

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

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

Members Absent: Trisha Danko.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Richard Demko and John Stelma.

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: Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Robert Findley to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen.

Kurt stated that Robert Findley is currently on the Charter Revision Commission and the Economic Development Commission. He thinks he will be a good addition to this board.

Motion that the members fill the open spot on the Board of Selectmen with Robert Findley and his appointment will take effect August 21, 2018.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Abstain

ITEM #4: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #5: Approve minutes from July 17, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from July 17, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #6: First Selectman's Report.

Kurt stated the road work for Holbrook Road is moving along. He expects that Bryan Nesteriak will be presenting that to the COG by the end of this month. He is hoping to go out to bid this fall. This project will take about a year and a half because of the extent of the work that needs to be done. Downtown work will start middle of next week. They are trying to be least impactful as can be to the merchants. The rest of the work is scheduled to be completed over next 3 weeks. Kurt stated the high school driveway could be a new potential addition. They are trying to scale down the quotes. They are also trying to see if the Board of Education can pitch in some funds toward that.

Al asked about what road work is coming up next.

Kurt stated that they are ahead of schedule and are in Year 3 when they should be in Year 2. The Town Engineer will come to a meeting in the future to discuss the roads being done

They discussed Clinton Road and other various roads in town.

ITEM #7: Discussion with Town Engineer regarding road work.

Bryan Nesteriak couldn't make it to the meeting.

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding tax incentive application for 22 Bank Street.

Kurt stated that this is one of Mr. Migani's buildings. Mr. Migani originally put this tentative application in September 27, 2013 siting that there will be \$600,000.00 of improvements and \$850,000.00 for personal property. He updated his application for July 2nd of 2018 for \$400,000.00 of improvements and \$75,000.00 for personal property. He remodeled 22 Bank Street. The work has been completed. Assuming the numbers are correct, he can receive an abatement of 30% to 50% and up to a total of 3 years.

Motion to initially accept the 22 Bank Street Seymour, CT application into the Tax Incentive Program pending full review and sign off.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding Shackett sidewalk reimbursement.

Kurt read the following letter:

Dear Town of Seymour Board of Selectmen,

I reside at 9 Carriage Drive and am requesting reimbursement for the repair of my sidewalk in front of my home. I have approximately 100 linear feet of sidewalk that is severely cracked and not level. This neighborhood is extremely large and therefore our sidewalks are frequently used by walkers, Seymour High School athletic team joggers, bicyclists, and bus stops for young students. I am repairing the sidewalk so as not to have a liability issue in the event someone gets injured.

Enclosed are 3 repair estimates I was told by the First Selectman's office to submit. Kindly place this request on the agenda for the upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting.

If there are any questions please contact me.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Kurt discussed the three quotes as follows:

K & S Masonry - \$2475.00

Stone Art Masonry - \$2,200.00

Three Guys Masonry – \$2,658.75

Ms. Shackett went with Stone Art Masonry and the project was paid in full on July 21, 2018.

Motion that the Town of Seymour reimburses Larissa Shackett of 9 Carriage Drive \$733.33.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion regarding purchase of a new engine for the Seymour Fire Department.

The Fire Department is looking to purchase an engine/pumper truck. The total amount of the purchase is \$499,999.00. This will be replacing another truck. Kurt stated that before the State of Connecticut cut the town's budget, they built in \$800,000.00 with the ability to hopefully purchase 2 engines. Because of the municipal aide cuts, they had to drop that in FY-18. In FY-19, they are projected to have a million dollar surplus. In discussion with

the Chairman of the Board of Finance, the goal is to try to use the cash on hand to address outstanding infrastructure obligations. They will be able to purchase this truck in cash. Kurt reached out to the Fire Department to see if it would be possible to purchase a truck under \$500,000.00. They went out and were able to find a demo truck that meets their requirements. This will be back on the agenda on the 21st and at that point the selectmen would take a vote if they were comfortable moving it forward. If the Selectmen approve it, this will go to the Board of Finance on the 28th. If the Board of Finance approves it, a Special Town Meeting will be held the first Tuesday in September to authorize the purchase. This does not have to go to Referendum.

Al asked for more information as to why there is a need.

Kurt stated he will have the firemen at the next meeting. The truck they are replacing is over 20 years old and there is a safety issue. They need at least 1 to 2 engines. The plan is to sell the old truck to a private buyer. The Board of Fire Commissioners approved the truck and will go before the Board of Fire Chiefs next. Assistant Chief Al Rochelle, Commissioner Clay Jurgens and Chief Edwards headed this project. They were able to negotiate this truck down. The board asked to have Al and Clay at the next meeting.

ITEM #11: Appointments.

Motion to approve the appointments from August 7, 2018 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Motion: Karen Stanek Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Alex Danka	Memorial Day Parade Committee	Reappointment	2 Years	Exp. 7/5/2020	R
Pat Lombardi	Ordinance Hearing Officer	Reappointment	2 Years	Exp. 8/2/2020	R
Steve Kulas	Ordinance Hearing Officer	Reappointment	2 Years	Ex. 6/2/2020 (*typo – should be 8/2/2020*)	D

ITEM #12: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report dated August 3, 2018 as presented.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

ITEM #13: Transfers

None.

ITEM #14: Correspondence.

- Check registers.
- Opioid case update.
- Correspondence between Kurt and the founder and CEO of Project Purple regarding his event in October that is the same day as the Culture & Arts Halloween event.

ITEM #15: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #16: Selectmen’s Public Comments.

Karen Stanek stated she called Kurt and wanted to discuss the Culture & Arts Halloween issue and she didn’t receive a call back. She also came to Town Hall on Thursday and Friday and couldn’t get in to see him.

Kurt apologized and said he thought they talked about the issue at some length. He stated he had a lot going on with the town. He apologized that he didn’t have time to call her back. He stated if she made an appointment he would have been there.

Karen stated she asked Dee if she could make an appointment and she said doesn’t know your schedule.

Kurt stated that Dee, Dawn and Grace all have access to his schedule and Rory will modifications if necessary.

Karen thinks that Public Works should be paying attention to painting yellow lines on the roads especially on Great Hill Road.

Kurt stated they are going to be doing \$15,000.00 worth of line striping. They usually do the restriping in August. Bryan has a list of the roads that will be done. A&J is bringing their vendor in as well.

Karen thinks Seymour Pink is wonderful but the Pink line doesn’t help at night.

Al Bruno stated it has been a good summer in town. The town looks great. He commended Public Works on a job wells done. He stated there is a noticeable vast improvement over the past few years.

Annmarie Drugonis had the opportunity to attend the vigil for Elianna Soucy. It was wonderful to see the community come together for the Soucy family. To Karen’s point of the striping, at the Public Works meetings they have been talking to Tony Deprimo about that. They are going to put reflective dust on top of the striping so they can still honor those whose color stripes they are for. The dust cannot be done until all of the roads are done. She read the correspondence with Project Purple and she understands his point about what he feels is right. She feels that it is wrong to do his event on that weekend. She thinks he should have worked with the community.

ITEM #17: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

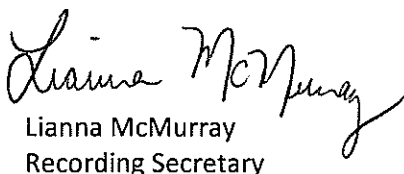
0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Submitted by,


Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,


W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman