

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

Others Present: Town Counsel, Rich Buturla; Richard Demko, Fred Stanek, Linda Bellevance, Ehlaina Napolatano, Rory Burke and Lianna Staffieri.

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.

None.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from December 15, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from October 15, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek stated in Item #6 the name of the park is wrong.

Kurt stated that's the way it was written by Bond Counsel.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated that he believes it will be okay and will double check with Bond Counsel.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from December 15, 2015 special meetings.

Motion to approve minutes from October 15, 2015 special meetings.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.

- Met with town's consultants and locked into the review of current state health insurance programs. We received our initial renewal number which was lower than previous years. Negotiations with Anthem will continue over the next few months. While this is happening, we will also be looking into other options available in the market. We will also run numbers on a self-insured plan. I will discuss this more throughout the budget process.
- I restarted discussions regarding the merging of facility management with the Board of Education. We will be working on a model soon; similar to the Technology Department model. I will provide updates as things move forward as the Superintendent and I continue to come up with the agenda.
- I started discussions with the City of Ansonia about some potential shared services between the two communities. We are looking at positions and services that can easily be shared but also provide us the potential of better rates of service and cost. I will have more information available for the January 19th meeting with specific positions and suggestions.
- I began the interview process for the open Director of Public Works position. Myself, Michele Wasikowski, Tony Caserta, Sean Walsh and the Public Works Directors from Middlebury and Redding did 7 initial interviews, 2 of which were internal

candidates. After the interviews, we discussed and ranked our top three candidates. Second interviews will be given this week as needed. I expect to have a recommendation to this board on the 19th assuming all goes as planned.

- Budget process continues to be moving along. I am scheduled to present my overall budget to the Board of Finance on Thursday, February 25, 2016. If anyone has any questions or would like to discuss the budget in detail, let me know.
- The Fiscal Year 2015 financial audit has been completed and submitted. The town overall finished with the year with a surplus of \$62,702.00. This increases our overall fund balance to \$4,674,011.00 or 8.4% of this 2016 Budget.
- Our show time on Valley Cable on Sunday is moved to 8:00 PM from 7:00 PM.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action on Founders Day Request.

Linda Bellevance stated Founder's Day will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and if need be, the rain date is June 12th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. She stated she met with Tom Eighmie and Paul Satkowski and got things started. She stated this year's benefactor will be Seymour Ambulance Association. Seymour Ambulance did a presentation for what they would like to put the money towards. Linda stated they have to revamp the inside of the ambulances according to a new state law and will use the money towards that. She inquired if the Board of Selectmen could cover the cost of the police. In previous years it was \$2,000.00. Last year, the bill was \$2,275.00.

Kurt stated this is a regular budgeted item.

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding LED street light conversion.

Kurt stated Rory and Rich Buturla are working on the RFP's. This will be discussed at the January 19th meeting.

ITEM #9: Executive session

None.

ITEM #10: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Brian Nesteriak as the Town Engineer – Roads & Drainage for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 4, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-N

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to appoint Don W. Smith, Jr. as the Town Engineer – Buildings & Special Projects for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 4, 2017.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to appoint Jim Galligan Town Engineer for WPCA for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 4, 2017.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 1-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – No
Karen Stanek – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to appoint Day Pitney LLP as the Town Counsel – Bonding for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 4, 2017.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to appoint Lianna Staffieri to the Pearson Memorial Fund for a term of one (1) year expiring on December 31, 2016.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #11: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors December 30, 2015 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #12: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #13: Correspondence.

- Letter to First Selectman's office from the Chairman of the Board of Public Works in regards to some recommendations made by the Fire Marshall and Building Official; which have been addressed.
- CCM Prescription Card Program updates which the town entered into in 2012.
- Check registers.

ITEM #14: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #15: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Stephan Behuniak stated he was honored to be invited to and attend the Great Hill Fire Company's Christmas party. He stated he was astonished by the number of years some of the members have belonged to company.

Karen Stanek stated there is a little building next to Zois boarded up.
Kurt stated he thought people were in the little white building and will look into it.
Karen wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Annmarie Drugonis and Len Greene wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ITEM #16: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:18 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

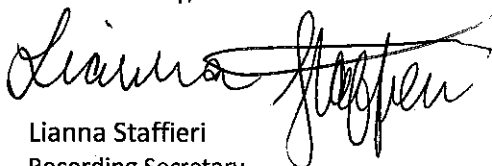
W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

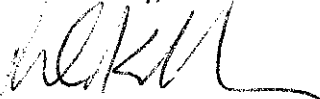
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,


Lianna Staffieri
Recording Secretary


W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman