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

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

**Members Absent:** Len Greene, Jr.

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Fred Stanek, Rory Burke, Don Smith, Cynthia Zukas, Sean Walsh, Michael Flynn, Shaye Roscoe, Jessie Patrick, Theresa Conroy and Lianna Staffieri.

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

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:00 PM.

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

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

Fred Stanek, stated he believes the practice with holidays falling on a Friday and closing Town Hall on Thursday in observance should cease. He stated it makes it difficult for those who need to use Town Hall. He stated many people need to use Town Hall. He encouraged the board to consider making Town Hall open five days a week or some variation of that.

Cynthia Zukas, 270 Pearl Street, was wondering if they were going to grind down the streets because of the poor conditions of the sidewalks and also the curbing. She stated the roads are higher than the curbing especially on Spring Street. She stated many sidewalks on Pearl Street are gone because of the asphalt is now equal to those sidewalks. She discussed this one company that will clear in front of their building but won't clear the property they own next to the building. She also discussed garbage issues on Day Street. She stated many people leave garbage cans on the road and the tops flip open and garbage goes everywhere. She discussed the issue with sofas and broken chairs that are just staying on the side of the road for many years. She commended Public Works for cleaning the sidewalks at Bladen's Brook.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street, stated he unfortunately could not be here for earlier meeting. He believes the Blight Ordinance change is better than the past. He still believes they are treading on dangerous grounds and it may cause problems down the road.

Theresa Conroy, stated she was just at the EDC meeting and when she asked about industrial property that is available for potential buyers no one knew what was available. She stated she knows of a business in Hamden Industrial Park right now that is looking to expand to Seymour. She asked to get an inventory of available industrial property space.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from March 15, 2016 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.**

1. Presented the 2016 Rotary Civic Service awards to Steve Culmo of the Seymour Fire Department and Mary Kate Durette from Seymour Ambulance.
2. Attended the Community Forum on Opioid Use at Griffin Hospital to discuss the issues that will be facing our area in the coming years addressing this growing problem.
3. Attending a meeting with the Town of Woodbridge regarding the potential of shared regional services for Animal Control with a group that would include Seymour, Woodbridge, Bethany and potentially Derby.
4. Met with our Financial Advisors from William Blair to discuss the upcoming bond refunding and potential next steps.
5. Had a conference call with the staff at CERC to review the draft economic development study that was done on the Derby Ave corridor, the Housatonic Wire/Seymour Lumber site and the area behind Stop and Shop. We expect to have that final report presented at some point in May.
6. Attended the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Mary Wailonis, a resident at Smithfield Gardens. We had a great conversation and her cake was delicious
7. Did a mini state of the town address at the Town Budget Hearing. The meeting was only attended by about 20 or so people. Later in the meeting we will set the Town Meeting as well as the referendum dates for 2016.
8. Met with TEAM Inc. to discuss the potential of an Adult Day Care Facility to be run out of the Seymour Community Center. While we are in the very early stages, this could be a very good fit and fill an important need to the residents of Seymour.
9. Received applications today from the Janesky Trust on two projects that are being worked on in the Industrial Park. Projected value of these new projects is over \$13 million dollars. Fred Messoro will be working closely with the Janesky Trust team to help move this project through the process. ky to have such a great group of kids that is working very hard to help improve the overall communications effort for the town of Seymour
10. The Board will be making a decision on the Town Hall 5 day work week at the next meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM #6: Discussion with Boys & Girls Club.**

Jessie Patrick, Unit Director for the Boys & Girls Club in Seymour gave updates on the progress of the club. Since last June the membership has grown 75%. Afterschool membership as of June 2015 was 89 and they are currently at 156 with the average daily attendance of 100 kids. The Friday Night TGIF Middle School Program currently has 256 members with an average weekly attendance of 110-120. They have increased their programming. She stated they are noticing an influx of high schoolers and have started a high school volunteer program that since September has had 61 high school volunteers. She introduced Tierny Baldwin that would like to share her experience at the Boys & Girls Club.

Tierny: I am 9 years old and I have been going to the Boys & Girls Club since September of 2014. Before I started at the Boys & Girls Club I did my homework at home and sat on the couch and watched TV. I have a lot of brothers and sisters and was hard for me to concentrate on homework and hard for my mom to help everybody. The Boys & Girls Club has changed my life a lot. Now I have staff to help with homework and get better grades. The staff has made my life better by helping with a lot of things such as problems with friends, school, family and anything that I need. One way that the Boys & Girls Club has helped me is by helping me control my anger. Sometimes I would get really mad about things and would have a hard time controlling it. One thing the Boys & Girls Club has taught me was to write my feelings down on paper. They gave me a binder and I used the paper to write what happened on top and write my feelings on the bottom. This helped me focus on something positive and work out my feelings. Another way the Boys & Girls Club has changed my life is by making me feel very proud of myself. Sometimes they let me help with the 5-7 year olds. The 5-7 year olds look up to me and it makes me feel proud. There are over 150 kids who come to the Boys & Girls Club and every one of them has a story like mine. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me. Hope you like what I had to say about my Boys & Girls Club.

Shaye Roscoe believes what Tierny had to say is a true testament to what goes on at the Boys & Girls Club. She thanked the board for their support.

Nicole stated she thinks this is a great addition to the town and community and encouraged the center to keep up the great work.

Don Smith thanked the members of the board for their support of the Boys & Girls Club. He stated the progress of the club is a real testament to the staff. Don discussed the Back a Kid Campaign and how the Seymour kids will be highlighted.

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2016 Farmers' Market.**

Kurt read the following letter:

To The Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen,

The Seymour Farmers Market would like to request permission to hold the open air weekly market in the front municipal parking lot of the Community Center on Pine Street/Broad Street on Tuesdays, 12-6pm starting May 10 and ending October 25, 2016.

The Seymour Farmers Market has been home to many farmers. At times, the market has had up to 7 vendors. The Seymour Farmers Market will be working with the CT Department of Agriculture to recruit new farmers to make the market more successful.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

2016 will mark the 22nd season, feeding families of all surrounding Naugatuck Valley towns, as well as far away as the Danbury, Milford, New Haven areas.

Thank you very much for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexis Gazy, Seymour Farmers Market

Motion to approve the request of Alexis Gazy of the Seymour Farmer's Market to allow it to be held in the front municipal parking lot of the Seymour Community Center on Tuesdays from 12:00-6:00 PM starting May 10, 2016 and ending October 25, 2016.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2016 National Day of Prayer.**

Kurt read the following letter from Rev. Russell Lesiw:

Dear Mr. Miller,

The National Day of Prayer will be held this year on Thursday, May 5, 2016.

This is a National holiday which will be observed across our nation.

We would like to observe this day at 12 noon at Seymour Town Hall.

I will be inviting churches and pastors in our town to participate.

Would it be possible to have this service at the Town Hall as we have had in the past?

If so, I would call on you for a brief talk and would you read a proclamation from the Town of Seymour?

Pastors will participate in prayers and a message will be given appropriate for the occasion.

Thank you for your cooperation in the past years.

Sincerely, Rev. Russell Lesiw

Motion that the Town of Seymour will hold a National Day of Prayer ceremony at Thursday May 5, 2016 at 12:00 PM at Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #9: Set dates for 2016-17 Budget Referendums.**

Motion for the Town Meeting for the 2016-2017 Budget be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:00 Pm at the Seymour Middle School with that meeting being adjourned to Referendum which will be held on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Seymour Community Center and, if needed, additional Referendum dates on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2016 DECD STEAP grants resolution.**

Kurt read the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to CGSS section 4-66g the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and **WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the **Town of Seymour** make an application to the State for \$ **200,000.00** in order to undertake the Sidewalk Construction Program Phase V and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE **Board of Selectmen**

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by CGS Section 4-66g
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by **Town of Seymour** in an amount not to exceed \$ **200,000** is hereby approved and that
3. It adopts or has adopted as its policy to support the following nondiscrimination agreements and warranties provided in subsection (a)(1) of Connecticut General Statutes sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, respectively, as amended by Public Acts 07-142 and 07-245, and for which purposes the "contractor" is Town of Seymour and "contract" is said Assistance Agreement.

Town Counsel read the following that should have been read in the beginning:

**W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman** is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of The Town of Seymour.

Motion to accept resolution as corrected by Town Counsel.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #11: To consider and act upon a proposed authorization for the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2007, and \$6,000,000 General Obligations Bonds, Series 2010 A.**

Kurt read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour hereby adopts the resolution presented to this meeting authorizing the issuance of bonds to refund all or a portion of the Town's \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2007, and \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 A. A copy of the resolution shall be inserted in or attached to the minutes of this meeting and made a part thereof.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS FOR PAYMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST AND ANY CALL PREMIUM ON TOWN OF SEYMOUR'S \$3,660,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2007, AND \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2010 A, AND COSTS RELATED THERETO**

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Seymour issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed SIX MILLION DOLLARS (\$6,000,000), the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the First Selectman and the Treasurer, of the outstanding principal of and interest and call premium, if any, on the Town's \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2007 (consisting at original issue of \$3,050,000 school bonds, \$119,000 water bonds and \$491,000 sewer bonds), and \$6,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 A (consisting at original issue of \$6,000,000 School Bonds), including the payment of interest accrued on said bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, bond insurance premiums, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above. Such payment of the bonds to be refunded pursuant to this resolution may be accomplished, without limitation, through the funding of one or more escrows, and the application of the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon. The refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The law firm of Day Pitney LLP is designated as bond counsel to approve the legality of the bonds or notes.

(b) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer shall sign the bonds by their manual or facsimile signatures. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the bonds to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the refunding bonds; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds and escrow agent with respect to any refunding escrow or escrows to be funded with proceeds of the bonds; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds; to sell the bonds at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds.

(c) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(d) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(e) That the First Selectman and the Treasurer are authorized in connection with or incidental to the carrying or selling and issuance of the bonds, notes or temporary notes: (1) to obtain letters of credit, lines of credit or other credit facilities for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of such bonds, notes or temporary notes redeemed, repurchased or defeased prior to maturity or for providing additional security for such bonds, notes or temporary notes, and (2) to enter into and execute reimbursement agreements, remarketing agreements, standby bond purchase agreements, interest rate swap agreements (which agreements may include without limitation such contracts as the First Selectman and the Treasurer may determine to be necessary or appropriate to place the obligation of the Town, as represented by the bonds, notes or temporary notes, in whole or in part, on such interest rate or cash flow basis as they may determine, including without limitation, insurance agreements, forward payment conversion agreements, futures contracts, contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or changes in, interest rates or market indices, and contracts to manage interest rates risk, including without limitation, interest rate floors or caps, options, puts, calls and similar arrangements) and any other necessary or appropriate agreements, all upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the them, including such payment, security, default, remedy and other terms and conditions as they may deem appropriate. Such credit facilities may be obtained and such agreements may be entered into on the basis of negotiation or competitive bid. The First Selectman and the Treasurer may determine to pledge the full faith and credit of the Town to its payment obligations, including netting payments, under any such credit facility or agreement entered into pursuant to the authority granted hereby.

(f) That the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Treasurer, the Finance Director and other proper officers of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the Town's outstanding \$3,660,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2007, and \$6,000,000

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010 A, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with holders of the bonds to be refunded, underwriters, trustees, escrow agents, bond insurers and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, any escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(g) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on June 30, 2017.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of Seymour High School softball field infield restoration.**

Kurt read the following letter from James Galligan of Nafis & Young:

Dear Mr. Miller,

Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. opened bids on the referenced project on Monday, March 30, 2016.

One bid was received from Sports Turf Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$43,431.12. We have reviewed the bid and found it was mathematically correct and proper bid bonds accompanied the bid. The Softball Committee has bid improvements for this field on three (3) separate occasions. Each time the bids received were more than the budgeted amount. Subsequently, the Committee revised the Scope of Work to include only the **infield** improvements. The current bid of \$43,431.12 is under the \$45,000.00 budget for this work. As such, the Softball Field Committee voted at their March 30, 2016 meeting to forward this request for approval from the Board of Selectmen.

Therefore, Nafis & Young recommends that the Town of Seymour award the bid for Renovations to Softball Field at Seymour High School to Sports Turf Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$43,431.12.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, James Galligan

Read an email from Chairman, Chris Adamo:

Diana, please remind Jim for tonight's meeting that previously submitted and rejected site work bid was \$85,000. A little more homework after that sticker shock and we arrived at this bid. We have a better long term solution with this plan, better grade of material being used for the field (the current material on the field is very, very good) and we are adding a couple inches of the best material to raise elevation for erosion control, included a proper irrigation system for the infield, adding grass to also assist with erosion control - all for \$42,000 Less.

Thank you,

Chris

Motion that the Board of Selectmen award the bid for the renovations to the softball field at Seymour High School infield improvements to Sports Turf Specialties, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$43,431.12

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Anmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

This is just for infield work and the fence is separate. The Softball Field Committee received bids from other companies and changed the scope.

**ITEM #13: Discussion and take possible action regarding property tax abatement for 139 Maple Street.**

Kurt read the following memo from Tax Collector Dana Flach:

The Town of Seymour is now the owner of 139 Maple Street as of March 30, 2016, via no one bidding on this property at the Tax Sale held on September 30, 2015.

Please abate the taxes in the amount of \$10,812.18 which represents balances owed for the 2007 – 2014 Grand Lists.

We will have to abate the 2015 Grand List in July as well.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

-Dana Flach, Tax Collector

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, discussed the property tax abatement process and methods of collection according to state law.

Motion that the Town of Seymour waive the taxes due at 139 Maple Street for the Grand List years 2007-2014 including interest in the amount of \$10,812.18.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #14: Discussion and take possible action regarding approval of Strategic Plan.**

Motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the new 10-Year Strategic Plan as presented by the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #15: Discussion and take possible action on Covanta Amendment.**

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated Seymour is a part of the Bristol Waste Recovery Project. Seymour is one of 14 municipalities that contracted with Covanta Bristol for the purpose of waste disposal and recycling services. Seymour has a long term contract with Covanta that has an actual tonnage requirement for all 14 municipalities. At the time the tonnage requirement was set, it appears they had underestimated the amount of commercial waste that would be generated. There is a danger that at a certain point, as early as, May or June of this year, that all 14 municipalities will reach the cap on residential waste which would then allow Covanta to increase the tipping fees or reject waste all together. All 14 municipalities banded together and retained the Law Firm Hinkley Allen which entered into negotiations with Covanta which resulted in the proposed amendment. The purpose of this was to eliminate the cap on volumes of residential waste for the remainder of the agreement, expand the definition of residential waste, and add adjustments to the minimum recycling. A variety of municipalities have already approved this particular second amendment.

Kurt read the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, in December 2012, Seymour and thirteen other municipalities collectively contracted with Covanta Bristol, Inc. ("Covanta") for waste disposal and recycling; and WHEREAS, in order to preserve capacity for contracted residential waste, the collective municipalities entered into negotiations with Covanta that resulted in a proposed Second Amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, the Amendment benefits the municipalities by eliminating the cap on volumes of residential waste, expands the definition of residential waste and makes adjustments to the minimum commitment for increased recycling.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Seymour acting by and through W. Kurt Miller, its First Selectman, is hereby authorized to enter into the Amendment and to execute such documents as are necessary.

Motion to accept resolution as presented.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes  
W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – Yes

0-No

0-Abstain  
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Kurt inquired about a minimum commitment for residential waste. Town Counsel will get back to him.

**ITEM #16: Discussion regarding potential changes to ordinances**

**a. Justice of the Peace**

Kurt read the following letter from the town clerk:

We would like to request that the Board of Selectmen and the Ordinance Committee review section 2-191 in the Code of Ordinances, which limits the number of Justices of the Peace.

We would like it edited from its present number of 20, to 36 due to an increased number of applicants. In speaking with other local communities, we realized that comparable towns have larger limits.

Thank You,  
Susan DeBarber  
Elizabeth Conrad

Motion to move the request of the Town Clerk's to increase the number of Justice of the Peace Ordinance forward to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-Yes      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes  
Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes  
Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, would like to research this more. He stated there are a variety of State Statutes that pertain to appointments of Justice of the Peace.

Rory Burke stated currently there is a lottery system to see who will get the extra justice of the peace available slots.

Town Counsel stated there are more people than spots then they divide it by the major parties. One party wins or one party loses the lottery.

**b. Strategic Planning Committee**

Kurt read the following letter:

Board of Selectmen:

The Strategic Planning Committee would like to request that you modify the ordinance that was approved in 2014 to establish the Committee. That ordinance reads:

*On a quarterly basis, the Commission shall, at a minimum, meet with the First Selectman, Finance Director and the Director of Operations for the purpose of discussing the implementation of the Strategic Plan and measuring the progress, if any, achieved.*

We are requesting that you change "quarterly" to "semiannually" and "meet with the First Selectman, Finance Director and the Director of Operations" to "meet with the First Selectman and the staff he or she deems necessary."

In the more than 2 years we have been working on the plan, it has become apparent that not enough progress can be made in a span of 3 months to warrant quarterly updates and that attempting to do so has slowed our progress towards finishing the inaugural draft of the plan. Further, we have found that The First Selectman has been able to provide the update without assistance so we would prefer to leave the presence of staff to his discretion and not unnecessarily require the presence of staff after normal working hours.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Thank you, Rory Burke



Motion to move to the Ordinance Committee the request of the 10-Year Strategic Planning Committee to make changes to Strategic Planning Ordinance.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes            0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**c. Street Excavation**

Kurt discussed the Street Excavation Ordinance. Engineer, Don Smith, put forward a more proactive approach toward changes to the Ordinance.

Motion to move the proposed Street Excavation Ordinance on to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes            0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #17: Executive session.**

None.

**ITEM #18: Appointments.**

None.

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

Motion to accept March 31, 2016 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes            0-no

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #20: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #21: Correspondence.**

- Check registers.
- Letter to Kurt from the Chief of Police regarding the changing of First Street to One Way.

**ITEM #22: Public Comment.**

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, suggested getting an art store such as Michael's or Hobby Lobby in town.

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

Stephan Behuniak stated the downtown merchants were supposed to have monthly meetings with updates on construction and there haven't been any.

Kurt stated he will talk to the Community Officer.

Stephan inquired about the plans to address Emma Street.

Kurt stated he has not received an updated list yet for the next ABC rankings. He stated they will receive it within the next month or so.

Karen stated her concerns about some roads in town, specifically Botsford Road. She stated the town cannot back off on repairing the roads.

Kurt stated the town will not be backing off of repairing the roads. Another \$800,000 worth of road work will be done. He stated the roads and infrastructures are their priorities.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria stated the board has talked tirelessly about the proactive road plan. Every year they will be taking care of the roads. She stated Kurt has done a great job informing the board of the progress of the road program.

Kurt stated as the road program is updated, it will be attached to 10-Year Strategic Plan along with the report done by the Building Committee. He stated regardless who the First Selectman is, there will be something for them to work from.

Nicole stated she is happy with the movement and numbers for the Boys & Girls Club. It is a great addition to our community.

Al Bruno stated he had observed Public Works employees picking up garbage around town. He stated they have put a good dent in the filth around the community. He stated he is looking forward to curb repair. He stated it is great to see the Seymour Boys & Girls Club thriving.

Annmarie Drugonis stated it is great to see Boys & Girls Club's impact on the young girl's life. Public works has been going all over the place cleaning. She stated it is nice to see the progress at Silvermine Industrial Park. She thanked the EMS workers for all their hard work with the fire on Bungay Road on Monday.

Kurt stated back in the early part of the fall, the board had given permission for Town Counsel and himself to move forward on an agreement with the Knights of Columbus. After checking multiple times, the agreement was never signed by Knights of Columbus. In turn, they have decided to withdraw their original agreement. They are demanding that the Town of Seymour pay them more money. Richard Buturla addressed that with counsel for Knights of Columbus. He will have more information at the next meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM #24: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM

Motion: Karen Stanek

Vote: 5-Yes                      1-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Stephan Behuniak

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – NO

Submitted by,

  
Lianna Staffieri  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

  
W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman