

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, February 07, 2017 – 6:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Stephan Behuniak, Al Bruno and Len Greene.

Members Absent: Nicole Klarides-Ditria and Karen Stanek.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Brian LeClerc and Mike Marcinek.

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.

None.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from January 19, 2017 special meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from January 19, 2017 special meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Al Bruno

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

- The Budget process continues to take shape. Workshops have started and the Board of Finance has begun deliberations. My budget is just about done but I am just waiting for a few last minute numbers. I will be presenting my budget on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room.
- The Governor will present his budget tomorrow at noon to the state legislature. At that time we will have a better understanding of what the revenue projections on state funding will look like. We are expecting cuts but are unsure of the severity of those cuts.
- On Friday the Governor announced he will be shifting 1/3 of cost of the teacher's retirement system payments to the towns and cities. This will add 407.6 million dollars to local budgets. Each town will be responsible to pay about 10% of the salary which in Seymour's case will be 1.5 to 2 million dollars. Very little information has been provided. I will expect to hear more tomorrow. This will have a dramatic impact on the Board of Education budget.
- I met with the Board of Education to discuss the joint operations department for the town. My thoughts and ideas were well received by the members and they voted to tentatively move forward. I will be meeting with Rick Belden, Tony Caserta and Yashu Putorti to create job descriptions for final approval. I expect this to take place in March.
- Contract negotiations are ongoing with the Clerks and Public Works unions. We have been able to work quickly through the initial meetings. I expect to have an update as to where we stand in the beginning of March. I expect to ratify contracts hopefully at the second meeting in March.

ITEM #6: Discussion and take possible action regarding appointment of new Deputy First Selectman.

Kurt stated that with Nicole moving up to that State legislature, she will be stepping down as Deputy First Selectman but will stay on as member of the Board of Selectmen. He thanked Nicole for her hard work and effort over the last 5 or more years. She was very engaged and involved and made Seymour proud.

Motion to name Len Greene, Jr. as the Deputy First Selectman.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 3-Yes 1-No 1- Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes Al Bruno – Yes Annmarie Drugonis - Yes
Len Greene – Abstain Stephan Behuniak – No

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of bid for Community Center parking lot.

Motion to table Item #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of bid for Community Center parking lot.

Motion: Len Greene Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes Al Bruno – Al Bruno Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene – Yes Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding awarding of bid for town building architectural engineering contract.

Mike Marcinek, 6 Dahlia Lane, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee, stated the committee had advertised for architects in December and initially got one and went back out and received 5 submissions. Upon submission they have shortlisted it to three (3) firms: Associates - out of White Plains; Ames and Whitaker – out of Southington; and Quisinbury - out of the Hartford area. He stated they interviewed with all three firms. They spent time questioning them about their approach and fees. All the fees were relatively close. They were comfortable that the scope of services was understood. They felt that Ames & Whitaker had more experience relative to this type of construction. They came prepared in the interview to a solution that they think is going to help the town to get the project done faster and quicker.

He discussed the issues with the Library, the Police Station and Town Hall that they will be working on. Al Bruno inquired if the town worked with this firm before.

Mike stated they have worked for the town before and have done a lot of municipality work.

Motion that the Board of Selectmen award the Permanent Building Committee project to Ames and Whitaker of Southington as recommended by the Permanent Building Committee.

Motion: Len Greene Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes Al Bruno – Al Bruno Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene – Yes Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding Building Department fee.

Kurt read the following letter to the board from Jim Baldwin:

Please find attached a proposed sample of the Town of Seymour’s application for building permit and related construction and mechanical permits.

As of this time, I do not see it necessary to increase the overall fee structure that is in place for the Town of Seymour.

However due to the changes made in the CT State Building Codes adopted on October 1st 2016 by the General assembly a significant increase of inspections on many areas of permit requirements has now been added for the Building Department.

An addition of a line item fee of \$10.00 (TEN dollars) for administrative services will be added to the permit application and applied to all permits that are to be issued.

This fee will help offset the increase in required inspection and administration work that has been added through the changes of the CT Building Code.

Sincerely, James Baldwin, Building Official

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Building Official, Jim Badlwin, and increase the administrative fee by \$10.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Al Bruno

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #10: Appointments

Motion to reappoint Lianna McMurray to EMSOC for a term of two (2) years expiring on February 7, 2019.

Motion: Anmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Al Bruno

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

TEM #11: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report as presented.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Al Bruno

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #12: Transfers.

None.

ITEM #13: Correspondence.

- Check register.
- Kurt read a letter of resignation from Aileen Baldwin:

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you of my decision my position on the Board of Finance, effective immediately. A new job position at the university and the associated time commitments have become too great for me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position on the Board, and I feel it's best for me to make room for someone with the time to devote to the critical job of being a board member.

It has been my sincere pleasure to have served the Town of Seymour. I am most confident that the board will continue to work together by making difficult yet necessary decisions for the financial well-being of tax payers.

If I can be of any assistance during the interim time while seating the boards alternate, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Best regards, Aileen Baldwin

- A letter from Matthew Calzone, Capitan of Citizens Engine discussing details for the Boot Drive they are running on Saturday, February 11th. The proceeds will go to one of their members who is battling and illness and a members wife who is battling an illness.

ITEM #14: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #15: Selectmen's Public Comment.

Stephan Behuniak wished Public Works the best luck for the coming storm on Thursday.

Len Greene stated he is honored and humbled to be appointed by his peers to serve as the Deputy First Selectman.

Al Bruno inquired as to when Mr. Spector will be coming to a meeting.

Kurt stated Mr. Spector is finalizing dates.

Annmarie Drugonis congratulated Len being appointed as the Deputy First Selectman. She encouraged everyone to get out and donate at the boot drive. She stated the firemen are reaching out to help their own.

ITEM #16: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Second: Al Bruno

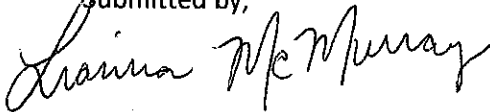
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Al Bruno – Al Bruno

Stephan Behuniak – Yes


Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman