

**Town of Seymour
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Stephan Behunlak – Yes

Discussion and Take Possible Action Regarding Language Referring to the Lack of Quorum for Tonight's Special Town Meeting

- Matt Ritter, Shipman & Goodwin, Town Bond Counsel. Per your Charter, when you don't have a quorum for a Special Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen acts in lieu of a Special Town Meeting. This is a unique situation because the Town Meeting wasn't taking action on these Resolutions anyway. These Bond Resolutions were already approved to be sent to referendum at the Board of Selectmen meeting. Just confirm that there was no quorum, and confirm that there was no inclement weather. Close out the Special Town Meeting. Since there was an error noted – reduction of the "Emergency Communications Equipment" Resolution to \$1.4 million. We should have another Special Town Meeting (after posting in newspaper) – posting all three to be safe.
- Kurt Miller read the Resolution into the minutes:
Whereas, the Moderator of the Special Town Meeting held on October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. determined that a quorum of 50 persons was not present and therefore adjourned the Special Town Meeting; and

Whereas, the Town Charter permits the Board of Selectmen to meet thereafter and transact the business of said Special Town Meeting if the lack of quorum was not due to inclement weather.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Selectmen determines that the failure of the Special Town Meeting held on October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to obtain a quorum was not due to inclement weather, and

, Be it further resolved, that the Special Town Meeting is officially adjourned and the resolutions contained in the warning of the special town meeting are submitted to a vote upon the voting tabulators or the ballot on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented

Motion: Robert Findley

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danko – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Item #6 – Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding 38 Nichols Street Blight Fine

- Rob VanEgghen asked what fine was levied on this property. Kurt Miller said the current fine is \$26,400. Fines are \$100/day. We froze the fine at that point with the understanding that the work would be completed in a timely manner. He purchased the property already blighted. We did have some issues in the beginning with communications. He had a family emergency in Ecuador. But he has checked in with us often and has done everything we asked him to do in order to get the house fixed.
- Richard Buturla said that the Blight Ordinance purpose is to get folks' attention so that the houses can be repaired and refreshed. Back to a house that we can have tax revenue on again. The legal fees involved here are \$100 or less. Many properties (blighted) in foreclosure have large legal fees associated with them. This was not the case with 38 Nichols Street. This gentleman took an eyesore and made it into a beautiful, livable home.
- Kurt Miller said that Mr. Urgiles planned to live in the house himself, but circumstances changed with his wife's job and he will not be living there but will sell it. The neighbors are thrilled with the progress.

- Stephan Behuniak said that this is a “success” of our Blight Program. This person has always been receptive to our feedback. He increased the value of this home (and therefore increased the tax revenue on the property. He has met and exceeded all expectations we had. I recommend that we waive the entire fine.
- Rob VanEgghen said the only thing we may want to consider just charging him our legal costs. Rich Buturla said that the amount is VERY little. This sets a good precedent for blighted property owners.
- Kurt Miller asked if this puts in people’s minds to take advantage. But we are very happy with this resident. Stephan Behuniak said this may say that if you take a blighted property and turn it into something wonderful, we will work with you. In this case, we did have a timeline, and he met every one. He went above and beyond to make this work.

Motion to remove the ENTIRE blight fine on 38 Nichols Street

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Rob VanEgghen

Discussion: Richard Buturla said that his recollection is that 70% of the fine was from the previous owner. Rob VanEggHen said that we should establish a timeline in these cases.

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller - Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Item #7,8, and 9 - Discussion & Take Possible Action Regarding Resolutions Regarding Bonding

Motion to table Items #7,8, and 9 per the recommendation of Bond Counsel

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller - Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Item #10 – Appointments

None

Item #11 – Tax Refunds/Abatements

Motion to approve attached Tax Refunds Report dated 10/11/19 from Tax Collector as presented by Dana Flach

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller - Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Item #12 – Transfers

Town of Seymour Transfer Request

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER REQUEST

FY 2018 - 2019

Control #

15

Date

10/3/19

DEPARTMENT:

Waste Collection

AUTHORIZED PERSON:

Anthony DePrimo, Director of Public Works

AMOUNT REQUESTED:

\$121,491.33

ACCOUNT NUMBERS

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ACC. LINE ITEM TITLE	FROM	AMOUNT	TO	AMOUNT
Collection of refuse	1-001-430-3230-590-410	\$ 2,742.00		
Purchase serv garbage comm	1-001-430-3230-590-426	\$ 48,572.95		
Purchase serv recycling	1-001-430-3230-590-427	\$ 756.69		
OT Sanitation	1-001-430-3200-585-130	\$ 6,118.83		
Sanitation Longevly	1-001-430-3200-585-290	\$ 2,133.42		
Seasonal employees	1-001-430-3110-570-116	\$ 24,760.00		
heavy Equip	1-001-430-3110-570-135	\$ 9,369.49		
Contingency	1-001-410-1950-530-872	\$ 21,434.53		
	1-001-410-1950-530-874	\$ 5,603.42		
Purch Serv garbage			1-001-430-3230-590-425	\$ 121,491.33
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PLEASE GIVE DETAILED EXPLANATION (attach separate sheet if necessary)

Year end transfer for trash hauling due to more use than budgeted

- \$69,000 is coming from other Garbage Collection lines.
- There has been a 40% increase in bulk pickups
- For Fiscal Year 20 we increased all lines by 3%
- This was a forecasting issue from last year's budget.
- This still goes to the Public Works for approval and then to the Board of Finance on Tuesday. No issues are expected.
- Stephan Behuniak said that our Town policy for garbage pickup and ability to bring to transfer station is excellent and money well spent. This is much better than other communities where it's much more difficult, which leads to people dumping on the streets, which we don't need.

Motion to approve Control #15 dated 10/3/19 from FY 2018/2019 for Waste Collection as submitted by Anthony DePrimo, Director of Public Works for \$121,491.33

Motion: Robert Findley

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danko – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Item #13 – Correspondence

- Check Register was attached.
- Received letter from Sherry Holmes from the Board of Education Transportation Committee regarding the treacherous road conditions on three roads in Seymour. It reads, in part:
 1. North Street - It is in need of repair as there are many potholes and the sidewalk is crumbling, which creates many issues for the bus traveling and safety concerns for the students waiting on the sidewalk.
 2. Moss Avenue - it would be advantageous for this road to be enlarged to allow bus traffic. Now any child that lives on the upper section of Moss Avenue must either walk up to Moss/Old Ansonia Road or travel down to Moss/Summerhill Road. As there are no sidewalks either on this very narrow road, it also creates a safety hazard for the students.
 3. Buckingham Road -- The buses can only go up Buckingham Road as the bus will bottom out if the bus attempts to go down this road.

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They asked us to take these roads into consideration when deciding which roads will be part of the Resolution.

- Received a letter from George Chiodo from the VFW regarding a candle light vigil:
The Officers and Members of VFW Post 12084 Invite you and the members of the Board of Selectmen to attend and/or participate in the 35th Annual Veterans Day Candle Light Vigil at Broad Street Park, Seymour Connecticut.
 - Date: Monday, 11 November 2019
 - Time: Begins at 1730 setup (5:30pm) start 6 pm
 - Location: Broad Street Park, corner of Broad Street and River Street
 - Keynote Speaker: Colonel Lukowski, National Guard
 - RSVP: 28 October 2019

Your level of participation is open to your wishes. We would be greatly honored by a few remarks from you, or from the members of the Board of Selectmen.

For RSVP, coordination or to answer any questions, you may contact me by email: georgechiodo47@gmail.com, or at my cell phone number: 203-671-3776

Item #14 – Public Comment

None

Item #15– Selectmen's Public Comment

- Stephan Behuniak – none
- Rob VanEgghen – none
- Al Bruno – none
- Robert Findley –
 - The Seymour Pink was very well handled
 - I commend Kurt Miller on his INDY PODCAST – it was very informative and had some good answers to both positive and negative questions.

- Kurt Miller – said that next Sunday he will be in a Marine Corps 10k and is looking for donations. Also, he will be on vacation until Sunday.

Item #16 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:44pm

Motion: Robert Findley

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danko – N/A

Robert Findley – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – N/A

Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon

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Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

W. Kurt Miller

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First Selectman