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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Trisha Danka, Karen STanek, Len Greene, Jr., Al Bruno, Annmarie Drugonis and Stephan Behuniak.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Jim Galligan, Linda Bellavance, Bob Koskelowski, Sr. and John Oczkowski, John Stelma and Alex Danka.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:01 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 April 3, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from April 3, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Karen Stanek – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes			

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from April 7, 2018 ordinance committee meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from April 7, 2018 ordinance committee meeting.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Al Bruno – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes		Len Greene, Jr. – Yes	Karen Stanek – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes			

ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.

Kurt discussed the long term capital plan. It will be voted on at next meeting.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action Country Club Road sewer extension.

Jim Galligan is the engineer for WPCA. As of now the sewer service ends at Shari Drive. The water service goes up to the fire house. He put together an estimate for installing sewers in the area of Fairway Lane and Country Club Road. He discussed the map that has the plan laid out. The cost will be approximately \$30,000.00 per household as an assessment (includes grinder pump). He also got an estimate for extending the water service because the fire department is interested in extending water in that area. That would be an additional \$10,000 per household. He stated there are potential options as far as water service. If more than 50% of homeowners have documented contamination problems in their wells, they can potentially get some assistance from the water company but it has to be documented. He discussed water and sewer laterals and the curb to curb overlay. This project will be

done on Country Club Road, Fairview Lane and a part of Botsford Road. The project length would be one construction season.

They discussed costs for contamination tests. Len asked if this project was tailored to this neighborhood or if there is a potential to hook up in other neighborhoods down the road. Jim discussed the surrounding streets in that neighborhood.

They discussed the road program. They also discussed costs to replace a septic and/or water system.

Town Counsel, Richard Buturla, stated the Town of Seymour floats bonds. The Board of Selectmen may have a role in this. He suggested consulting with Bond Counsel.

The board suggested having the WPCA put together a public hearing or forum for the residents in that area.

Jim stated the timeline could be 1 month to 6 weeks for the final design. He discussed what could increase the cost to homeowners during this project.

Jim discussed the WPCA assessment process. Landscaping on the homeowners property will be their responsibility.

Jim discussed the Town's and the homeowners right to a road/curb.

The Board suggested giving all the residents in that area all of the information and costs.

Discussion ensued about bonding.

Town Counsel will do some research regarding this matter and will get back to the board at the next meeting.

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding Founder's Day Request.

Kurt read the following letter from Judy Simpson:

Dear First Selectmen and Board of Selectmen,

Seymour will be experiencing its ninth Annual Founder's Day on June 3, 2018 (rain day June 10, 2018) in celebration of its history and heritage. The event will be held from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and will encompass the entire downtown area; Main Street from Trestle Tavern to the Strand Theater including Bank, First Columbus and part of Deforest Streets. They will be closed to vehicles and open to only pedestrian traffic. The street will be filled with vendors, amusements, and other forms of entertainment.

We are anticipating the festival will attract not only local residents but many visitors from other areas. Therefore, it is our hope that you will provide us the use of your parking lots on the above dates.

We are asking permission to use the following lots: Community Center, Strand Theater, Metro North and the Town Hall Lot.

The Seymour Founder's Day Association wishes to thank you in advance for the help and support.

Judy Simpson

Linda Bellavance stated the benefactor this year is the Historical Society. The Founders' Day Committee asked the Board of Selectmen to cover the costs of the police coverage which is approximately \$2,000.00. They are also requesting the use of the senior bus in the afternoon. With the Fireman's Carnival being held three days prior to Founders' Day, it will cause some issues with parking for the vendors. The Board agreed to have the Firemen's Carnival work around Founders' Day.

Motion to approve the Seymour Founders' Day request for use of the parking lots at the Community Center, Strand Theater, Metro North and Town Hall lots and allow the use of the Community Services bus as needed by the Founders' Day Committee on that day.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion with Safety Committee.

Alex Danka stated there are now 19 members on the board. Workman’s comp claims are down almost \$875,000 from last year’s claims. Year to date, there are 62 claims with Board of Education totaling \$216,000 and 13 claims with town totaling \$90,000. They started more training and offered more classes for blood borne pathogens and CPR for town employees. They plan to start root cause analysis. They have been doing more training with Public Works. They are going to start a database for driver’s licenses for those that drive town vehicles. They are going to be doing more safety data sheets at the town buildings. They are going to connect to school dude for safety orders.

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Alex Danka, Chairman, stated that Bob Lang has stepped down from the Christmas Parade. Alex suggested combining both parade committees to make one big one. They plan to keep two separate treasurers for each parade.

Richard Buturla stated the committee was appointed by resolution.

Motion that the members of the Seymour Christmas Parade and the Seymour Memorial Day Parade Committees merge into one committee to be called the Seymour Parade Committee going forward.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Alex discussed his ideas for the 175th Anniversary of Seymour with the board, which is in seven years.

Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Department’s request to allow alcoholic beverages to be allowed for a carnival on May 31st through June 2nd.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Discussion and possible action regarding the Fire Department’s request to allow alcoholic beverages to be allowed for a carnival on May 31st through June 2nd.

Kurt read the following letter from Todd Andrews:

Dear Board of Selectmen,

We would like to petition the Town for a waiver of Ordinance 11-20: Possession, consumption of alcoholic beverages in public parks, sidewalks, streets and other public ways prohibited in conjunction with the Citizen’s Engine Company #2 Carnival to be held on Thursday, May 31st through Saturday, June 2nd at Randall Field.

Citizen’s Engine Company will carry all applicable insurances and security will be provided by the Seymour Police Department. Should you have any further questions, please contact myself.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely, Todd Andrews

Motion to table.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action regarding hiring of Development & Enforcement Assistant.

Motion to accept the recommendation of our Land Use Administrator Jim Baldwin and offer employment of Development & Enforcement Assistant position to Colleen Kochan effective May 1, 2018 subject to all applicable background checks conducted by Human Resources.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #12: Discussion and take possible action regarding health insurance proposals.

Kurt stated that every year the town searches for insurance. This year Anthem's best offer was an increase of 14.9%. They put the insurance out to bid. Cigna was the best alternative. The program will be a half step towards self-insurance. The town will save close to \$1 million off the renewal.

The board discussed the increase for Anthem. They continued to discuss Cigna with and without the dental.

Motion for tentative approval for the Town of Seymour to move forward with its health insurance carrier for both medical and dental to be Cigna pending union discussions.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #13: Appointments.

Motion to approve the appointments as recommended by the First Selectman.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Len Greene, Jr.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Michael Skrtic	Culture & Arts Commission	Appointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/17/2021	N/A
Natalie Aspinwall	Culture & Arts Commission	Appointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/17/2021	D
Theresa Dunlop	Culture & Arts Commission	Appointment	3 Years	Exp. 4/17/2021	D

ITEM #14: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr.

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #15: Transfers.

Transfer Control #5: in the amount of \$12,434.34:

From: Oil-town buildings
To: Salary Director of Operations
Salary Regular Employees
Retirement
Social Security

Motion to approve Transfer Control #5 in the amount of \$12,434.34 as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Transfer Control #6: in the amount of \$42,437.10:

From: Fund Balance
To: Machinery and Equipment

Motion to approve Transfer Control #6 in the amount of \$42,437.10 as presented.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Len Greene, Jr.

This transfer is for a new police car.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Transfer Control # 7: in the amount of \$2,000,000.00:

From: Fund balance
To: Internal Service Fund Reserve

Motion to approve Transfer Control #7 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding this transfer.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Transfer Control #8: in the amount of \$2,000,000.00:

From: Fund balance
To: Capital/Debt Reserve Fund

Motion to approve Transfer Control #8 in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 as presented.

Motion: Len Greene, Jr. Second: Al Bruno

The board had a lengthy discussion regarding this transfer.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #16: Correspondence.

- Check register.

ITEM #17: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #18: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Karen Stanek said Seymour won the 20 towns in 20 days challenge. She stated this is great for the town and it is good P.R. for Seymour. She suggested putting together a brief list that they should highlight.

Kurt stated that voting is still going on. Once the town is aware that a reporter is definitely coming, they will put something together for them to highlight.

Len Greene, Jr. thanked the people up at Great Hill for putting on the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great event. Len is stepping down as Deputy First Selectmen after this meeting because he has taken on more responsibility at work. He appreciates the opportunity.

Kurt thanked him for his service as Deputy.

Anmarie Drugonis thanked the first responders in Seymour as well as surrounding fire departments for handling that huge fire on South Main Street. It is hard to see the building and see those families misplaced. She hopes that everyone is able to help those families.

Kurt stated tomorrow he is going to meet with TEAM, Red Cross and United Way. He stated we cannot accumulate too much stuff because they will not have anywhere to put it. Oxford, Beacon Falls, Ansonia, Derby, Shelton, Woodbridge and Southbury fire departments were all here in Seymour helping with that fire.

Anmarie said Tony DePrimo gave a report about the trash they have cleaned up and the hard work with snow. Public Works are addressing Holbrook road. They are working with Oxford on that.

Kurt will be meeting with COG regarding Holbrook Road.

Anmarie thanked Len for all his work as Deputy. April 26th is the Town Meeting.

Trisha Danka said the day after the fire, the fire department still held their annual breakfast. She thanked them for all their hard work.

ITEM #19: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:01 P.M.

Motion: Anmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes

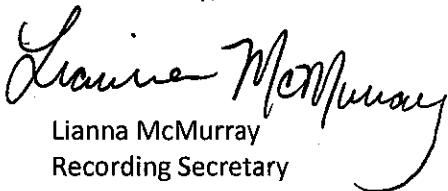
Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain

Anmarie Drugonis – Yes
Len Greene, Jr. – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Submitted by,


Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,


W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman