

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 5, 2008 @ 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

**Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Roberta King, John Putorti, Paul Roy, Frank Conroy, and Town Counsel George Temple.**

**Others present: Bruce Baker, Don Smith, Trisha Danka, Gene Coppolla, Rick Belden, Maryanne Mascolo, Fred Stanek, Sue Rafferty, Barbara Wilhelmy, and Al Yagovane.**

- **The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:12PM.**

**ITEM # 1 - Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ITEM # 2 - Discussion concerning proposed addition to Chatfield Elementary School. Don Smith, Co-Chairman of the Chatfield School Building Committee gives the Board members an update on what has been happening on the Committee. Since the Building Committee was formed in January 2008 they have had at least 10 - 12 meetings. They have hired an Architectural Firm, a Geo-tech Engineer and a Demographic Consultant. The Inland Wetlands Commission has already been approached with the proposed addition and has given their approval. They have had several demographic studies and surveys done and gotten 9 years of projected increase in enrollment and have been assured that there are no obstacles in putting an addition on the existing building with the exception of some rock. They have passed out a report for all of the Board members to review that consists of the different schemes that they have come up with for the proposed addition to Chatfield Elementary School.**

**Paul Antinozzi, Antinozzi Associates, the Architectural Firm hired by the Building Committee explains the different schemes in the proposal. Also present is Michael Ayles, Director of Business Development. They discuss scheme # 1 which is an addition to Chatfield School, as well as renovations to the existing building to accommodate the growing population in that district. Scheme # 2 is an addition and renovation to include the Chatfield and Anna LoPresti Elementary School's combined. Due to the States reimbursement program the combination of the two schools would only cost the Town approximately \$1,000,000.00 more than just an addition to Chatfield.**

**-The First Selectman thanks the Building Committee for all of their hard work and explains some concerns that he has. One concern is that he wanted to make sure that the class sizes would stay the same size since this is important for the education of the younger students. He also suggests possible ways to save on energy costs including possible solar power. He also feels that the Town should keep the existing newer part of LoPresti School. He also advised the Committee to plan the renovation and opening for 2011.**

-Bruce Baker states that the Board of Education voted unanimously for the Scheme #2 project to combine Chatfield and Anna LoPresti Elementary Schools at their last meeting on August 4, 2008.

-Maryanne Mascolo stated that research was not available at this meeting concerning whether or not large or small amounts of students have any benefits or disadvantages. She does point out that the key is having an excellent teaching staff and Seymour has that.

-Rick Belden states that they will be taking measures to save on energy costs and also that they would like to use this new school as a new emergency center for the Town in case of a disaster. The Middle School is the emergency center for the west side of Town and the new Chatfield/LoPresti School would be for the east side of Town.

The Committee has a schedule to possibly have a town-wide referendum for October 2008. Mr. Ayles inquired whether the Town had any rulings in the Charter that would prevent them from advertising the project 30 days before the scheduled referendum. Town Counsel is not aware of any, but he will check and let them know.

-The First Selectman states that he will have a Special Meeting with the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Chatfield Building Committee, and Bonding Counsel on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 and he will need exact figures of the proposed project within the next 7 to 10 days in order for Bonding Counsel to draft the resolutions.

**ITEM # 3 - Charge of Chatfield Building Committee.**

The Board of Selectmen will recommend approving the change in the charge of the Chatfield Building Committee to include the planning of a building design and renovation that would include the populations of the Chatfield and LoPresti schools.

**ITEM # 4 - Take any action necessary.**

Motion to change and increase the charge of the Chatfield Building Committee to include incorporating and consider proposals for the expansion and renovation plan for the Chatfield School that would include the combination of Anna LoPresti School and to configure space options and make recommendations.

Motion: John Putorti                      Second: Paul Roy  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 5 - Set Special Meeting with Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Chatfield Building Committee on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 @ 7:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room.**

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Motion: Frank Conroy                      Second: Annmarie Drugonis  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 6 - Set Public Hearing for proposed Charter Revision for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 @ 6:45PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall.**

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**Motion: John Conroy**                      **Second: John Putorti**  
**Vote: 7-Yes**                      **0-No**                      **0-Abstain**                      **0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 7 - Adjournment.**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:35PM.**

**Motion: Paul Roy**                      **Second: Annmarie Drugonis**  
**Vote: 7-Yes**                      **0-No**                      **0-Abstain**                      **0-Disqualify**

**Submitted by,**

**Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary**