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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Karen Stanek (Left at 7:38 PM), Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Len Greene,

Members Absent: Stephan Behuniak.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Steve Kulas, Jamie Brennan, Richard Demko, Tony Caserta and Michael Flynn.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:02 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Rd, addressed his concerns with Plan of Conservation and Development. He is also concerned about the catch basins getting cleaned out. He discussed the Plan of Conservation and Development specifically conservation strategies and the encouragement of open space. He encouraged the board members to educate the public about the PA-490 status for open space. He discussed the PA-490 status, as well as, with his appraisal and revaluation process.

Steve Kulas, 12 Bank Street, discussed his growing frustration with the construction of the building on Columbus Street. He stated the downtown merchants were informed the roads would be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays and the contractor closes them when he wishes. He stated they were also told that workers would not be allowed to park on Bank Street or Columbus Street and the workers are parking in front of businesses downtown. He is concerned about the dust and debris. He stated the most troubling of it all is the closing of the roads at the contractor's pleasure. He stated he has not received any updates on the construction. He has many concerns with the snow coming. The rules are being ignored by the contractor and sub-contractor. He urged someone to reach out to this contractor and tell him to keep his promises that he made in January.

Michael Flynn, 85 Skokorat Street, stated the fence posts and guard rails on Humphrey Street are in bad shape and suggested notifying Public Works.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from September 6, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from September 6, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain (Karen)

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

- With a potential storm coming next weekend, we have started our preparation process with Fire, Police, Ambulance and Public Works. They have all started working on their pre-storm

check list. The EOC is up and running and ready to go. We will continue to monitor the storm progress and provide updates.

- Our unaudited surplus sits at roughly \$520,000.00. This number comes in because we had higher than expected revenue and our expenses were lower than budgeted for Fiscal Year 2016. The auditors are here now and expect to have final numbers by the end of the year.
- Kurt thanked Al Bruno, Len Greene and Stephan Behuniak for helping push the car. He also thanked Public Works, Seymour Ambulance Executive Director, Kyle Kelley; Fire Chief, Mike Lombardi; Deputy Police Chief, Paul Satkowski; Alex Danka, Seymour Police Officer, Jimmy Duda; and John Healy, who works for William Blair. They rose over \$14,500. Kurt thanked all the sponsors and Mrs. Deming and her team. There were 128 cancer survivors present at the event.

ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of bid for STEAP sidewalks Phase V.

Kurt read the following letter from Jim Galligan with Nafis & Young:

Dear Mr. Miller:

Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. opened bids for the above-referenced project on September 15, 2016. The original low bid by G PIC & Sons Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$219,250.00.

The State Grant amount for this project is \$200,000.00. NYE has reduced the size of the project down to a value of \$200,000.00.

Therefore, Nafis & Young Engineers, Inc. recommends that the Seymour Board of Selectmen approve the award of the STEAP sidewalks Phase V to G PIC & Sons Construction Company, INC. in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Sincerely, James Galligan.

Motion to award the Seymour sidewalk Phase V STEAP bid to G PIC & Sons Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides Ditria

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding bid for LED streetlight conversion project.

Rory discussed the two spreadsheets he had prepared for the board members.

He stated the energy savings is relatively similar and it comes down to rate savings. If the town were to purchase the streetlights from Eversource the town would save \$88,000.00. If the town were to purchase the streetlights and converted them, the town would save \$103,000.00. He stated in considering the duration of the lifespan of the fixtures, the town would save so much more money if they purchase the fixtures themselves. He stated he had Real Term come back with an additional fixture type. The total difference between the fixtures is \$10-\$20,000 total over the course of the project. If the town chose to go with GE, it would be more expensive.

Rory stated both of the bidders are perfectly qualified to do the project. In his and Tony Caserta's opinion, there are a few things that one of the bidders brought to light where the other did not. When they met with Real Term in person, they stated the town would have to spend an extra \$3-4 to update the fuses. In Tanko's RFP, buried in a footnote was a caveat that they were not responsible for bad wiring in fixtures. Tanko has relationship with GE and did not let Rory or Tony know that.

Tony and Rory feel more comfortable with Real Term. Rory stated they seem very proactive and are approaching the project with a holistic point of view.

The board discussed wiring, maintenance and where each company had completed/started projects.

Kurt stated they haven't determined how to finance this yet but there is the ability to pay for it in cash from the surplus. Rory stated that part of the RFP required having a 10 year warranty. Al inquired about the average annual savings. Rory stated it would be approximately \$130,000.00 which includes the rate change. Kurt stated the town could use that savings to finance the project as well.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into negotiations with Real Term and bring back a final document for approval.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6- Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding hiring of Public Works employees.

Kurt read the following letters from the Chairman of Board of Public Works and the Public Works Director:

To: Board of Public Works
From: Tony DePrimo, Director Public Works
Re: Full Time Employment Recommendations

In an effort to fill vacancies within the Department of Public Works, I am making a recommendation to the Board of Public Works to hire current Seasonal part time employees Al Pietro Simone, and Jack Macey to full time employment compliant with Town Policy and AFSCME bargaining unit agreement.

Mr. Simone, and Mr. Macey have demonstrated good work practices during their time of seasonal employment, and are experienced regarding the day to day operations.

Having said vacancies filled will be advantageous to departmental planning and job assignments.

In advance, thank you for your consideration.

Tony DePrimo

Board of Selectmen:

Pursuant to the recommendations in the attached letter, the Board of Public Works voted unanimously to bypass the interview process and recommend to you to extend offers of full-time employment to seasonal employees Al Pietrosimone and Jack Macey pending an updated background check and drug screening.

Both employees have been in their roles as seasonal help for multiple years. As in the past, we voted to bypass the interview process because there are qualified internal candidates.

We further recommend their hiring dates be staggered by one day, with Mr. Pietrosimone first, to mimic their seasonal staff hire dates and eliminate any potential future issues regarding seniority.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Sean Walsh, Chairman, Board of Public Works

Motion that the Town of Seymour offer Full Time Labor's Class employment as recommended by Director of Public Works, Tony DePrimo and Chairman of Board of Public Works, Sean Walsh to Al Pietrosimone effective Tuesday, October 11, 2016 and Jack Macey effective Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Len Greene

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding renaming of Silvermine Industrial Park.

Kurt read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour implemented the development of the Silvermine Industrial Park plan in 1979 to promote business growth and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Silvermine Industrial Park has over the last three and one half decades developed into a successful and robust campus that has attracted some of the Town of Seymour’s largest employers and businesses which market their services and products nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, many if not most of the businesses located in the Silvermine Industrial Park are marketing products and services which are “high tech” in nature and/or utilize modern technology in their development and production; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is desirous of renaming the Silvermine Industrial Park so that the name of the area is inclusive and indicative of the modern technological products and services produced by and utilized by the businesses of the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Seymour for the foregoing reasons does hereby rename the area known as the “Silvermine Industrial Park” as the “Silvermine Commerce & Technology Park”.

Kurt suggested adding ‘Commerce to the name. The board agreed to change the name to ‘Silvermine Commerce & Technology Park.’

Motion to accept the resolution as presented.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis	Second: Len Greene		
Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes		

Karen Stanek left at 7:39 PM.

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding endorsement of 2016 Plan of Conservation & Development.

Rory stated the Plan of Conservation & Development was adopted by the Planning & Zoning Commission on September 8, 2016. A letter was sent to OPM Secretary Barnes to update the states inventory. The Planners recommended that the Board of Selectmen endorse the plan because the state statute is vague.

Motion that the Board of Selectmen endorse and approve the 2016 Plan of Conservation & Development as presented by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion: Len Greene	Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria		
Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes		

ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action regarding 2016 EMPG grant application.

Kurt read the following authorizing resolution:

I, Susan DeBarber, the Town Clerk of the Town of Seymour, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its duly called and held meeting on October 4, 2016. At which time, a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and it at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, as well as, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that W. Kurt Miller, as First Selectmen of the Town of Seymour, is authorized to, directed to and execute as well as deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. He will do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that W. Kurt Miller now holds the Office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since December 5, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 5th day of October 2016.

Susan DeBarber, Town Clerk

Motion to accept the authorizing resolution 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
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	

ITEM #12: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Joe Nezielski to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an Alternate for a term of two (2) expiring December 1, 2017.

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
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	

Motion to appoint Lisa Cheney to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on September 20, 2019.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	

Motion to reappoint Judy Simpson to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on October 4, 2019.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	

Motion to reappoint Anne Conroy to the Culture & Arts Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring on October 4, 2019.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Len Greene	
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes	Len Greene – Yes	

ITEM #13: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept September 15, 2016 Tax Collectors report as presented.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Motion to accept September 30, 2016 Tax Collectors report 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

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #14: Transfers

Motion to approve Transfer Control #1: \$15,415.00 from Fund Balance to Roads – Paving.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Motion to approve Transfer Control #2 in the amount of \$16,925.00 from Fund Balance to Roads – Paving.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #15: Correspondence

- Legal opinion from Town Counsel to the Board of Finance and the Planning & Zoning Commission with regard to seating of alternates.
- Letter to State of Connecticut Department of Housing from Richard Buturla on behalf of the town.
- Letter to David Corbet, an investigator, regarding a complaint by Joe Luciano pertaining to the Seymour Senior Center.
- Letter from John Ashelford who is Chairman of Board of Directors for the Connecticut Hurricanes.
- Email from Chris Adamo, Seymour Softball Committee Chairman, inviting everyone to the ribbon cutting next Monday October 10th for lights at the SHS Softball field.
- August 2016 Accomplishments of Productivity report from Tony DePrimo.
- Resignation letter from Susan Liscinsky from Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Letter that was sent to VEMS from Kurt to reappoint myself as representative for Seymour on their Board of Directors.

ITEM #16: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #17: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria was honored to attend the Pumpkin Festival and to be able to work at the Republican Town Committee grilled cheese booth. She jokingly stated that Kurt was the quality control

specialist. She was honored to attend the Seymour Pink 5k Walk/Run. Mary Deming has done a great job with her board and staff. She stated it was great to see all the breast cancer and cancer survivors. Public works did a great job with painting the roads.

Al Bruno stated the Seymour Pink 5k was a lot of fun. He stated it is a great event for the community. Mary Deming's reaction when she received the check from Kurt (for fundraising) was priceless.

Annamarie Drugonis stated it was great to see community come together as one for the Seymour Pink 5k. She stated the Pumpkin Festival was a good time as well. She really liked how Public Works painted pink lines and pink ribbons. Regarding catch basins and storm drains, the community as a whole has a storm water pollution plan. She stated she will be discussing this with the Board of Public Works as well as the Public Works Director.

Len Greene stated the Seymour Pink 5k was an excellent event. He commended Public Works, EMS, Police and Fire for a job well done.

ITEM #18: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

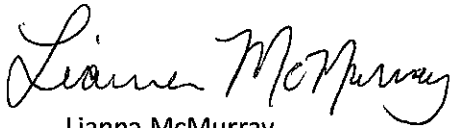
0-Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman