

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Tom Eighmie, Richard Demko, Al Yagovane, Wendy Rossi.

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

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:01 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 April 5, 2016 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from April 5, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

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

1. Met again with advisors from William Blair to discuss the upcoming bond refunding and to prepare for next steps. We have also started to put together our presentation strategy for our upcoming Bond Rating Review with S&P.
2. Attended several CCM meetings regarding current legislation in Hartford that would be problematic for towns and cities. CCM continues to fight these bills that would put undue burden and stress on municipal tax payers with additional unfunded mandates.
3. Had several meetings to discuss how Seymour will handle Animal Control in the near future. Discussions with Woodbridge are ongoing. I also met with a representative from the volunteer group in Seymour as well as reviewed another potential local option. I would expect to have something for the Board to review, discuss and decide on in the next few weeks.
4. Threw out the first pitch for the George J Hummel Little League Baseball and Softball Opening day this past weekend which is always fun.
5. Finally, the Governor's updated budget was released last week. This budget is designed to close the over \$900 million dollar budget shortfall for fiscal year 2017. The town of Seymour had it's revenues cut \$832,938 from the original proposal the Governor presented in February. The cuts came from two places, the fist being a cut of \$419,615 to our ECS funding and the second being a cut of \$413,323 from the new MRSA account (the fund from the quarter point increase to the sales tax). The town does have some money built into the budget to absorb either a one-time cut in revenue or a one-time spike in expenses each year through the mill rate stabilization fund. At this point, we will wait to see what the final outcome is which I expect to know in the next few weeks. I will provide updates going forward.



Kurt stated this new 5-day scenario would add Friday for residents to come in. Residents can also mail in their taxes as well as pay online. He stated by contract the employees work 35 hours.

Al stated the schedule sounds reasonable and thinks 8:00 AM is a reasonable time.

Kurt stated the initial reasoning for the current schedule was to have Town Hall open 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM for people to have the opportunity to go before and after work. He stated there are more people in Town Hall at 8:00 AM than later on.

Motion to move the Town of Seymour to a five (5) day work week Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with employees getting a 45 minute lunch break and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM with no lunch; the schedule will commence on July 1, 2016 with the new Fiscal Year; the Town will hire a Town Hall Floater position effective May 1, 2016 which has been budgeted for in the Fiscal Year 2017 budget and money has been identified for the rest of the Fiscal Year 2016; For each Friday holiday, employees will receive 4.25 hours of vacation time and that will be in effect as long as this schedule is in effect.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding Quaker Farms communication tower.**

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla stated the town has certain communication equipment located on a tower in Oxford at Quaker Farms. There was never a signed lease document related to the positioning of our equipment on that tower. Crown Castle acquired that tower and forwarded a lease document that purported to charge rent to the town of Seymour. This was held back because Town Counsel wrote a letter to Crown Castle. He stated he had thought the space was free and that it is public safety space that was designated by Connecticut Siting Council. Crown Castle confirmed that it is free. He stated there is now a formal written document.

Kurt read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour has placed certain communication equipment on a certain cell tower located at 85 Quaker Farms Road, Oxford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, CCATT, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, also known as Crown Castle has acquired the site;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to execute a certain First Amendment to Sublease Agreement with Crown Castle on behalf of the Town of Seymour.

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to go out of order to Item #11: Appointments.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #11: Appointments.**

Motion to appoint Wendy Rossi to the Friends of the Broad Street Park for a term of two (2) years expiring on April 19, 2018.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Len Greene

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to appoint Rich Demko to the Conservation Commission for a term of four (4) years expiring on April 19, 2020.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to go back in order to Item #9: Executive session (WPCA Claim – Totaro).

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #9: Executive session (WPCA Claim – Totaro)**

Motion to enter into executive session (WPCA pending claim – Totar) at 7:32 PM with Town Counsel, Richard Buturla.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to exit executive session at 7:41 PM with no motions or actions taken.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding Totaro.**

No action needs to be taken at this time.

**ITEM #12: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to accept the April 13, 2016 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented amounting in \$587.29.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

**ITEM #13: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #14: Correspondence.**

- Check register.
- Letter to Kurt from Chief Metzler.
- Agenda for the Special Board of Selectmen meeting on Thursday April 21, 2016.

**ITEM #15: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #16: Selectmen’s Public Comments.**

Stephan Behuniak stated it was great attending the Citizen’s Engine Breakfast. He inquired how the Board of Assessment Appeals actions affect the Board of Selectmen. He stated it looks like they took off \$1 million from the Grand List.

Kurt stated that is a Board of Finance issue and it was a little over \$500,000.

Karen Stanek inquired about statutes related to Justice of the Peace. She inquired about how many the town currently has. She heard that Woodbridge has 60.

Town Counsel stated there are several statutes that deal with Justice of the Peace.

Kurt stated this will be discussed at the Ordinance meeting. Rory will discuss a time and date with her.

Al Bruno stated the \$419,000 in ECS cuts for Seymour will likely mean a number of positions that will not be funded in our school district. He stated it is disappointing that this state has come to this and it is a big deal for the town.

Kurt doesn’t think this will be passed at that level and thinks the cuts won’t be as bad as projected. He discussed a possible scenario.

Al thanked Seymour Public Works for getting fields in town ready for the spring season. He stated the town is very clean and things are looking up.

Kurt will give out a report that Tony DePrima, the new Public Works Director, has been working on. He has been collecting data.

**ITEM #17: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

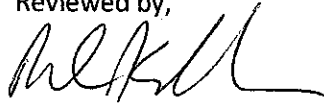
Karen Stanek – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman