of the sidewalk repair. Kurt stated that he is asking for approval first and is going about this the right way. He stated that Mr. Gagliardi feels comfortable dealing with Hamlin Construction. Kurt stated that Rory walked him through the process.

Motion to accept Mike Gagliardi's request to repair the sidewalk in front of 102 Spruce Street and to pay one third of the total cost of \$3,250.00.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #19: Executive session (Boys & Girls Club Agreement).**

None.

**ITEM #20: Discussion and take possible action regarding Boys & Girls Club Agreement.**

Kurt stated that the agreement in place with Boys & Girls club expires on June 30, 2015. Rich has reviewed it. Kurt stated that they identified that they will be doing a summer camp at the community center and will be paying fees which they haven't done in the past. They were using kitchen area and will no longer have use of that. The Seymour Oxford Food Bank will be going there.

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

*RESOLVED, that the Town of Seymour is hereby authorized to enter into a license agreement with The Boys' & Girls' Club of the Lower Naugatuck Valley, Inc. ("BGCLNV") pertaining to a portion of 20 Pine Street ("Premises") as substantially set forth and described in that certain License Agreement between the Town of Seymour and the BGCLNV (the "License Agreement"); and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour is hereby authorized to negotiate, prepare and execute the License Agreement on behalf of the Town of Seymour and directed to execute and deliver the License Agreement and any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such License Agreement; and that*

Motion to accept resolution as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstian

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #21: Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Alex Danka to the Downtown Committee for a one (1) year term expiring May 7, 2016.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #22: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve April 30, 2015 Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Motion to approve May 5, 2015 Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

**ITEM #23: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #24: Correspondence.**

- Check register.
- Kurt read letter from L&L Rentals as follows:

*I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my partner Chris Falcioni, also owner of Falcioni Painting, to acknowledge the actions and exemplary performance by the members of Citizens Engine Company when responding to a serious structure fire at the above address on the evening of September 10, 2014. This fire was in Building 2. We would like to personally share with you, the board of Fire Commissioner's, the Board of Fire Chief's, the Board of Selectmen and most importantly the members of Citizens Engine Company our gratitude.*

*While at the scene, we had the opportunity to witness the response of the Firefighters to this fire the communication and training that prepared your department to work as a team for this type of situation was extremely evident. Starting with the quick response, 6 minutes from alarm to arrival on site, was key in saving the structure and hundreds of thousands of dollars in possible damage to both our business as well as our tenants. We would like to recognize the professionalism displayed by the responding fire fighters which coupled with the highly organized and coordinated efforts immediately set the tone for the response, specifically the professional safe entry into the structure and the investigation that followed over the course of the next several days.*

*Watching the professional response to this incident instilled our trust in the skills and ability of your department to protect and serve the town of Seymour regardless of the challenge.*

*Lastly, we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude by presenting the enclosed donation of \$500.00.*

*Thank you for a job well done.*

*Respectfully yours, Fred Watton, Member L&L Rentals.*

- Milling request letter from L & L Rentals.

**ITEM #25: Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Karen Stanek complimented First Selectman Miller and the Board of Education member Fred Stanek on their work with 'Men Who Cook.' She inquired about the progress for getting a cross walk painted across to Broad Street Park.

Kurt stated they are finalizing that. They are redoing the cross walk by Stop & Shop and it will be done in June.

Karen stated that D.O.T. put the word 'DIESEL' on the DOT sign where it said 'FOOD' and 'GAS' before Exit 22 but have removed the word 'Gas.' She stated she will contact Theresa Conroy.

Kurt stated that the D.O.T. reached out about closing Exit 19 on Rte. 8 Southbound. Kurt reached out to business owners in that area and they are giving pushback. The Dunkin Donuts owner is concerned.

Kurt stated that one of the things they are talking with D.O.T. about is putting up a sign in between exits 21 and 20 that says "next exit...Dunkin Donuts and Meeting Place..." He stated he expects to be happening within the next 6 weeks.

Karen stated that she made a blight complaint about a property in the Chatfield School area. She stated she thought you can be anonymous when filing a blight complaint. She stated that the Blight Officer is not doing anything about the complaint until she reveals who the original source was.

Kurt stated that Karen had referenced the neighbor that brought it to her attention.

Karen stated that she filed a blight complaint after she saw the property for herself.

Kurt stated that she should state that she is the complainant.

Karen stated that there is posted advertising on the VFW building and it is not allowed under town ordinance.

Kurt stated he will check with Bill Paecht to see if they pulled permits.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that Bill spoke with them.

Paul Roy thanked the board member for their input on the Derby Avenue issue. He stated it was a tough decision but he appreciated everyone listening and understanding where he was coming from.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated that she went to the 'Men who cook' event. She complimented Kurt and Fred Stanek on a job well done. She stated that she also attended the 'Cinco de Mayo' event and thanked all who participated. She congratulated Alex Danka on winning the taco eating contest.

Al Bruno stated that he feels that things are going well in town. He attended the concert event last night at the Middle School to see the band, chorus and glee club. He stated that Mr. Dobas does a great job with those kids. He stated that the Middle School is in good hands and that he does good job with the music program.

Len Greene, Jr. inquired about the status of the Greenway Trial.

Kurt stated that they are going out to bid in the fall and will break ground in the spring. He stated they hoped to break ground in the summer but there were issues with DOT and getting permits. The fish bypass held it back also.

Len stated that he has heard from constituents on Maiden Lane and believes that it is absolutely critical to do something for the residents on that road. He stated there is a huge safety concern for the residents on Maiden Lane. He stated something needs to be done as soon as possible. The issue on Maiden Lane demands the board's attention.

Kurt stated that they hope to have extra money available.

**ITEM #26: Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:47 PM.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes ----- 0-No -----

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Second:

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman