

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding license agreement with CARES.

Kurt stated he met with the CARES (Coco’s Animal Rescue Efforts of Seymour, Inc.) group and had conversations about the license agreement. He stated that everyone seems to be on the same page with everything.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated they believe that the license agreement best serves the town in terms of this particular arrangement. It allows the animal rescue group to take possession of the property for the purpose of serving as an animal rescue. It also provides for a short termination if, for any reason, the Town of Seymour needs to take back the animal shelter for the purpose of utilizing it for a shelter. He stated everyone seems to be in agreement on all of the provisions. The only issue is evidence cannot be found of Coco’s Animal Rescue Efforts of Seymour, Inc. (CARES) existence of an entity of that name. He stated Kurt will reach out to the Secretary of State’s office and confirm their legal existence.

Kurt discussed the agreement. The licensing fee will be \$10.00 per year for using the facility. The Town will pay utilities for the building but that can change over time. The Town will be responsible for general maintenance and general wear and tear. They will be responsible for any add-ons and new equipment. All add-on’s will need to be approved by the town. There will be a limit as to when the public can be in the building, not including volunteers. They can be open for business from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, 7 days a week. All cars have to be out of the lot by 9:00 PM. Kurt stated he expects to have this squared away by next week.

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of downtown streetlight bid.

Kurt read the following letter from Jim Galligan regarding the Main Street Investment Fund Project- Sidewalk Improvements:

Dear Mr. Miller:

Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. opened bids for the above-referenced project on June 21, 2016. This project included construction of twelve (12) new handicapped ramps and reconstruction of several sidewalks on Main Street, Deforest Street, Wakely Street and First Street. The original low bid by G PIC & Sons Construction Company, Inc., which included Wakely Street, was above the project Grant amount of \$375,000.00. We have deleted the work on Wakely Street and adjusted the total price to \$325,915.00.

Therefore, Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. recommends that the Seymour Board of Selectmen approve the award of the Main Street Investment Fund Project – Sidewalk Improvements to G PIC & Sons Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$325,915.00.

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

Sincerely, James H. Galligan Town Engineer

Motion that the Town of Seymour award the Main Street Investment Fund Project – Sidewalk Improvements bid to G PIC & Sons Construction Company, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$325,915.00.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding proposed ordinance changes

• **Strategic Planning**

- The Strategic Planning Committee is asking for the board to change the reporting requirements from quarterly to semiannual and the requirements of those who are going to report from *First Selectman, Finance Director and Director of Operations* to *First Selectman and staff he/she deems necessary*. This will be discussed more at the July 19th meeting.

- **Justice of the peace**
 - Kurt stated the issue with the ordinance is that it only allows for 20 Justices of the Peace. The Ordinance Committee is asking for a number divisible by 3.
 - Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, discussed the State Statute (9-183a) dealing with the Justices of the Peace (JP's). The number of JP's for each town shall be equal to a third of the number of jurors to which such town is by law entitled and there shall not be less than 15. According to a document recently prepared by the Secretary of State office, Seymour has 4,107 jurors; therefore, the maximum number of Justices of the Peace is 1,369. The town can amend the ordinance to increase or decrease the number of JP's to one divisible by 3, no less than 15 nor more than 1,369.
 - Kurt stated that the Ordinance Committee will meet next week and set a number before the July 19th meeting.

- **Historic Landmark Preservation**
 - This was brought to the Ordinance Committee by the Town Historian. This is to allow the town the ability to slow potential demolition of historic building or house. She is asking to allow the building to be cataloged or have pictures taken before it gets taken down.

- **Street Excavation**
 - Kurt stated this was put forward to the Ordinance Committee by Don Smith. The biggest issue is cutting into street for utilities. This will allow better control over how those patches are done. The town will charge a flat amount for the amount of street that is opened and the town contractor will do the work.

ITEM #11: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Alex Danka to the Memorial Day Committee for a term of two (2) years expiring on July 5, 2018.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Karen Stanek
 Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes

Motion to appoint Eric Omlor to the Board of Public Works for a term of two (2) years expiring on July 5, 2018.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
 Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #12: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the June 30, 2016 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria Second: Annmarie Drugonis
 Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
 Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Abatement requests from Tax Collector:

Motion that the Town of Seymour waive taxes that are due on 139 Maple Street for July 1, 2016 payment of \$636.30 and the January 1, 2017 \$636.30 for a total amount of \$1,272.60.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
 Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Karen Stanek – Yes
 Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion that the Town of Seymour waive taxes that are due on 100 Prospect Street for July 1, 2016 payment of \$331.38 and the January 1, 2017 \$331.38 for a total amount of \$662.76.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #13: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #14: Correspondence.

- Check registers.
- Letter from the First Selectwoman of Woodbridge to secretary Barnes of OPM regarding the Regional Animal Shelter.
- June 19, 2016 Public Comment from resident Joseph Luciano who couldn't make it in time for the last meeting for Public Comment. He voiced his concerns for the need for additional handicap accessible ramps on Wakely and DeForest Streets. He also sent a follow-up letter on July 1st reiterating what he had written about in the June 19th letter. He also wanted to find out about the towns policy on Public Comment provided by citizens with disabilities.

ITEM #15: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #16: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen Stanek discussed the documents (Warranty and Quit-Claim Deeds) proving who Gary Park is named after. The property was purchased by Clarence Oppel on Gary Park Drive and sold a portion to the town for a park and named the park after his son Gary Oppel. She stated she spoke with the lawyer who handled the transaction.

Discussion ensued about changing street names and park names.

Karen suggested renaming the park without renaming the street. She also suggested having the kids in town name the park.

Kurt stated he doesn't agree with renaming the park for the sake of renaming a park.

ITEM #17: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

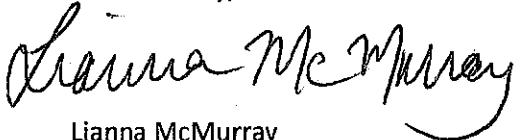
Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman

June 19, 2016

To: **Rory Burke**, Adm. Asst., Town of Seymour; First Selectman **Kurt Miller**
RBurke@SeymourCT.org, kmiller@seymourct.org

Cc: ADA coordinator Deidre Caruso dcaruso@seymourct.org
(my comments are ADA/disability rights matters)

From: Joseph A. Luciano *Disability Rights Action Group of Connecticut*
DRAGconnecticut@yahoo.com 33 DeForest street, Seymour CT 06483 203/463-8323

SUBJECT: my **PUBLIC COMMENT** for ENTRY into Minutes of the next meeting of the Seymour BOARD OF SELECTMAN scheduled for **Tuesday June 21, 2016**

Good Morning, Mr. Miller; Mr. Burke: the following text is my Public Comment, which is transmitted via email because existing infrastructure (absent crosswalks, absent curbcuts, impassable sidewalks) prevent me from traveling safely via wheelchair to board meetings at their scheduled time.

PUBLIC COMMENT of Joseph A. Luciano 219 words
"Absent crosswalks/curbcuts at Wakeley — a public hazard"

On behalf of all able pedestrians (and senior/disabled residents of Columbus Street and Fallview Apts (25, 33 & 41 DeForest Street) I urge the Board of Selectman to address an urgent matter of public safety at the junction of Wakeley and DeForest Streets.

Over the years photos I have sent to town hall and Seymour PD clearly showed the worst location for a crosswalk: from the Fallview Apts mailbox cluster to the Citizen Engine garage. This is the worst location because of inadequate line-of-sight. (SEE attached photos.)

The best location is on Wakeley in front of the EMT Training Center. Line-of-sight in all directions is excellent; and fully ADA compliant new curbcuts and a crosswalk are already in place on the Fishway side. (Only one curbcut would need to be constructed.)

Access routes to Fishway parking are hazardous

Current residents of senior/handicapped housing at 16 Bank Street (entrance on Columbus Street) who park their paratransit vehicles at the Fishway are already crossing DeForest—the worst possible location. And those who cross Wakeley in front of the EMT Training Center are risking life and limb because there is no crosswalk there.

On Seymour Founders Day 2016, visitors who parked at the Fishway were unnecessarily in harm's way traveling to and from their vehicles.

Please make the solution of this problem your highest priority.
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*Independent Advocate for Elderly, Persons with Disabilities, Universal Design,
& Livable Communities through Full ADA compliance & Enforcement*

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<http://www.nhregister.com/opinion/20140923/editorial-still-a-tough-road-for-americans-with-disabilities>
<http://www.rep-am.com/news/local/931134.txt>

Friday, July 01, 2016

To: Rory Burke, Adm. Asst., Town of Seymour; First Selectman Kurt Miller
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To the ATTENTION of Mr. Miller; Mr. Burke:

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PUBLIC COMMENT of Joseph A. Luciano

- 1 - Absent crosswalks/curbcuts at Wakeley — a public hazard;
- 2 - Publicize policy on Public Comment provided by citizens with disabilities; and
- 3 - Publicize identity, functions, and activities of Seymour's ADA coordinator.

Issue 1 — On behalf of all able pedestrians (and senior/disabled residents of Columbus Street and Fallview Apts (25, 33 & 41 DeForest Street) I urge the Board of Selectman to address an urgent matter of public safety at the junction of Wakeley and DeForest Streets.

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=9853389614839284&set=a.964749103570002.1073741886.100001047616106&type=3&theater>)

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Issue 2 — Please publish complete information on the Town of Seymour's Website regarding policy on how the town accommodates and responds to persons with disabilities desiring to provide their Public

Comment at town board meetings but *who are unable to appear in person* by reason of disability, safety relative to transport or travel, and/or infrastructure conditions relative to accessibility. All rules the town has or will establish must be made public and published to facilitate Public Comment of citizens with disabilities. Town rules must include acceptable means of transmission (via email and/or via USPS snailmail) as well as deadlines for receipt of Public Comment by the town. Also, these rules must disclose the extent to which details of such Public Comment will be entered into meeting minutes. Specifically, will the minutes include essential details of such comment so as to be equivalent to the detail given to persons who were "able-bodied" to personally present their comments? Minutes that acknowledge Public Comment of citizens with disabilities sent via email or snailmail with the statement, "Correspondence was received from (name of citizen)," are not equivalent to Public Comment given by persons who spoke their comments in person. Excluding details of Public Comment provided by citizens with disabilities is discriminatory.

Issue 3 — Please publish complete information on the Town of Seymour's Website about the identity of and contact information for Seymour's designated ADA coordinator. (ADA 1990 requires that the name and contact information of the designated ADA coordinator be publicly advertised.) Such information should include the ADA coordinator's responsibilities, actions taken on specific issues, the ADA coordinator's self-evaluation of the programmatic barriers in services offered by Seymour; complaint or grievance procedure to respond to complaints of noncompliance from the public; the town's transition plan for accessibility; and where this information is located and its format to facilitate review by interested citizens.

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