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Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – 7:00 PM

Norma Drummer Room – Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Al Bruno

Others Present: Town Counsel Bryan LeClerc

Item #1: Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7: PM.

Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3: Discussion and take possible action regarding issuing of citations to Seymour High School Cheerleading Team

Nicole: Congratulations to the Seymour High School cheerleading team on a job well done and another State championship. They've done a great job athletically and academically. I'd also like to thank the parents, coaches and teachers who have also helped to get you to where you are. Nicole read the citation and awarded it to each member of the team.

Item #4: Public comment

John Costello – 8 Swan Avenue. – I'm a taxpayer and business owner in Seymour. I want to try to explain to you all that I was hired to do a floor job in Town Hall. There was a miscommunication in the middle and some of the areas that were supposed to be done were not. I tried to have a meeting to fix the mistakes and was told by Mr. Miller that I would have the opportunity but that meeting never happened. Since then I have been treated disrespectfully and slandered. There are rumors flying around. I have been to the police station twice to have a meeting to resolve this and I'm getting nowhere. The bottom line is instead of being treated with respect and I was accused of swearing and I was insulted. I have billed the Town 3 times for work that was completed and I have yet to receive payment. I believe I've been treated unfairly by the Town.

Item #5: Approve minutes from July 18, 2017 regular meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 6-0

Item #6: Approve minutes from August 3, 2017 ordinance committee meeting

There was a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-0

Item #7: First Selectman's Report

There was no First Selectman's Report.

Item #8: Appointments

There was a motion to approve the reappointment of Andy Fiedler to a 3-year term to the Lake Housatonic Authority expiring August 2, 2020.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-0

Item #9: Tax Refunds/Abatements

A motion was made to approve the tax refunds/abatements as presented.

Motion: Len Greene Jr.

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-0

Item #10: Transfers

There were no transfers before the Board.

Item #11: Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Item #12: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #13: Selectmen's Public Comments

Stephan: Karen and I attended the Culture & Arts Committee at the Fish Bypass and the disorder and overgrowth there was discouraging. It gives me concern as to what the Greenway Trail will be like when it is complete.

Kurt: It has been taken care of already.

Karen: I was shocked by the condition as well. I know the original agreement was that the State would maintain the channel and the Town would maintain the park. We have not. Apart from some wildflowers and ornamental grass, there is a ton of poison sumac. There are small trees growing near the wall and they will encroach on the wall and damage it if they are not removed. Also, the new rotary is overgrown. I know it's not a focal point for many people, but it's my understanding that the Town assumed responsibility for the maintenance of it. I'd also like to reiterate what Stephan said about the Greenway Trail.

Kurt – We had the downtown attendant assigned to the Bypass but it was too much for him. That has been moved over to Public Works, who will maintain both. I agree with both of your comments. I'll speak to the Director of Public Works about the Rotary. They have two people assigned to maintain places like that.

Karen – I'd also like to say I'm proud of the Seymour High School cheerleaders.

Len – I'd b interested in the state of Lake Housatonic. I don't think we've heard from them the entire time I've been on this Board. All I've ever seen is their funding request. Algae and bacteria closures of Indian Wells are of particular concern.

Annmarie – I'm really proud of the Seymour High School cheerleaders, many of whom came up through Pop Warner cheerleading. Also for the Fish Bypass, I wish I'd known to bring it up I would have last night at the Public Works Board.

Nicole – Congratulations again to the cheerleaders, they did a great job. I'm also concerned about the Bypass but it's important to reach out to Kurt and let him know our concerns.

Item #14: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6-0

Submitted by,



Rory Burke
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman