

**Town of Seymour
Board of Selectmen
Minutes**

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**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Trisha Danka, Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Robert Findley, and Stephan Behuniak

Members Absent: Kurt Miller, Karen Stanek

Others Present: Rory Burke, Brian LeClair, Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

Vice Chairman Annmarie Drugonis called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annmarie Drugonis asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bruce Baker (previous selectman).

Item #3 – Public Comment

Nancy Martin – 38 Columbus Street – commented regarding the recent paving & striping done along Bank & Columbus Street. There are NO handicapped spaces along Columbus Street or Bank Street. Previously there were two handicapped spaces (ISA). Upon inquiring at the First Selectman's Office, Ms. Martin was told that the Engineering Department told them that "higher ups" had told them that under no circumstances were handicapped spots to be put on these streets. This has caused Ms. Martin and others great hardship in finding parking close to her home. The difficulties are even worse in the snow. During the most recent snow storm, the business owners did not properly clear off their sidewalks and the Public Works Department did not clear the walkways from the parking lots downtown. There is no need for the fire lane to be the entire length of the streets. There should be handicapped parking spots downtown. Ms. Martin would like to know why there are none and whom she can contact to facilitate putting handicapped spots in place.

Item #4 – Approve Minutes from October 23, 2018 Special Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from October 23, 2018 Special Meeting

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 3 – Yes

0 – No

2 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Abstain

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Abstain

Item #5 – First Selectman's Report

We will review the charter revisions from the recent ballot questions from the elections at the December 4, 2018 meeting.

Item #6 – Presentation of National Merit Scholarships and Baseball Citations

State Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria presented citations from the State General Assembly to recognize three outstanding students. Mhad Khan and Sukhman Singh have been identified as National Merit Scholarship

Commended Students. Daniel Bouzolin has received National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist – has recently been recognized for his outstanding performance on the ACT test, earning the highest possible ACT composite score.

State Representative Klarides-Ditria also presented citations to the members of the Seymour Boys Baseball Team for winning the Class M State Championship game 13-2 against Wolcott on June 9th, 2018. The members receiving awards were: Ethan Szerszen (captain), Jake Todice, Zach Edwards, Jack Raymond, Bryan Merritt, John Chacho, Christian DeJarnett (captain), Brandon Ellsworth, DJ Kirpas, Dan Manete, Austen Green, Austin DeRosa (captain), Nick Todice, Tyler Kirshbaum, Aidan Brett, Matt Liedke, Nick Marchetti, Arsim Kalici (team manager), Jeff Gilbert (coach), Steve Reilly (coach), Joe Deptula (coach), Jamie Burns (coach), and Chris Hebert (coach).

A short recess followed for pictures to be taken of the awardees.

Item #7 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Pop Warner Cheerleading Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Seymour Tigers Cheerleading is a great program with a long tradition of excellence and achievement in representing their community at local, regional and national competitions; and
- WHEREAS,** The Jr. Pee Wee Cheerleading Team has dedicated their free time to learning and perfecting physically challenging routines; and
- WHEREAS,** They have this so far this year been named champions of southwest Connecticut as well as the State of Connecticut and most recently New England regional champions at a competition in Lowell, Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS,** They will be traveling to the 2018 Cheer and Dance National Championships at Walt Disney World in Florida this December to represent Seymour; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED** That I, W. Kurt Miller, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman of Seymour do hereby congratulate the Seymour Tigers Jr. Pee Wee Cheerleading Team on their achievement in the New England regional competition and wish them the best of luck in the national competition and proudly proclaim Sunday, December 2, 2018, as and a day of celebration and congratulations.

Motion to approve the above proclamation.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis - Yes

Stephan Behuniak - Yes

Trisha Danko – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #8 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Naveen Madivala Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The Boy Scouts of America is a wonderful organization that shapes young men of character and conviction through community service and education, and
- WHEREAS,** Attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout represents a significant achievement involving the learning of crucial skills and the completion of a comprehensive project in the community, and
- WHEREAS,** Naveen Madivala is an accomplished Scout who has completed 29 merit badges and held several leadership positions within the Scouts including Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and Seniot Patrol Leader, and
- WHEREAS,** He successfully achieved the rank of Eagle Scout by planning & executing a project in which he built a 500-foot prayer walkway compose over over 125 tons of gravel at the Chinmaya Saraswathi Center in Orange, then be it therefore
- RESOLVED,** That I, W. Kurt Miller, First Selectman of Seymour, Connecticut do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 24th the day of Naveen's Eagle Court of Honor, to be a day of recognition and congratulation in the Town of Seymour.

Motion to table the above proclamation to the December 4, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #9 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 2019 Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the 2019 Meeting Dates for the Board of Selectmen as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Discussion: Annmarie Drugonis stated that we may not want to have a meeting on Wednesday, November 6th 2019 as it is the day after Election Day.

Motion to amend the 2019 Meeting Schedule for the Board of Selectmen to delete the meeting on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 and approve the following dates as Regular Meetings for the Board of Selectmen for 2019:

All meetings are held at 7pm in the Norma Drummer Room at the Seymour Town Hall:

Wednesday, January 2 nd	Tuesday, July 16 th
Tuesday, January 15 th	Tuesday, August 6 th
Tuesday, February 5 th	Tuesday, August 20 th
Tuesday, February 19 th	Tuesday, September 3 rd
Tuesday, March 5 th	Tuesday, September 17 th
Tuesday March 19 th	Tuesday, October 1 st
Tuesday, April 2 nd	Tuesday, October 15 th
Tuesday, April 16 th	Wednesday, November 6th
Tuesday, May 7 th	Tuesday, November 19 th
Tuesday, May 21 st	Tuesday, December 3 rd
Tuesday, June 4 th	Wednesday, December 18 th
Tuesday, June 18 th	
Tuesday, July 2 nd	

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annamarie Drugonis - Yes

Stephan Behuniak - Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #10 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Constellation Energy/Power Options Agreement for Purchase of Electricity

Presented by Rory Burke. The Town previously had a multi-year contract with Constellation Energy/Power Options for electricity which expired in October. Initially, Town Counsel had identified some potential conflicts with some of the agreements (with Johnson Controls & ECG Engineering). But these have been worked out and this agreement has been signed and approved by Johnson Controls, ECG Engineering, Tony Caserta (Town Operations Manager) and Rick Belden (Board of Education). A 48-month term has been selected as our best option to minimize costs.

- Trisha Danka asked if there were any differences in this contract from the previous one. Rory Burke said that the contracts were essentially the same, except the prices which are higher.
- Bob Findley asked if the price change was comparable from 12 to 48 months? Rory Burke said yes.
- Trisha Danka said that there were several options listed in the agreement. Which options are we taking and which are we not? Can we change our decision on these options at a later date within the contract term? Rory Burke did not think so.
- Stephan Behuniak asked what happens if we don't approve this tonight. Rory Burke said that we would continue on a month-to-month basis (pricing is MUCH higher and more volatile). Rick Belden and Tony Caserta thought that the 4 year option was the best.
- Stephan Behuniak asked how we came to enter into this consortium. Rory Burke said that we had just ended a contract with them (expired in October).
- Brian LeClair and Rory Burke said that there is a 5,000 megawatt threshold that we need to meet. If we go below, there would be certain penalties. The Board of Education and the Town are close to this threshold, but Johnson Controls, ECG Engineering, Tony Caserta and Rick Belden all felt that we should agree to this contract.

Motion to approve the Constellation Energy/Power Options Agreement

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 3 – Yes	2 – No	0 – Abstain	
Robert Findley – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis - Yes	Stephan Behuniak - No	
Trisha Danko – No	Al Bruno – Yes		

Item #11 – Executive Session (Litigation – Seymour vs. Silver Petrucelli; 19 Bellevue Place; Stratford vs. Perdue Pharma)

Town Counsel, Brian LeClair asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session with the present members of the Board of Selectmen to discuss pending litigation regarding Seymour vs. Silver Petrucelli; 19 Bellevue Place; Stratford v. Perdue Pharma.

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:41pm

Motion: Trisha Danka Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes	0 – No	0 – Abstain
Robert Findley – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis - Yes	Stephan Behuniak - Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes	Al Bruno – Yes	

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:55pm

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes	0 – No	0 – Abstain
Robert Findley – Yes	Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes	Al Bruno – Yes	

Item #12 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Seymour vs. Silver Petrucelli

Regarding the matter of Seymour vs. Silver Petrucelli, a motion was made authorizing the Town Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Robert Findley

Robert Findley – Yes Annmarie Drugonis - Yes Stephan Behuniak - Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes Al Bruno – Yes

Item #13 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 19 Bellevue Place

Regarding the matter of 19 Bellevue Place, a motion was made authorizing the Town Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Trisha Danka Second: Stephan Behuniak

Robert Findley – Yes Annmarie Drugonis - Yes Stephan Behuniak - Yes
Trisha Danka – Yes Al Bruno – Yes

Item #14 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Stratford vs. Perdue Pharma

Regarding the matter of Stratford vs. Perdue Pharma, a motion was made authorizing the Town Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion: Robert Findley Second: Trisha Danko

Robert Findley – Yes Annmarie Drugonis - Yes Stephan Behuniak - Yes
Trisha Danko – Yes Al Bruno – Yes

Item #15 – Appointments**Appointments November 20, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

Name	Board	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Austin Fraser	Economic Development Commission	Appointment	3 Years	11/20/2021	D
Frankie Cassanova	Board of Ethics	Reappointment	4 Years	11/20/2022	U
Rebecca Golbleski	Housing Authority	Reappointment	4 Years	11/30/2022	D
Brenda White	Housing Authority	Reappointment	4 Years	11/30/2022	R

Motion to approve above appointments from 11/20/18 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #16 – Tax Refunds/Abatements

Motion to approve attached Tax Refunds Report from Tax Collector.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #17 – Transfers**#15 – Waste Collection (FY 2017-2018)**

Transfer from: Contingency \$23,551.05

Transfer to: Garbage Residential \$39,187.92

Bond Interest \$15,636.87

TOTAL TRANSFER: \$39,187.92

Transfer for fiscal year 2017/2018 garbage hauling. Trash hauling over budget partly due to storm cleanup in the spring and winter.

Motion to approve the above transfer

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Robert Findley

Discussion: Stephan Behuniak asked why this motion failed at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting. Because it was not approved by the Public Works Department prior to submitting. The Public Works Department actually has no authorization over the hauling contract.

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Item #18 – Correspondence

- Letter from Joe Luciano praising the Town of Seymour for improving downtown ADA "accessible routes" (sidewalks, crosswalks, & curbcuts)
- The official election return from the Registrar showing the final votes for the ballot referendums

Item #19 – Public Comment

None

Item #20– Selectmen's Public Comment

- Stephan Behuniak - none
- Al Bruno – would like to see everyone at the Seymour Christmas Parade this Sunday, November 27th.
- Robert Findley – none
- Trisha Danka – will miss the Christmas Parade; will really miss Bruce Baker
- Annmarie Drugonis – congratulated the Pop Warner Cheerleaders; congratulated the Girls Volleyball team on taking the State Title; was honored to attend the veterans services at the Broad Street Park; also noted that Bruce Baker will be sadly missed

Item #21 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:02pm

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis - Yes

Stephan Behuniak - Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Submitted by:

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