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**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Brian LeClerc; Tom Eighmie, Fred Stanek, John Cronin, Jr.; Jamie Brennan, Rory Burke and Lianna Staffieri.

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

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:01 P.M.

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road, stated that 2 senior members on the Inland Wetlands Commission have resigned or will be resigning due to the obstructions that have been put in place by the administration as well as enforcement issues. He stated it is his understanding that the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer should be a separate entity under the town and DEEP. He stated that it is also his understanding that the position has been split between the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Blight Enforcement Officer. He inquired if this was a conflict of interest. He discussed his experience with the manufacturer's exemption ordinance. He stated he would like to see criteria. He stated that if taxes are too high for manufactures then it is too high for residents. He encouraged the board to spend money frugally.

Fred Stanek, 22 North Benham Road, suggested that the need to maintain the Seymour High School sports complex in the future should be restructured. He stated currently Public Works does the maintenance. He suggested having a worker/manager be appointed to maintain the fields/complex; whether that is a seasonal employee or a Public Works employee. He stated this should be someone who will take pride and treat that complex as it is his or her own and will make sure that place is safe and in good condition. It's important to have someone who is going to treat the fields/complex and know a routine that can be worked through the spring/summer/fall months and supervise public works employees that might do work.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from October 6, 2015 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from October 6, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.	Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes	Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes		

**ITEM #5: Approve minutes from October 6, 2015 public hearing.**

Motion to approve minutes from October 6, 2015 public hearing.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.	Second: Annmarie Drugonis	
Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	2-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – Yes  
Al Bruno – Yes

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

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes  
Paul Roy – Abstain

**ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.**

- Attended several CCM Subcommittee meetings to assist in the preparation for the upcoming legislative session. With budget concerns and potential issues facing the state, this will be a very important session and I want to make sure that Seymour has a part in the process and our voice is heard.

- Met with the volunteers of the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank as well as the Clergy Association to discuss the final plans for the food bank's move into the Community Center. We expect the move to be completed by the first of the year.

- Was honored to accept an award from the Clean Energy Communities Program in recognition of Seymour's leadership, environmental stewardship and commitment to clean and efficient energy in Connecticut. This was the first time Seymour has received this award.

- Met for lunch with Regional Water Authority President and CEO Larry Bingaman to discuss the RWA's position for the upcoming year and any impacts for the town of Seymour. We also discussed potential surplus land and the ability to choose a town Christmas tree on RWA land.

- Was honored, along with many of you, to take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony at DeBarber Field this weekend. This will be a great facility that will get tremendous use of residents of all ages in Seymour.

Road Update is as follows:

- Contract 1: O&G Industries will overlay these roads starting the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Contract 2: New Street and Hill Street paving is scheduled for this week into next week. Drainage piping on Hine Street is complete and catch basins have been patched until paving starts. Reclaiming and repaving of Hine Street will start after completion of the New Street area. Drainage work will begin on Church Street this week.
- Contract 3: Reclaiming, paving curbing and aprons are complete on the roads in this contract. Restoration, topsoil, seed, hay and mulch will be completed by the end of this week.
- Contract 5: Reclaiming, paving, curbing and aprons are substantially complete on the roads in this contract. Restoration, topsoil, seed, hay and mulch is complete with the exception of a few areas that need to be followed up on (soil wash out and sidewalk installation).
- Colony Street Drainage: Drainage piping installation on this road is in progress. Pipe installation will be complete by the end of this week. Paving will be performed by O&G Industries when they overlay the Contract 1 roads.

**Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding the bid for the generator for the public works facility**

**Motion: Len Greene, Jr.**

**Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria**

**Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No**

**0-Abstain**

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – Yes  
Al Bruno – Yes

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

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes  
Paul Roy – Yes

**Discussion and possible action regarding the bid for the generator for the Public Works Facility.**

Kurt read a letter from the Operations Manager, Tony Caserta as follows:

Board of Selectmen,

You may recall that I wrote to you on July 7<sup>th</sup> to inform you that the generator at the Public Works facility was in need of replacement and that we intended to go out to bid for a replacement. Those bids were due last Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

We received two bids for the generator. The low bidder was A & J Generator in the amount of \$27,034.00. The other bidder was Northeast Generator Co. in the amount of \$38,950.00.

Both bids met our requirements and while we would have preferred a Cummins generator, budgetary constraints preclude this option. The option recommended by A&J has been vetted and found to be sufficient. A&J is the contractor who maintains the Town's other generators so we are confident in their performance.

As such, I recommend the bid be awarded to A & J Generator in the amount of \$27,034. Please call me with any questions.

Thank you,  
Anthony Caserta  
Director of Operations

Motion to award the bid for the generator for the Public Works Facility to A&J Generator in the amount of \$27,034.00.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #7: To consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation and the authorization of borrowing for costs with respect to construction of a greenway trail along the Naugatuck River approximately from the Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Fishway Park to the Bank Street Bridge, and related improvements and amenities.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that, notwithstanding any prior action by the Board of Selectmen with respect thereto, the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$900,000 for costs with respect to construction of a greenway trail along the Naugatuck River approximately from the Tingue Dam Bypass Channel and Fishway Park to the Bank Street Bridge, and related improvements and amenities; and financing costs related thereto; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 to finance in part the appropriation. The appropriation is anticipated to be funded in part by \$575,000 in grants from the State of Connecticut and the \$325,000 remainder, as to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, from unencumbered General Fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #8: To consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation and the authorization of borrowing for costs with respect to improvements to Rimmon Street, Old Drive, Clifton Street and Pershing Street including reconstruction of and improvements to Rimmon Street and a portion of Old Drive, sidewalk and curbing replacement on Clifton Street and Pershing Street, related improvements and amenities.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that, notwithstanding any prior action by the Board of Selectmen with respect thereto, the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$2,410,000 for costs with respect to improvements to Rimmon Street, Old Drive, Clifton Street and Pershing Street including reconstruction of and improvements to Rimmon Street and a portion of Old Drive, sidewalk and curbing replacement on Clifton Street and Pershing Street, related improvements and amenities including but not limited to vertical alignment, drainage work including culvert and catch basin installation and replacement, intersection improvements, installation and



**Avenue in Seymour and at Quaker Farms Road in Oxford in order to provide 100% radio coverage throughout the Town.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour appropriate \$475,000 for costs with respect to the installation of a simulcast upgrade to the Town's mobile/portable radio communications system facilities at the antenna tower sites at Progress Avenue in Seymour and at Quaker Farms Road in Oxford in order to provide 100% radio coverage throughout the Town, and related work and improvements; and financing costs related thereto; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 to finance the appropriation.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Paul Roy		
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	
Karen Stanek – Yes	Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes	
Al Bruno – Yes			

Tom Eighmie discussed what the antenna tower site is at Progress Avenue and who connects to it.

**ITEM #11: To consider and act upon a resolution setting the date for a Special Town Meeting for November 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the Norma Drummer Room in Town Hall to consider resolutions with respect to such of the appropriations and borrowing authorizations considered pursuant to agenda items 7 through 10 above as are recommending by the Board of Selectmen.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that a Special Town Meeting be held on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Norma Drummer Room in Seymour Town Hall at 1 First Street in Seymour to act upon resolutions with respect to the appropriations and borrowing authorizations recommended pursuant to items 7 through 10 of the agenda of this meeting, to the extent that such recommendations are approved by the Board of Finance.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole	Second: Len		
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	
Karen Stanek – Yes	Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes	
Al Bruno – Yes			

**ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action regarding waiving of bidding on Fire Department boat.**  
This item will be discussed at a Special Town Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM #13: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that W. Kurt Miller, as First Selectman of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Motion to approve resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #14: Discussion and take possible action regarding manufacturer's exemption ordinance.**

Kurt read the ordinance as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED, AS PER CT STATE STATUTE 12-94e:

1. Any manufacturer claiming exemption under CT State Statute 12-81(76), who failed to file a claim as required, and further failed to apply for extension per 12-81k, may seek relief for such exemption with the Board of Selectmen provided taxpayer files a Manufacturing, Machinery and Equipment Exemption claim form with the Assessor prior to meeting with the Board of Selectmen.
2. Effective for the 10/1/2015 Grand List and subsequent Grand List years, the deadline to meet with the Board of Selectmen for such year shall be prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, following such assessment date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, at their regularly scheduled meeting. Such meeting shall be public.
3. Effective for 10/1/2014 Grand List only, the deadline to meet with the Board of Selectmen shall be prior to January 1, 2016, at their regularly scheduled meeting. Such meeting shall be public.
4. The Board of Selectmen may grant such exemption according to criteria set by such Board on a case by case basis.
5. Final decisions by Board of Selectmen shall be in the minutes of such meeting and Assessor shall be notified of such decision by the First Selectman within 10 days of such meeting.
6. None of the above shall be construed to override the Assessor if the Assessor deems such equipment does not qualify for exemption under CT State Statute 12-81(76).

Motion to adopt the Manufacture's Tax Exemption Ordinance as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

**ITEM #15: Discussion and take possible action regarding Maple Street School Financing.**

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

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

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the sale of the Property, the Town recorded a Notice of Grant of Right of First Offer (the "Right of First Offer") on the Seymour Land Records; and

WHEREAS, the Owner of the Property is obtaining a construction mortgage loan from People's United Bank, N.A. ("PUB") in the approximate amount of \$3,950,000 (the "PUB Loan") which will be secured by a mortgage and related documents on the Property (the "PUB Mortgage");

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the PUB Loan, PUB has requested that the Town subordinated its Right of First Offer to the PUB Mortgage;

WHEREAS, the renovation of the Property is in the best interests of the Town;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Seymour is hereby authorized to subordinate its Right of First Offer to the PUB Mortgage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that W. Kurt Miller, First Selectmen of the Town of Seymour is hereby authorized to negotiate, prepare and execute the subordination agreement on behalf of the Town of Seymour and directed to execute and deliver the subordination 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 subordination agreement;

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole		Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes			

**ITEM #16: Discussion and take possible action regarding LED street light conversion.**

This item will be discussed at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting.

**ITEM #17: Executive session.**

None.

**ITEM #18: Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Jay Hatfield to the Seymour High School Softball Field Committee until completion of project.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria		Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	1-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Abstain		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes			

**ITEM #19: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to approve October 15, 2015 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis		Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Paul Roy – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes			

**ITEM #20: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #21: Correspondence.**

- Check registers
- Letter to Kurt from DeCarlo & Doll, Inc. with regard to Rimmon Street Reclamation and Drainage Improvements.
- Kurt read the letter from the VFW Post as follows:

*First Selectman Miller,*

*The Officers and Members of VFW Post 12084 invite you and the members of the Board of Selectmen to attend and /or participate in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Day Candle Light Vigil at Broad Street Park, Seymour Connecticut.*

- *Date: Wednesday, 11 November 2015*

- *Time: Begins at 1900*
- *Location Broad Street Park, corner of Broad Street and River Street*
- *Keynote Speaker: Leland J. Soto III, M.D.*
- *RSVP: 28 October, 2015*

*Your level of participation is open to your wishes. We would be greatly honored by a few remarks from you, or from the members of the Board of Selectmen.*

*For RSVP, coordination or to answer any questions you may contact me by email or my cell phone.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike Casey, Adjutant, VFW Post 12084*

- Letter of resignation from Mike Horbal from the Economic Development Commission.
- Letter from Joseph A. Luciano addressed to the Board of Selectmen members regarding the new snow removal ordinance.

**ITEM #22: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #23: Selectmen's Public Comments.**

Paul Roy stated that he spoke with some members of the Skate Park Committee and they told him the surface of the Skate Park needs to be resealed. He asked if this could be addressed to Public Works. He also inquired if the Chief of Police was approached with regard to the crosswalk being place near Broad Street Park.

Kurt stated the Chief is aware.

Paul stated in speaking with Theresa Conroy, she told him the proper procedure would be to have the Chief make a recommendation to the state.

Kurt stated he will talk to the Chief tomorrow.

Paul stated he would have liked to attend Sargent Steve Prajer's award ceremony yesterday.

Kurt stated that he didn't realize it was going to be a huge ceremony and apologized.

Paul stated a number of political signs that have been damaged and destroyed. He stated this should be reported to the Police Department and have them be more diligent. He also spoke highly of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Seymour High School football field.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated she was honored to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Seymour High School DeBarber Field this past Friday. She stated every one of all ages can appreciate it. She stated it has been a long process but the end product is new and beautiful.

Al Bruno stated the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Seymour High School field was great and the football team christened it with a win. He stated it was great to be there and be a part of it. He said it was a great family event.

Kurt stated the High School Boys' Soccer game tomorrow is the pink game for Nina Poeta. It is the first Boys' Soccer game on the field and the game starts at 6:00 P.M.

Len Greene, Jr recommended that the administration prepare for a possibility for a cut in municipal aid. There is a large state deficit looming and the cut in municipal aid has been talked about as one of the potential remedies.

Kurt stated they intentionally under budgeted the town's revenue line from the State of Connecticut in anticipation of something like this happening.

Len reminded the board to make sure the Town Engineer includes Maiden Lane in the road program.

Kurt stated Maiden Lane is on the list. He stated after Maiden Lane is complete they will have \$160,000.00 left. He stated hopefully in 2016 they will be able to do \$500,000 – \$600,000 in road work.

**ITEM #24: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Paul Roy – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman