

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** W. Kurt Miller, Trisha Danka, Karen Stanek, Stephan Behuniak, Annmarie Drugonis, and Al Bruno.

**Members Absent:** Len Greene, Jr.

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Jamie Brennan and Mike Marcinek.

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

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:05 P.M.

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road, voiced his concerns with the procedure for the tax incentive program and the application for Thule (Item #7). He discussed Thule's net income for 2017. He suggested looking into making changes to the tax incentive program.

**ITEM #4: Approve minutes from March 20, 2018 regular meeting.**

Motion to approve minutes from March 20, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

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

None.

**ITEM #6: Awarding of bid for Town Building Project.**

Mike Marcinek, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee, discussed his letter of recommendation to award the bid for the Town buildings projects. There were approximately five bids that came in. Nosal Builders, Inc. of Cheshire was the lowest bidder at \$1.6 million. The Committee did reference checks to confirm Nosal had the capacity to do the project and their references checked out. They are approved by DAS for up to \$25 million in construction.

Kurt stated the funding (\$1.5 million) for this project is bonded and they are going through the process now.

Mike discussed how the project changed as the committee went through the process of examining the town buildings and the bond request. He explained that they came to the conclusion that it was more beneficial to install energy efficient boilers to replace the 30-40 year old units. He discussed the process and what information they gained while looking at each of the town buildings. They are over budget in this contract at the moment but he is confident that they will get a rebate from Eversource. Nosal's contract calls for a 180 day completion. The other contractors had a completion schedule of a year/year and a half.

Kurt explained that if needed, there is \$100,000.00 in the Proactive Building account that can go directly towards the project.

Mike stated Nosal will start within 30 days of the contract signing. They probably will start sometime in June. They still have to order the windows which take approximately 8-10 weeks. They will most likely be working throughout the summer. With regard to the rebate, Eversource wants to see hard numbers and will not give the rebate until the end of project.

Al asked what Nosal is going to do that made the committee so comfortable with choosing them. Mike stated that contractors who are putting together tight budgets need to get in and get out. He explained why the 180 day completion is a better approach. He discussed further why they chose to go with Nosal.

Stephan asked why it is preferable to contract all of the work to one supplier. Mike said there will be some savings. The project grew and got more complicated. Everything they did is saving the town money from an energy stand point. They were more comfortable with having one contractor.

Trisha asked at one point will they decide on the add alternates.

Mike said the committee had many discussions about the add alternates. They can always be added on later. He discussed the add alternates: fire safety glass for the Library, screens for the windows at Town Hall and the LED lighting for the Library.

Motion that the Board of Selectmen, based on the letter sent from the Permanent Building Committee, approve the bid and contract with Nosal Builders, Inc. of Cheshire, CT in the amount of \$1,605,000.00 and the ability of the committee to either add or deduct items as so noted.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

**ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding tax incentive application for Thule.**

In the absence of an EDC Director, Kurt and Rory met with Patrick Monahan, Chief of Operations Officer from Thule. Thule has a \$1.5 million piece of equipment that will be coming in the fall. Thule does not have the space to house this equipment. They started looking at their locations in Beacon Falls and Milford. As they were doing this, Larry Janesky of Basement Systems got wind of Thule's need. Larry has two lots that back up to the Thule property. Larry wants to build an 80,000 square foot building that will specifically house this piece of equipment for Thule. Thule's plan is to purchase a second piece of equipment for \$1.5 million within a year or two. The building will be able to house both pieces of equipment. This will add several jobs. The Board of Selectmen will determine the tax incentive, if any, after work is done. The estimated value of improvements for the combined projects for Thule and Basement Systems will be approximately \$9-10 million. Larry is committed to having the building up by the fall of this year.

Motion to accept the tax incentive program application for Thule, Inc. for their new laser cutter project.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

**Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action on setting dates for the Annual Town Budget Meeting and Budget Referendum dates.**

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

**Discussion and possible action on setting dates for Annual Town Budget meeting and Budget Referendum dates.**

Motion to set Annual Town Budget meeting for Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room at Town Hall.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
 Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes                      Al Bruno – Yes                      Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
 Karen Stanek – Yes                      Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Trisha Danka – Yes

Motion to set the budget referendums for Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Seymour Community Center as needed.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
 Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes                      Al Bruno – Yes                      Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
 Karen Stanek – Yes                      Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Trisha Danka – Yes

**ITEM #8: Appointments.**

Motion to accept the appointments from April 3, 2018 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis                      Second: Al Bruno  
 Vote: 5-Yes                      0-No                      1-Abstain  
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes                      Al Bruno – Yes                      Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
 Karen Stanek – Yes                      Stephan Behuniak – Abstain                      Trisha Danka – Yes

Linda Bellevance	Culture & Arts Commission	Reappointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/11/2021	D
Bob Findley	Economic Development Commission	Appointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/3/2021	R
Jenn Saksa	Naugatuck Valley Health District Board	Appointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/3/2021	U

**ITEM #9: Tax Refunds/Abatements.**

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka                      Second: Al Bruno  
 Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain  
 W. Kurt Miller – Yes                      Al Bruno – Yes                      Annmarie Drugonis – Yes  
 Karen Stanek – Yes                      Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Trisha Danka – Yes

**ITEM #10: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #11: Correspondence.**

- Check registers.

**ITEM #12: Public Comment.**

Jamie Brennan, 124 Bungay Road, stated his concerns with the Planning & Zoning Commission and their subdivision open space waiver regulations. He plans to initiate discussion regarding the regulations. He spoke briefly about this to Zoning Enforcement.

**ITEM #13: Selectmen’s Public Comments.**

Stephan Behuniak attended Rise Up and it was a great production. He urged members of the Economic Development Commission to take their responsibility seriously and show up to meetings. He would like to hear from the department heads again.

Kurt stated he will start getting them back on the agendas.

Karen Stanek went to the FOI meeting last week and was very disappointed with the turnout. Tom Hennick was a wonderful speaker. He gave a lot of information about FOI and the information is something that all of us can benefit from. She thanked the Board of Education for putting that together.

Al Bruno stated Ernie DiStasi and his staff did an excellent job at Rise Up. It was a great time. They are doing a holiday Rise Up at the end of November. There are trees that need to come down on Holbrook Road. Public Works are working on the trees but there needs to be more done on that road.

Kurt stated Holbrook Road is at the end of third party review. The Engineer has to button up a few things. The expectation is that the project will go out to bid in late May/early June which will have work start late summer or early fall.

Annmarie Drugonis stated Rise Up was a great event and she is looking forward to the next event. She agrees with Stephan about the Economic Development Commission meetings. The people need to start taking it seriously. She would like to hear from all of the various boards, commissions and department heads. Public Works have been very busy.

Kurt said that once the new structure in the land use department is up and running, they will have Jim Baldwin come to a meeting.

Trisha Danka thanked the Building Committee for their work and is glad they are working well together.

**ITEM #14: Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 P.M.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman