

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Town Hall

COPY RECEIVED
DATE: 8/27/19
TIME: 3:30pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Trisha Danka, Robert Findley, Annmarie Drugonis, W. Kurt Miller, Robert VanEgghen & Stephan Behuniak

Members Absent: Al Bruno

Others Present: Bryan LeClerk, Veronika Jelenick (The Voices Reporter)

Item #1: Call meeting to order

First Selectman Kurt Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3: Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #4: Approve minutes from August 6, 2019 regular meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2019 regular meeting.

Motion: Ann Marie Drugonis

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 5-yes

0-no

1- Abstain

Trish Danka- abstain

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak- yes

Item #5: First Selectman's Report

- Kurt had a rating review phone call with Standard and Poor's to touch base on all of our current financial standings. This is a standard 18-month check in from them to make sure we have been meeting all of our goals and are remaining on course. Our last rating was in December of 2017. Over the last year, S&P had been looking at all the credits in CT, many CT communities have been put on watch lists or downgraded, however, they gave Seymour an AA+ rating and stable outlook. They also pointed out that our economy is stable and a lot of our major taxpayers/employers are making reinvestments (specifically Thule, Basement Systems, MPI and Emery Winslow Scales). They ranked our management as strong, our budgetary performance as strong, budgetary flexibility as strong, noted our fund balance at 11.6% going into the of closing fiscal year 2018 and with a 2,000 potential surplus in fiscal year 2019, which is the fiscal year that just closed. They mentioned our very strong liquidity as well. They highlighted our very strong debt to contingent liability profile, which is why we are able to go out to the market so successfully. They gave us a very strong institutional framework score for CT and took note of the transfers we made during the last year to move money out of the fund balance into the

interest service fund to help shield us from potential cuts from the State. S&P was happy we took the initiative to make those transfers. If economic indicators were to improve to levels S&P sees comparable with higher rated peers, through positive financial operations and improved debts, Seymour could improve its rating. The Board of Selectmen has done everything possible from the Town's perspective to get the highest possible rating. The only thing that is left now is the economic indicators, over which we have no control. It's essentially just median household income in town. We are in the same group as towns in Fairfield County when it comes to the strength of the Town's income. The only thing they have above us is their residents' income. Although unlikely, we threatening could lower if budgetary performance were to deteriorate leading to significant reserve draw down (fund balance). Essentially, we need to maintain an appropriate level in the fund balance. Trisha and Stephan are both help on the Strategic Planning Committee and there are levels in there that if used we need to make sure we are replacing those levels so that is something that the board need to maintain. The phone call went very well, and we expect to revive and update back from them at some point next week.

Item #6: Appointments

Motion to approve the attached appointments for 7/11/19 as recommended by the First Selectman.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Robert VanEgghen

Discussion: Annmarie asked what the Roof Replacement and Solar Panel Installation Committee was. Kurt responded that it will be discussed in item number 8. Stephan followed up and asked if they should establish the committee first before appointing people to it. Kurt said no they had to establish the Committee before they could establish the resolution, which is why the appointments are earlier in the agenda than establishing it. Kurt said that the committee is part of the JCI project and they are putting solar panels on the roofs and will be getting refunds from the state of CT. Stephan said that he had no problem with that, but he did not agree with the order of the agenda. Kurt said that the Committee must come first before the resolution. Stephan asked if they could move the creating of the Committee up in the agenda before appointing people. Kurt consulted Bryan LeClerc and said they decided to go ahead with agenda item number 8, before agenda item number 6.

Stephan and rob withdrew their motions.

Motion to move item number 8 up in the agenda.

Motion: Stephan Behuniak

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 6-yes

0-no

0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding DAS grant application resolutions for roof replacement and solar installation

Kurt Miller explained that this is the grant application that we have with the Department of Administrative Services and will potentially provide reimbursement to the schools of Seymour with up to 65 cents on the dollar with roof replacement and solar installation.

(1) RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town of Seymour Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Installation at the Bungay Elementary School, and Seymour HS, as well as the Solar Panel Installation at the Seymour Middle School.

(2) RESOLVED, that the Roof Replacement and Solar Panel Installation Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Installation at the Bungay Elementary School, and Seymour HS, as well as the Solar Panel Installation at the Seymour Middle School.

(3) RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Roof Replacement & Solar Panel Installation at the Bungay Elementary School, and Seymour HS, as well as the Solar Panel Installation at the Seymour Middle School.

Motion to approve the resolutions as presented.

Motion: AnnMarie Drugonis

Second: Robert Findley

Discussion: Ann Marie asked if this is what they discussed during the last meeting. Kurt explained that yes, it was part of the Johnson Controls project and that because we are making this part of DAS, the town needs to have a specific committee that is charged with it, which is why the BOS is appointing the said group of people. Kurt noted that Mike Marcinek, Jim Baldwin, and Tim Connors will all be on the Roof Replacement and Solar Panel Installation Committee.

Vote: 6-yes

0-no

0- abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #6: Appointments

Motion to approve the attached appointments for 7/11/19 as recommended by the First Selectman.

No discussion for this item.

Motion: Robert VanEgghen

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6- yes

0-no

0- abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding roads

Kurt explained that last meeting Brian Nesteriak gave a presentation on the roads and that this vote will reference the road report that Brian came in and discussed. Essentially, if a road is included in the road report Brian would be able to make the final decision based on the bids that come back, and discern which need the most work. It would give Brian the ability to have some flexibility in order to get the

most for the Town's money. By voting yes, there will be 5 million dollars' worth of roadwork allocated towards the said road report out of the \$10.7 million allocated towards the roads in town.

Robert VanEgghen says that it is a good idea because we are putting ourselves in a position to have all of the roads get attention in due time. This road report will make sure that we are able to the most done in the most cost effective way and in what order. Robert supports the package because Brian would be able to have the flexibility to jump around from area to area in the most beneficial way for the Town, especially because our aim is all of the roads being done in due time.

Stephan Behuniak wanted to state for the record that Clinton Road needs to a priority.

AnnMarie Drugonis said that we should leave the decision up to Brian but also wanted to emphasize with Stephan that Clinton Road needs to be taken care of.

Kurt explained that the road report would go back to Brian and change the time frame from "2019 plus" to "2020 plus" because this work will all be done within the next calendar year. They will also remove the yellow highlighting for #17 and #18 and they will remain in as place holders, however assuming they are not needed they will just be crossed off and that \$400,000 will become available, as well as the red bar between #24 and #25 will come out and will be listed as 46 straight options.

Kurt also mentioned that separately from this the Selectmen would work on the grading schedule. He did not want to confuse this with the bonding schedule for the work that needs to be done for December, which is the grading and the grading criteria, not the grading of each individual road.

Motion to approve figure 1 recommended roadway replacement and drainage improvement scheduled dated 8/6/2019 to be included in the 2019-2020 road report.

Motion: Robert Findley

Second: Ann Marie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #9: Resolution recommending an appropriation and bond authorization of \$5,000,000 for the reconstruction and repair of various Town roads and roadside elements.

Kurt explained that they will approve resolution and then approve special town meeting and referendum vote.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$5,000,000 for the reconstruction and repair of various Town roads and roadside elements, including associated drainage facilities (the "Projects"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, repair, excavation, inspection, evaluation and surveying costs, equipment, materials, professional fees, and for administrative, financing and bond issuance costs, interest expense for temporary borrowings and other costs related to

the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Projects. The Board of Selectmen may reduce the scope of the Projects if funds are insufficient to complete the entire Projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced Projects. The Board of Selectmen may, by resolution, transfer funds among the Projects, so long as the total appropriation and bond authorization is not increased.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town finance the Projects by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Projects.

Noted for the record that the full text of the resolution is as it appears in the packet.

Kurt said this resolution will be forwarded to the Board of Finance for their meeting next Tuesday.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: Trish Danka **Second:** Robert Findley

Discussion: no discussion on this topic.

Vote: 6- yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes Robert Findley- yes Annmarie Drugonis-yes Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #10: Resolution to call special Town meeting and referendum vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has recommended that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$5,000,000 for the reconstruction and repair of various Town roads and roadside elements, including associated drainage facilities (the "Projects"), and that the Town finance said appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, and

WHEREAS, if the above recommendation is approved by the Board of Finance, a Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to consider the Resolution (as defined below).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached detailed appropriation and bonding resolution for said Projects (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-7, as amended, and the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby submits the Resolution 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. by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the regular election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or the ballot under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATE \$5,000,000 FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AND ROADSIDE ELEMENTS AND FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION BY ISSUING THE TOWN'S BONDS, NOTES, TEMPORARY NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000?

YES

NO"

Voters approving the Resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing the Resolution will vote "No". The polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of this appropriation and bonding resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators of the Town. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board of Selectmen authorizes the First Selectman to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.

Discussion: No discussion on this item.

Motion: Robert Findley **Second:** Robert VanEgghen

Vote: 6- yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes Robert Findley- yes Annmarie Drugonis-yes Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #11: Resolution recommending and appropriation and bond authorization of \$1,400,000 for communications equipment for the Town's Emergency Services Departments

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$1,400,000 for communications equipment for the Town's emergency services departments, including, but not limited to, the Town's Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Management Department (the "Projects"). The appropriation may be expended for installation costs, main frames, equipment, telecommunications equipment, a computer-aided dispatching system, mobile and portable radios, computers, wires, consoles, professional fees, and for administrative, financing and bond issuance costs, interest expense for temporary borrowings and other

costs related to the Projects. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Projects. The Board of Selectmen may reduce the scope of the Projects if funds are insufficient to complete the entire Projects, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced Projects.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town finance the Projects by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Projects.

Discussion: No discussion on this item.

Motion: AnnMarie Drugonis

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 6-yes 0-no

0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #12: Resolution to call special Town meeting and referendum vote

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has recommended that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$1,400,000 for communications equipment for the Town's emergency services departments, including, but not limited to, the Town's Fire Department, Police Department and Emergency Management Department (the "Projects"), and that the Town finance said appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000, and

WHEREAS, if the above recommendation is approved by the Board of Finance, a Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to consider the Resolution (as defined below).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached detailed appropriation and bonding resolution for said Projects (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-7, as amended, and the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby submits the Resolution 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. by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the regular election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or the ballot under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATE \$1,400,000 FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN'S EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION BY ISSUING THE TOWN'S BONDS, NOTES, TEMPORARY NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,400,000?

YES

NO"

Voters approving the Resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing the Resolution will vote "No". The polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of this appropriation and bonding resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators of the Town. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board of Selectmen authorizes the First Selectman to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.

Discussion: No discussion on this item.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Robert Findley

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #13: Resolution recommending an appropriation of \$15,000,000 for a new Community Center and to finance the appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds, notes or other obligations pursuant to a long-term lease agreement with a third party

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$15,000,000 for a new community center (the "Project"). The appropriation may be expended for acquisition, demolition, construction, excavation, design, engineering, renovation, installation and inspection costs, site improvements, equipment, furnishings and materials, professional fees, and for administrative, financing and bond issuance costs, interest expense for temporary borrowings and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The Board of Selectmen may reduce the scope of the Project if funds are insufficient to complete the entire Project, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the reduced Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town finance the Project by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations or pursuant to a long-term lease agreement with a third party in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary after deducting grants to be received for the Project.

Discussion: Kurt clarified that this is giving the Board options to either a) go out and borrow the \$15 million and build the facility ourselves or b) enter into a long-term lease agreement with a private developer whom would build this on their own. Robert VanEgghen asked where the number \$15 million came from. Kurt said it was a rough estimate gathered from information they have to date. Robert asked if there was a study done. Kurt said they had an architect go and create the estimate. He also reminded the BOS that there will be a full presentation given to them later, if this is voted yes. Stephan followed up by asking if any money of this can be spent to further investigation on this project, before they see the presentation. Kurt said no money can be spent on this at all until the meeting in November and it is approved and also in fact, no money has been spent to date on this project, it has all been donated. Kurt said they reached out to Clare's Construction who has done many community centers over the state of Connecticut and they offered to help get the BOS to the point of being able to present this question on the ballot to the people. \$15 million is a large number that we would never go above, but it gives us the option of going that high and then not using it if we are not continuing with this project. Again we do not have to spend \$15 million, the original plan was thought to be more towards 10 to 12 million but \$15 is something that would never go over, once the plans are approved and they went out to bid that's when the BOS would vote on the project or not. Robert VanEgghen asked if we would build something new or retrofit an older building or if there was no specific plan. Kurt said there are three options that are being weighed out, one is to retrofit the current community center, build a brand new facility on town owned land, or enter into a long-term lease on private land. Robert asked if the \$15 million covers all three of those possibilities. Kurt said yes and explained that once all the plans have been vetted out there would then be a presentation in which the BOS decided which direction they see best fit for the project. Stephan asked if the purpose of this vote was to get the ball rolling with this project. Kurt responded that the purpose was to get it on the ballot so that the residents can vote yes or no, and emphasized that if residents vote no they will kill this entire project.

Stephan said that updating the community center is vital, however he is not in favor of the process and voting on it without enough background information, so he will be voting no.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 5-yes

1-no

0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-no

Item #14: Resolution to call special Town meeting and referendum vote.

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen has recommended that the Town of Seymour (the "Town") appropriate \$15,000,000 for a new community center (the "Project"), and that the Town finance said appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds, notes, temporary notes or other obligations or pursuant to a long-term lease agreement with a third party in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, and

WHEREAS, if the above recommendation is approved by the Board of Finance, a Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to consider the Resolution (as defined below).

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached detailed appropriation and bonding resolution for said Project (the "Resolution") is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 in accordance with the attached Warning of Special Town Meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-7, as amended, and the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen hereby submits the Resolution 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. by Town electors and qualified voters for approval or disapproval in conjunction with the regular election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall be placed upon the voting tabulators or the ballot under the following heading:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR APPROPRIATE \$15,000,000 FOR A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AND FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION BY ISSUING THE TOWN'S BONDS, NOTES, TEMPORARY NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OR PURSUANT TO A LONG-TERM LEASE AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD PARTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000?

YES

NO"

Voters approving the Resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing the Resolution will vote "No". The polling places used by the Town for the election shall be utilized by Town electors for purposes of the referendum vote on the voting tabulators or paper ballots. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise, explanatory text of this appropriation and bonding resolution which has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting tabulators of the Town. Subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, the Board of Selectmen authorizes the First Selectman to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding this resolution, such explanatory text and explanatory materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.

Discussion: There was no discussion on this item.

Motion: AnnMarie Drugonis

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes Robert Findley- yes Annmarie Drugonis-yes Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak-no

Item #15: Discussion and take possible action regarding ordinances:

a. 6-23 – 6-25 with regards to Fire Chiefs

The Board of Fire Commissioners are requesting the following changes to Section 6-21 through 6-25. They attached the current ordinance and requested to add the term deputy chief in between Chief and Assistant chiefs, to appropriate sections. This request is to eliminate problems with the chain of command within the fire departments.

Discussion: Kurt brought up how that internally it is well known the chain of command, however, when places such as Northwest Public Safety there is no clear delineation between who is next in charge and who to call, and so that is why they are requesting this change in language. This would make the chain of command 1) Chief 2) Deputy Chief and 3) Assistant Chief.

Motion to forward to the ordinance committee the request from the Board of Fire Commissioners dealing with 6-21 to 6-25.

Motion: AnnMarie Drugonis

Second: Rob VanEegghen

Vote: 6-yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes Robert Findley- yes Annmarie Drugonis-yes Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak-yes

b. Tax relief for retired volunteer first responders.

Discussion: This is not anything the BOS needs to vote on, it is something that the Ordinance Committee started to discuss and wanted to update the BOS on as well as have the Fire Commissioners weigh in on. The Ordinance Committee all agreed that retired volunteer fire fighters should still have the ability to be eligible for the tax relief, so the Ordinance Committee asked the Fire Commissioners to do some research and in their letter, that's what they did.

"The Board of Fire Commissioners are requesting the following requirements for over 65 years of age and 25 years of service, pursuant to House Bill No. 5277 (see attached), for an ordinance within the town of Seymour.

Any Firefighter that reaches age 65, with minimum 25 years of service, not able to actively participate in the day to day operations of the department, but is willing to maintain some level of activity within the department, for the benefit of the department shall be eligible for the abatement."

The ordinance committee will pick this up 2 weeks from tonight and will come back with some specific language on what will happen moving forward.

Robert Findley asked if it is in the plan for the language to include Firefighters whom have transferred from one Fire department in one town to the Seymour Fire Department and if the years would carry over to make it 25 years in total. Kurt responded by saying it will be something that will be discussed but as of right now it is only pertaining to men and women whom have put in a minimum of 25 years of service in the Town of Seymour Fire Department.

c. Tax abatement committee

The Board of Fire Commissioners are requesting that the Tax Abatement committee be charged with reviewing the program for updates and changes. They attached section 6-35 in their letter, which specifically discusses the abatement for the Firefighters in the town of Seymour. There have been some changes to state statute, which have allowed this number to be increased, and the Fire Commissioners would like this number to be reviewed. This is more for informational purposes for the BOS, the tax abatement committee will do some work on this and report it back to the BOS and we will make those recommendation to the ordinance committee.

Item #16: Tax Refunds/ Abatements

No discussion on this item.

Motion to approve the assessors report dated 08/20/2019 as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-yes

0-no

0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes

Robert Findley- yes

Annmarie Drugonis-yes

Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes

Stephan Behuniak-yes

Item #17: Transfers

No transfers.

Item #18: Correspondence

- Check Register was attached.
- Letter from CT State Library letting the BOS know that they received the Historic Documents Preservation grant through the Town Clerks office to help move old records to digital documents.
- Letter to Jim Baldwin whom is the building inspector from ISO with regards to building code effectiveness, grading schedule results. "Seymour has had dramatic improvements, we are rated a 4 in the one to two family residential properties, and a 4 for the commercial industrial properties." The scale is 1 to 10 and this score is an improvement for the town of Seymour. It

helps with the insurance rates, the better the ISO score the better the rating the Town is likely to get.

- Letter of resignation from Jon Livolsi and they have made an appointment to his replacement, which will be Don Sosnovich.

Item #19: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #20: Selectmen's Public Comments

Robert VanEggghen made a comment that his father retired today and the Selectmen sent their congratulations.

Item #21: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

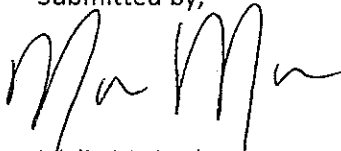
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis **Second:** Trisha Danka

Vote: 6- yes 0-no 0-abstain

Trisha Danka- yes Robert Findley- yes Annmarie Drugonis-yes Kurt Miller-yes

Robert VanEgghen-yes Stephan Behuniak-yes

Submitted by,



Malia McCool

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller

First Selectman