

MINUTES
10-Year Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Trish Danka, Jeff Dussetschleger (left at 8:30), Don Smith, Jen Magri, Kathie Vrlik and Rory Burke

Members Absent: Bruce Baker and Kristen Harmeling

1) Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Public comment

There was no public comment.

4) Approval of minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11 regular meeting.

Motion: Jeff Dussetschleger **Second:** Don Smith

Vote: 5-0

5) Review of Fire Chief interview

Rory, Kathie and Don interviewed Chief Cronin and Assistant Chief Doug Zaniewski from the Fire Department. The conversation went much as expected with several pleasant surprises. The Fire Department are already investigating restructuring their incentives program, are supportive of a comprehensive audit of the Town's emergency management services and liked the idea of a periodic emergency services meeting but warned it would have to be after normal hours. They also informed us of the ISO rating, which has an impact on residents' home insurance rates and would be a great thing to accentuate in supporting many of the changes they put forward. Kathie will reach out to them to see if they have locations for new hydrants in mind. The committee also discussed looking into making residents responsible for shoveling hydrants on their property as they are for sidewalks. They are in the process of instituting a health and safety program and want to look into some kind of workout space. They, like many other departments, expressed a need for river access on the Housatonic.

There was a motion to go out of order to #8 & 9

Motion: Jeff Dussetschleger **Second:** Kathie Vrlik

Vote: 5-0

6) Plan of Conservation and Development for Seymour

There will be a survey that will be posted on the website. Rory will keep us updated as plan moves along at NVCOG.

7) Updated demographics

New CERC demographics are available, as of 2013.

8) April happenings – quarterly update and field trip/dinner

The first quarterly meeting with the First Selectman and Directors of Finance and Operations will probably be on the 29th as a special meeting. Everyone should try to attend if possible.

9) Remaining town department meetings

Rory will work on scheduling the remaining interviews, but there are only a handful left. The committee will have to start reaching out to committees and attending their meetings.

- a. **Schedule for Wednesday evenings**
- b. **Schedule for Rory/Bruce daytime**

10) Open discussion

Don, Kathie and Trish checked sign locations in Seymour. The best option is the portion opposite Seymour Lumber and Stop & Shop at the intersection of River St. & 67. Stewart signs is sending an engineering packet and Kathie will send it to Don for review. The sign can have a pedestal put on after the fact and can be installed by Public Works. Rory informed the committee that the Community Services Director would be starting the following week and the changes that would entail.

11) Adjournment

Motion: Kathie Vrluk

Second: Don Smith

Vote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted



Rory Burke
Recording Secretary