

**Town of Seymour
 Board of Selectmen
 MINUTES
 SPECIAL Meeting
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00pm
 Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Kurt Miller, Al Bruno, Rob VanEgghen, and Chris Bowen

Members Absent: Trisha Danka, Robert Findley

Others Present: Kyle Kelley, Veronika Jelenik, John Levosola, Bryan LeClerc

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

First Selectman Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Swearing-In of Board of Selectmen

Lianna McMurray, Town Clerk swore in the Board of Selectmen: Kurt Miller was sworn in on Monday; Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Rob VanEgghen, and Chris Bowen were sworn in tonight

Item #4 – Approve Minutes from November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve Minutes from November 19, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Abstain

Item #5 – Tax Refunds & Abatements

Motion to approve the Tax Collector Report dated November 27, 2019 as presented by Sue Boland

Motion: Rob VanEgghen Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Item #6 – Transfers

None

Item #7 – Appointments

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Ordinance Committee	Bob Findley	Appointment	2 years	12/06/2021	R
Ordinance Committee	Annmarie Drugonis	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	R
Ordinance Committee	Rob VanEgghen	Appointment	2 years	12/06/2021	D

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Chris Bowen

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 3 – Yes

0 – No

2 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A
Al Bruno – Yes

Robert Findley – N/A
Robert VanEgghen – Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Abstain
Kurt Miller – Yes
Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Deputy First Selectman	Annmarie Drugonis	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Chris Bowen

Vote: 4 – Yes

0 – No

1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A
Al Bruno – Yes

Robert Findley – N/A
Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Abstain
Kurt Miller – Yes
Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Chief of Staff	Rory Burke	Appointment	2 Years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A
Al Bruno – Yes

Robert Findley – N/A
Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Kurt Miller – Yes
Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Board of Selectmen Secretary	Al Bruno	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 4 – Yes

0 – No

1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A
Al Bruno – Abstain

Robert Findley – N/A
Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Kurt Miller – Yes
Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Counsel	Berchem Moses P.C.	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	
Town Counsel Workman's Comp	Berchem Moses P.C.	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	
Town Counsel Labor	Berchem Moses P.C.	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Chris Bowen

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Counsel Land Use Boards	Cohen and Wolf	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Counsel WPCA	Benjamin S. Proto	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Counsel Special	Cohen and Wolf	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Counsel Bonding	Shipman and Goodwin LLP	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Chris Bowen

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Engineer	B&B Engineers (Bryan Nesteriak)	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Town Engineer (WPCA)	Nafis & Young (Jim Galligan)	Reappointment	2 years	12/06/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Permanent Building Committee	Bill Sawicki	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	Pat Lombardi	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	James Forsyth	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	Peter <u>Kubik</u>	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	Alex Danka	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	Mike <u>Marcinek</u>	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee	Stanley <u>Jachimowski</u>	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Permanent Building Committee (Library Subcommittee)	Paula <u>Chapla</u>	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	
Permanent Building Committee (Library Subcommittee)	Susanne Garvey	Reappointment	Until Completion	n/a	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Commission on Aging	Evelyn <u>Molner</u>	Reappointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Commission on Aging	Phyllis <u>Jachimowski</u>	Reappointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Commission on Aging	Suzanne Reilly	Reappointment	2 years	12/02/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Housing Authority	Dominic Bellucci	Reappointment	4 years	12/02/2023	
Housing Authority	Susan <u>Horelick</u>	Reappointment	4 years	12/02/2023	
Housing Authority	<u>Isolina</u> Ortiz	Appointment	4 years	12/02/2023	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Inland/Wetlands	James Forsyth	Appointment	4 years	12/02/2023	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Pearson Memorial	Lianna McMurray	Appointment	1 year	12/02/2020	
Pearson Memorial	Veronica Hoffman	Appointment	1 year	12/02/2020	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Chris Bowen

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Public Works	Pat Lombardi	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Public Works	Annmarie Drugonis	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Public Works	Bill Stowe	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Public Works	Tom LaPaglia	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	
Public Works	Rich Demko	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointments

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 4 – Yes 0 – No 1 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Abstain Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
South Central Regional Council Board of Directors	Bryan Ryan	Appointment	1 year	12/02/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
 Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Brownfield Study	Jim Baldwin	Appointment	2 years	12/02/2021	

Motion to approve the above appointment

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Motion: Annmarie Drugonis Second: Rob VanEgghen
Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain
Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Board	Name	Type	Term	Expiration Date	Party
Treasurer	John Fedor	Reappointment	2 years	12/02/2021	

Kurt Miller said that the “Term” for the Treasurer should be “N/A”; and the Expiration Date should be “6/30/20”

Motion to approve the above appointment, with corrections

Motion: Chris Bowen Second: Al Bruno
Vote: 5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstain
Trisha Danka – N/A Robert Findley – N/A Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Kurt Miller - Yes
Al Bruno – Yes Robert VanEgghen – Yes Chris Bowen – Yes

Kurt Miller said that there will be a bunch more appointments at the meeting on December 18th.

Item #8 – Correspondence

- Check Register
- Every December, by ordinance, we receive an update from the 10-year Strategic Planning Committee. They would like us to review the update and they will be at the December 18th meeting to discuss it. This year they will add 1-year strategic goals. Kurt Miller asked all Board members to please review the update and the 1-year goals for the next meeting.

Item #9 – Swearing-In of Elected Officials

- The following Elected Officials were sworn in:

Library Trustees – Jean Uhelsky, Joyce Koslowski, Debbie Wasikowski
Planning & Zoning Commission – Joe Niezelski, Walt Birdsell, Tom Lavranchuk
Assessment Appeals – Wendy Rossi, Christopher Drugonis, Sandra Gesek
Police Commissioners – John Duke, Kyle Kelley, Dave Bitso, Thomas Bennett
Board of Education – Beth Nesteriak, Jay Hatfield, Kristen Harmeling, James Garofalo (already sworn-in)
Board of Finance Alternates – Grace Brangwynne, Gary Popielasz, Paul Wetowitz
Board of Finance – Kwame Dunbar, Bettyann Peck, Jim Cretella, William Sawicki, Sr.

Everyone has to fill out an Ethics Disclosure form; please fill out before you leave tonight and either give to Lianna tonight or drop off in the Town Clerk’s Office in the next few days.

Kurt Miller thanked all the Officials and appointees for their offer to serve. It is greatly appreciated. As you can see, it takes a lot of people to run a town, even one as small as Seymour. The volunteer work that you do is

Item #10 – Public Comment

- Fred Stanek – 22 North Benham Road – Would like to congratulate all the members of the Board of Selectmen and everyone who was sworn-in this evening. It's an honor and responsibility for anyone to serve the Town. Also, would like to re-iterate the invitation of the Parade Committee to the Board of Selectmen members to sit on the Reviewing Stand on Sunday. The Parade Committee is running the Christmas Parade for the first time; previously it was run by the Christmas Parade Association. So, we are stumbling a little bit but hopefully since it was postponed, more people will come out. We look forward to the Parade and hope everyone will show up.

Item #11 – Selectmen's Public Comment

- Chris Bowen – Thank you to everyone in the Town of Seymour for trusting me and allowing me to serve you. I am looking forward to the opportunity whether you voted for me or not. Also, I urge everyone to support the Pearson Fund, which gives money to active military personnel, both overseas and at home. The last day for that is Monday, December 9th. I was a previous beneficiary when I served and support the fund. Hope everyone can support.
- Rob VanEgghen – Congratulations to Chris Bowen being on-board, I'm very excited to see how it will turn out for him; I'm think it's going to be very good for him and the Town of Seymour. I'm very excited to work with everyone who is still on the Board because they made my time here phenomenal. Thank you to the Town of Seymour. Merry Christmas to everyone, be nice to each other, be safe, do a little more than you do. There are so many opportunities out there to help; so many non-profits who need help. Just reach out to one of us and we can put you in touch with someone. Kurt Miller said that Rob is looking for some people to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. If there is anyone out there who would like to do that it would be greatly appreciated. Rob said that ALL the funds raised by the Salvation Army stay right in the Valley, not outside the community.
- Al Bruno – Congratulations to all for your service to the Town. I'm looking forward to working on the Board for another term working with Kurt and the Board. We have made a lot of progress since 2011 and look forward to continuing that. Happy Holidays to everyone in Town!
- Annmarie Drugonis – Congratulations to everyone that was voted in whether it's your first time or your second or your fifth, congratulations and thank you for your service. Public Works did a great job on the roads with this most recent storm. Congratulations to the Seymour High School Volleyball Team – State Champions.
- Kurt Miller – wanted to remind everyone about the Christmas Parade; also, on Saturday, December 7th, Santa will be coming to Town. He will arrive on the train, greets all the kids. We basically shut down the downtown area, everyone walks down Bank Street to light the tree @ the American Legion, so anyone who will be around, come on downtown. Bring the kids, grandkids, we take pictures, the stores (downtown merchants) will be open. Should be a great time, please come down.

Thank you again to all of you for coming out tonight. Thank you to the folks for running for office. Thank you to those who have been doing this for a while for putting your name up again; thank you for continuing to serve the community. For the new folks, we certainly appreciate you stepping forward; it's great to have a fresh perspective and new ideas on these Boards. We work as a team here. Once the election is over, we are not republicans or democrats, we are not conservatives or liberals, we are just 16,000 people living in one Town trying to do the best we can. We look forward to working with all of you. Again, congratulations on your victories.

Item #12 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:31pm

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5 – Yes

0 – No

0 – Abstain

Trisha Danka – N/A

Robert Findley – N/A

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Kurt Miller - Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Robert VanEgghen – Yes

Chris Bowen – Yes

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:



Monica Dimon
Recording Secretary

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman