



Motion: Bob Findley  
Vote: 4 - Yes

Second: Al Bruno  
0 - No                      2 – Abstain (Stephan Behuniak & Al Bruno)

Kurt Miller – Yes  
Robert Findley – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Abstain  
Trisha Danka – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes  
Al Bruno - Abstain

**Item #6 – First Selectman’s Report**

1. Finalized the financing packages for both the Fire Truck and the Energy Efficiency Projects. Both came in with rates lower than expected due to our strong financial position.
2. Energy Efficiency Project is expected to have a kick off meeting at some point next week to finalize all of the plans and set up the appropriate time lines with staff. BoE is recommending a few small changes to the plans based on the potential future needs of the schools. We are looking forward to getting this project up and running in the coming weeks.
3. Attended the GFOA conference in Mystic for two days with Doug. Doug attended many of the sessions that allowed him to get continuing education credits. I was able to network with other Mayors/First Selectman and their finance people to discuss best practices and share the things that have been working for us over the last few years.
4. Had a debrief with the folks from IT in a Box along with Rob Dyer. We gave them a good amount of feedback on their initial presentation. We discussed Seymour’s IT needs going forward. I was pleased to hear their opinion regarding the steps we have taken over the last few years and how far along we are and how much more we have in place than most municipalities.
5. On behalf of CCM, I am continuing to work with Waterbury Mayor Neil O’Leary and members of the professional firefighters and police unions to create legislation to address PTSD issues that may arise for our first responders. Our goal is to have something done by the end of October to be presented jointly to the new legislature that will take office in January of 2019. The process has picked up recently and we are working toward creating legislation that will work for our towns and cities while protecting our first responders.
6. Attended the VEMS board of directors meeting. The organization continues to grow and move forward. Financials are improving each quarter and they are looking at other opportunities to provide service to the Valley communities as well as those surrounding. I am honored to have been nominated to remain as Vice President for another 2-year term.

**Item #7 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding CARES Request**

- Debby Kiefer, Executive Director of CARES came to discuss the TEAM mobile feline spay/neuter clinic
- CARES Program would offer a reduced cost spay/neuter service for cats/kittens. There is a significant stray cat problem in the Seymour area. While many residents care for the strays, they cannot afford the expense of spaying/neutering them.
- CARES takes care of as many as they can; adoption services are offered.
- TEAM is the only mobile feline spay/neuter clinic in the state and they offer these services at a reduced rate of \$110 per cat, which includes routine vaccinations as well.
- Seymour is not presently on the list of towns that TEAM visits but would like to reach out to them and propose they come to Seymour for a subsidized spay/neuter day. This would NOT be an expense for the

Town. CARES would apply for a grant that would be used to reduce the already low fee of \$110 to \$50. Normally the cost just to spay/neuter is considerably more. Here the vaccinations are included.

- They would use the parking lot at 115 Silvermine Road as the location for this program. The TEAM vehicle would be parked there for the day and residents who schedule an appointment with TEAM would drop off their pets in the morning and pick them up late afternoon.
- The TEAM unit can accommodate about 30-35 cats/day.
- Stephan Behuniak asked what the Town could do to help. Maybe we can offer a contribution
- All Board members were in favor of this wonderful program. Kurt Miller asked if they could send a letter detailing specifics and the Board of Selectmen will vote on it.

**Item #8 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Hiring of Town Hall Floater**

- This position would float between the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Assessor’s Office.
- Started out with about 15 applicants – selected 8 for interviews – called back 4 for second interviews
- Selected Christine Sedita – her first day will be Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (after background checks have been completed).

Motion to approve hiring of Christine Sedita as the Town Hall Floater. First day will be Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, after background checks have been completed.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes

Robert Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno - Yes

**Item #9 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 38 Nichols Street Blight Fine**

- Benito Urgiles, 22 Oakley Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New Haven, CT – accumulated blight fines of over \$9,000 currently for 38 Nichols Street property. He purchased the property in April. According to his letter, he did attempt to do some work at the property. He had a family emergency and was in Ecuador. He attempted to get a permit to complete work on the property but was denied due to the blight fines. Given that the fines are at over \$9,000 now, he cannot financially afford to pay the fines AND fix the property. He is asking that we assist him by waiving the fines. He has had no success in discussions with the Building Inspector in resolving any of these issues.
- A discussion took place regarding conditions that the fines may be waived. Mr. Urgiles said that he just wants to fix the property – work on it full time. He is in the roofing business. He would like to start work this Saturday on the property.
- Trisha Danka asked if we can waive the fines, or at least suspend them as long as he is working on the property. Then, after the work is done we can waive all or some of the fees.
- Mr. Urgiles did not cause the blight; he bought the property with roof damage; the property was abandoned for three years. The purpose of the blight fines is to ENCOURAGE the owner to fix the property for the benefit of all concerned. We should give him a chance to do this.
- The Board members cautioned Mr. Urgiles that if these fees were to be temporarily suspended, he MUST complete all the items defined in the blight letter by the appointed date or the fines would be assessed from the beginning of blight status (July 6, 2018) and on. It was suggested to him that he keep in regular contact with the Building Inspector and Blight Officer to update them on his progress with the work. Should any issues arise that would prevent the work being completed by that date (April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019) Mr. Urgiles should contact the Building Inspector, Blight Officer, and the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible. The date COULD possibly be extended, if necessary. After the work has been

completed, before or on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Mr. Urgiles should approach the Board of Selectman and request that the blight fines be waived at that time.

- Kurt Miller said he would send a memo to the Building Department to ok the permit.

Motion to allow a permit to be issued and to suspend the blight fines temporarily for the property at 38 Nichols Street PROVIDING that the owner, Mr. Urgiles will be working full time on fixing the property and that ALL ISSUES in the BLIGHT LETTER have been fully completed by APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If at that date, the work is not done, blight fines will be assessed FROM JULY 6, 2018.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes

Robert Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno - Yes

#### **Item #10 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Combining Memorial Day Parade and Christmas Parade Committees**

- Alex Danka, 203 Pearl Street, Seymour – recommends that we combine the Memorial Day Parade and Christmas Parade Committees into one called the Seymour Parade Committee. We would still had two treasurers.
- Bob Lang, 27 Wood Street, Seymour – in favor of the change. Bob has been the head of the committees for 47 years. Alex Danka will be head of the Seymour Parade Committee. Bob asked if we can have the Christmas Parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Kurt Miller said that this may interfere with the “Small Business Saturday” in town. This may be a possible clash. Maybe we could do the week after.
- Once formed, the Seymour Parade Committee, could recommend a set date for this.
- Fred Stanek, 22 North Benham Road, Seymour – recommended that the membership of the Seymour Parade Committee be affirmed at the next meeting.

Motion to merge the Memorial Day Parade Committee and the Christmas Parade Committee into one committee named the Seymour Parade Committee

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes

Robert Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno - Yes

#### **Item #11 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

- Alex Danka suggested that the Town form a committee to plan a 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We could plan 24 days of activities (in the month of June 2025) at various locations in town. (Great Hill Firehouse, Strand Theater, etc.). Also, we could do some fundraising.
- Some Board members felt that 7 years is a long time to try to get people to show up to regular committee meetings. For now, the Parade Committee will begin the planning of this event (put on their agenda). And will begin getting together some type of budget. Ultimately, would like to have around 7 people on that committee.
- We could begin to (proactively) budget some money starting next year. Kurt Miller said we could put a placeholder in the budget, but he would need to know by the end of the year what amounts to include.
- The Board of Finance won't have to worry about this project affecting the budgeting for about two years.

Item #12 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Cherie Weiss Proclamation

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS,** The Town of Seymour wishes to congratulate and thank Ms. Cherie E. Weiss, Organist and Music Director of the Seymour Congregational Church, on her retirement, celebrated on October 14, 2018, and
- WHEREAS,** She has creatively, artistically, caringly, and dutifully served God, the Seymour Congregational Church, and the Town of Seymour for over 61 years, since 1956, and
- WHEREAS,** Her considerable contributions to her church and our community are innumerable and have touched the lives of many, and
- WHEREAS,** Her stepping down will be a great loss to her congregation and to the Town of Seymour, then it be therefore
- RESOLVED,** That I, W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 14, 2018 to be a day of thanks and recognition for Ms. Cherie E. Weiss.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 caused this seal to be affixed.

Motion to approve the above Proclamation

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| Motion: Karen Stanek | Second: Al Bruno   |
| Vote: 6 – Yes        | 0 – No                      0 – Abstain                        |
| Kurt Miller – Yes    | Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Karen Stanek - Yes |
| Robert Findley – Yes | Trisha Danka – Yes                      Al Bruno - Yes         |

Motion to add an item to the Agenda: Discussion and take possible action regarding Shady Knoll Proclamation.

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| Motion: Trisha Danka | Second: Stephan Behuniak                                       |
| Vote: 6 – Yes        | 0 – No                      0 – Abstain                        |
| Kurt Miller – Yes    | Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Karen Stanek - Yes |
| Robert Findley – Yes | Trisha Danka – Yes                      Al Bruno - Yes         |

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Shady Knoll Health Center was incorporated on May 22, 1993 by its founder Larry Santilli, President and Chief Executive Officer of Athena Health Care Systems; and
- WHEREAS:** The staff of Shady Knoll Health Center have been recognized by numerous local, regional and national publications for excellence in care over the past 25 years; and
- WHEREAS:** Shady Knoll Health Center remains a healthcare leader and employer of choice in the Greater Seymour and Naugatuck Valley region through a continually changing health care and employment environment; and,
- WHEREAS:** Shady Knoll Health Center has evolved from a 90-bed skilled nursing center to a 128-bed center, accommodating short-term, post-hospital care patients requiring 24-hour rehabilitation and skilled nursing care, as well as traditional long-term care, hospice care and short-term respite stays; then be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** That I, W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of the Town of Seymour, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 10, 2018 to be a day of celebration, recognizing Shady Knoll's contributions to the Town of Seymour.

In witness whereof, I have herunto set my hand on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018 and caused this seal to be affixed.

Motion to approve the above Proclamation

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| Motion: Karen Stanek | Second: Bob Findley  |
| Vote: 6 – Yes        | 0 – No                      0 – Abstain                        |
| Kurt Miller – Yes    | Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Karen Stanek - Yes |
| Robert Findley – Yes | Trisha Danka – Yes                              Al Bruno - Yes |

### Item #13 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Little League Tax Abatement

- Regarding letter sent by William Ragaini, President of the GJHLL, they request a tax abatement on the property @ Casagrande Field (12 Chestnut Street) as in previous years.

Motion to approve the abatement of taxes for the GJHLL for the property @ 12 Chestnut Street (Casagrande Field)

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| Motion: Stephan Behuniak | Second: Bob Findley  |
| Vote: 6 – Yes            | 0 – No                      0 – Abstain                        |
| Kurt Miller – Yes        | Stephan Behuniak – Yes                      Karen Stanek - Yes |
| Robert Findley – Yes     | Trisha Danka – Yes                              Al Bruno - Yes |

**Item #14 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding CERC Proposal**

- Regarding information included about CERC Consulting Services: EDC has not met on this yet. It is on the agenda for their next meeting. The information was included for the Board of Selectmen to review. We can have them attend one of our next meetings to give a presentation.
- Nothing to do on this for now.

**Item #15 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 26 Bank Street Tax Incentive Application**

- Application and description of work done was included.
- 40% abatement on the change in assessed value for three years is what is requested
- This is based on a mathematical approximation of the values of their improvements made.
- The top floor was made into smaller lofts suitable for commercial use; no residential use allowed.

Motion to approve the Application for Tax Incentive abatement of 40% on the change in assessed value for three years@ 26 Bank Street.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 6 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes

Robert Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno - Yes

**Item #16– Appointments**

None

**Item #17– Tax Refunds/Abatements**

Motion to approve the Tax Collectors Monthly Report

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Karen Stanek

Vote: 6 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Kurt Miller – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Karen Stanek - Yes

Robert Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno - Yes

**Item #18– Transfers**

None

**Item #19– Correspondence**

- Received letter from Senators Kelly and Berthel and Representative Klarides-Ditria regarding the Route 8, Exit 22 Interchange Traffic Engineering Study. The State Department of Transportation will be making some improvements to this area – warning signs relocated, retroreflective delineators will be installed on the median barrier. This action is in response to several traffic accidents in that area recently.
- Received letter from Robert Findley resigning his position on the Economic Development Commission due to his appointment to the Board of Selectmen.
- Received letter from Karen Baker resigning her membership on the Livable Communities Committee due to her husband’s illness.

**Item #20– Public Comment**

None

**Item #21– Selectmen’s Public Comment**

Karen Stanek: would like to re-iterate her concern for Holbrook Road issues; need to be painted. The trees are causing many issues. Kurt Miller said that they are continuing work on ALL the roads. We received a funding letter regarding the sidewalk from the Historical Society to the Bungay School. Work on Holbrook is slated to begin next year with funding from the State. Mountain Road and Bungay Road are also slated to be worked on soon.

Al Bruno: The Pumpkin Festival was a great time; many thanks to all who helped make it a success.

Bob Findley: Echoed Al’s comments on the Pumpkin Festival. A great success.

Trisha Danka: The fence near the community center was fixed; but the fence on Pearl Street is in seriously bad shape. Injuries could easily happen. She appreciated Mr. Yagovane and Mr. Horbal’s comments about the Broad Street Park. No decisions have been made about planting a tree yet. Also, Bruce Baker is improving but would welcome visitors – please call Karen first.

Kurt Miller: The October 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen Meeting has been cancelled. Instead we will add a meeting on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please check your schedules and advise availability.

**Item #22– Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Trisha Danka

Yes: 6

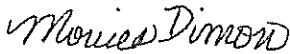
No: 0

Second: Karen Stanek

Abstain: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Submitted by:



Monica Dimon  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:



W. Kurt Miller  
First Selectman