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

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

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, Michael Flynn, Rory Burke, Bill DeFelice and Elliot Feldman.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:03 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Bill DeFelice, 7 Jefferson Street, stated that the noise on his street is a problem. He stated that the noise ordinance needs more work especially with regard to nonresident property owners. He suggested including a heavy fine for property owners.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from July 7, 2015 public hearing.

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

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Abstain

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from July 7, 2015 regular meeting.

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

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain

ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.

- Second Quarter 2015 executive session summary.
 - Tomorrow night I will be presenting along with the Director of Operations, Tony Caserta, and the director of Finance to the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee. He stated that the surplus stands at \$126,833.00. Doug Thomas is projecting an additional \$20-\$25,000.00, however that is offset by a \$321,000.00 short fall in worker's compensation from the Board of Education.
- New Community Services website is up and running. Mary will be at the first meeting in August to give a full report.
- On Thursday we sold 6.6 million dollars in bonds. The numbers came in lower than anticipated. Currently running numbers for our 5 and 6 year projections with debt service.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding James Street.

Kurt stated that James Street is shown on a 1902 map of Seymour running from Main Street across the railroad tracks to Humphrey Street thence to Washington Avenue. He stated that part of James Street from Main Street to Humphrey Street was abandoned by action of the Board of Selectmen on June 27, 1955. A portion of James Street from Humphrey Street (106 feet) remains the responsibility of the town. Kurt stated that they will be adding 106 feet of James Street to the road program and it will be addressed in the fall or the spring depending on cost.

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding Haynes Sign.

Motion to allow the First Selectman once advised by special counsel Ben Proto, to sign the license agreement on behalf of the Town of Seymour for Seymour Beacon Falls, LLC to have a sign placed at designated area on Franklin Street as listed.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding LED street light conversation.

The Project Manager from Tanko Lighting, Elliot Feldman stated that Tanko is a leading expert in LED street light retrofits. They are currently in contract with Berlin, Rocky Hill, New London, and Vernon. They are proposing a full turnkey solution for the street lighting in Seymour. He briefly discussed what Tanko’s process will be.

Karen Stanek inquired if the new lights will be replacing the old ones and if there will be new lights installed.

Elliot Feldman stated they will be removing the head of the existing street light and replacing it with the LED fixture.

Karen stated she is interested in seeing additional lighting. She inquired if the maintenance would be something that the Public Works Department could maintain.

Elliot stated there are a variety of different solutions with regard to maintenance and discussed briefly.

Len Greene, Jr. inquired about the assumptions with regard to savings.

Elliot stated in terms of everything that is built into the financial analysis, they looked at the existing rate structure and then they looked at new costs. He stated there is a 1% built-in inflation rate. He will email Len the detailed figures.

Elliot briefly discussed cost savings. He will get more information on the bidding process for CCM. He stated the lifespan of the LED lights is approximately 20 years. He also discussed the lack of vandalism in their other projects across the country. The timeline of the project is 4-5 months. Elliot discussed a little about the company as follows:

- o The company was started as a recycler for street lights.
- o The model eventually grew into a full turnkey model.
- o 175,000 converted to LED in the last 3 and a half years

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla stated the town is dealing with a competitive bid ordinance and would like to know more about the CCM process. He stated he would like to meet with the city attorney from the city of New London. He stated the contract needs to be tweaked to fit the needs of Seymour. He stated he would like to revisit in 2 weeks.

ITEM #14: Discussion and take possible action on George J. Hummel Little League tax abatements.

Kurt read letter from President of little league as follows:

Dear Members,

As in the past years, the George J. Hummel Little League respectfully requests the Board of Selectmen to abate the taxes due in the amount of \$6,125.90 on Casagrande Little League Field located at 14 Chestnut Street in Seymour.

For the Board information the property was donated to Little League with a clause that the property reverts to the donor if the League should disband. As a result the Little League has been taxed on the property by the town each year.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

William Ragaini, President

Motion to waive the taxes due on the property on 14 Chestnut Street for the Seymour Little League in the amount of \$6,125.90.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstian

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

ITEM #15: Discussion and take possible action regarding Parks Commission recommendation regarding dedications.

Motion to formally name the flagpole overlook at French Memorial Park in honor of the Jachimoski family and have it formally be named Jachimowksi Overlook.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Motion to approve recommendation from the Parks Commission to formally name the gazebo at Broad Street Park in honor of Al Yagovane.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

ITEM #16: Executive session.

None.

ITEM #17: Appointments

Motion to appoint Pete Wols as a Fire Commissioner for a term of one (1) year expiring on July 22, 2016.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Kurt read letter as follows:

Dear Selectman Miller,
During the recent July meeting of the Great Hill Hose Company, the following two members were selected for your consideration for a position on the Board of Fire Commissioners. This position up for appointment is currently held by Chris Motasky. The two individuals are Mike Julian and Pete Wols.
Thank you,
Jeff Cronin, Company Secretary, Great Hill Hose Company

Pete Wols received the most votes.

ITEM #18: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve Tax Refunds/Abatements as read.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

ITEM #19: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #20: Correspondence.

- Check registers.
- Letter from Linda Bellevance to Betty Gallo in Oxford informing her of the date of Seymour Founders' Day next year.

ITEM #21: Public Comment.

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, suggested putting a monument or plaque in Broad Street Park including the names of all the volunteers that contributed their time and effort.

Brian Stevens, 136 Washington Avenue, stated he is concerned about the parking lot behind the Strand Theatre. He inquired as to when the town did renovations there last.

ITEM #22: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen Stanek suggested putting a "No littering, there is a fine" sign up at Paul Pawlak Fish Bypass Park because people have been trashing it.

Kurt stated the Downtown attendant will be going through the park and picking things up.

Kurt stated that Michael Horbal started a project for the Broad Street Park volunteers who dedicated their time and service. He is working on a plaque filled with their names. He stated that the dates and times for the Strand Parking lot construction were finalized today. Kurt stated they will start staging work on July 27th, 28th and 29th and on August 3rd the power will be out. This will create 17 more spaces.

Karen inquired why Columbus Street will be made a One Way.

Kurt stated because of construction.

Karen stated that some business owners are thinking about shutting down.

Kurt stated he doesn't know why they would shut down because there will be no impact to the businesses.

ITEM #23: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

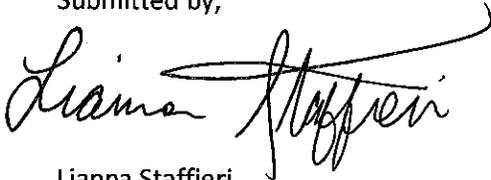
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman