

MINUTES
Public Hearing – Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, July 7, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 7/9/15
TIME: 2:20pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members present: W. Kurt Miller, Karen Stanek, Al Bruno, Annmarie Drugonis and Len Greene, Jr.

Members not present: Nicole Klarides-Ditria and Paul Roy.

Others present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, Rory Burke, and John D'Antona, Sr.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 6:36 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public comment on the proposed changes to ordinances relating to delinquent taxpayers, veterans' tax exemption, Fire Department membership and sidewalks.

Delinquent Taxpayers Ordinance – No Public Comment.

Fire Department Membership Ordinance – No Public Comment.

Removal of ice and snow of Sidewalk Ordinance –

Karen Stanek stated that the town should give forgiveness to someone who has taken the time to clear their sidewalk and driveway and then the town plow comes and pushes snow back in. She stated she feels that they should not be fined because they are trying to comply with the ordinance.

Len Greene, Jr. suggested creating a town policy for public works to address it on a discretionary basis.

Veterans' Tax Exemption Ordinance –

Kurt stated that the Ordinance follows the State Statute. The town cannot exceed the statute.

John D'Antona, Sr. stated that the income of \$21,000.00 - \$25,000.00 is ridiculous. He stated that he wants to stay in Seymour and is wondering if there could be at least a freeze on the 10 veteran's (that are at 100%) taxes in town.

Kurt stated that the Ordinance Committee agrees with him. The committee is in agreement to push to have the ordinance increased if the opportunity presents itself.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that he hasn't looked at the freeze side. He stated that in all probability, the town cannot do it because there is no state statute authorizing a "freeze."

John D'Antona, Sr. discussed his experience in Vietnam. He stated that the Vietnam Veterans went through a lot. He has PTSD and cannot be in enclosed areas. He stated that he is looking for a little help. His social security is going up a little but the escarole is going up more.

ITEM #4: Close Public Hearing.

Motion to close Public Hearing at 6:49 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

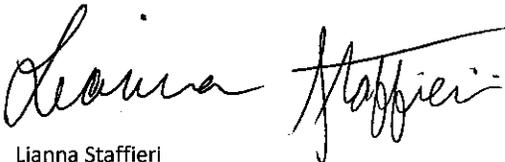
Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary