

**Town of Seymour**  
**Public Hearing**  
**MINUTES**  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:30pm  
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall

**Members Present:** Trisha Danka, Robert Findley (6:41pm), Annmarie Drugonis, Kurt Miller, Al Bruno, Stephan Behuniak

**Members Absent:** Karen Stanek

**Others Present:** Marion O'Keefe, Peter Rzasa, Barbara Rzasa, Richard Buturla, Rory Burke

**Item #1 – Call Meeting to order**

First Selectman Kurt Miller called the hearing to order at 6:32pm.

**Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Item #3 – Public Comment – on proposed ordinances: 1. Historic Landmark Preservation, 2. Communications Commission, 3. Emergency Management Director**

Marian O'Keefe – 29 Mead Farm Road - Town Historian

- WPA list from 1934 had 32 houses on it. 10 of them are now gone. Updated study in 1964. Given to the library. There are 44 houses built before 1810.
- These houses are very important to our history. Many houses are being torn down overnight. This would not have been done if we had this ordinance in place. Marian has given a list with photos & maps has been given to the library, building inspector, town engineer & assessor's office of the houses still standing & ones missed.
- Oxford Hair Design & Edmund Day House have been saved.
- 1 house in our town is on the National Register; Judge John Humphries House (opposite Seymour Historical Society)
- Al Bruno thanked Marian for all her work with this.

Peter Rzasa – 33 Woodcrest Road

- The Flood of 1955 wiped out many structures from the early 1800's
- Lime Kiln from early 1800's – on Laurel Lane – marble quarry's nearby; farmers burned the marble became lime and used for the soil and limewash, and many other uses. Off of Route 34 also are some mining roads and quarries. These need to be preserved.
- "Structures" – does this just mean houses? There are some other things we should save also. The lime kilns, stone walls, dams with water wheels, and other farming & agricultural items. The definition of "structure" should be a little clearer in the ordinance.
- Richard Buturla said that we should leave the ordinance wording as is for now. We can always add additional/different language in the future. Otherwise it will delay the approval and moving forward with the ordinance for immediate protection for the structures.
- Peter has done a program on the Woodbury Path - from 1650 – went from East Derby to Woodbury (a portion was in Seymour near Fountain Lake)
- Kurt Miller asked Peter to send him a list of places/items he would like to preserve.

- Peter would like to see the Lime Kiln on the State Registry of Historical Places. Marian O'Keefe can help with that.

**Item #4 – Adjournment**

Hearing was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Submitted by:

*Monica Dimon*

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*Recording Secretary*

Reviewed by:

*W. Kurt Miller*

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*First Selectman*