

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti, Annmarie Drugonis, Paul Roy, and Frank Conroy.

Not present: Roberta King and Town Counsel George Temple.

Others present: Frank Loda, Brian Koskelowski, Fran Teodosio, Scott Andrews, and Tom Tomasheski.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:30PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 4/21/09.

Motion: Frank Conroy

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- Roberta King will not be attending tonight's meeting due to being under the weather.
- The Annual Seymour Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 11:30AM. The parade route will be reversed this year and will begin at French Memorial Park and end at the Seymour Community Center. At 11:00AM opening ceremonies will start. The bandstand will remain at the Train Station. All Selectmen are welcome to attend.
- A big thank you goes out to Comcast and all of the volunteers for "Comcast Cares Day", Saturday, April 25, 2009 at French Memorial Park. The park was cleaned, painted, raked, and repaired. Comcast provided breakfast and lunch for all of the volunteers. The First Selectman and Selectman Paul Roy were among the volunteers. The whole event was a success.
- On Sunday, May 17, 2009 beginning at 8:00AM there will be a cleanup effort by volunteers in the Downtown area, which was organized by the Downtown Merchants Association. They will be sprucing up the whole area.
- The Seymour Pride Committee is scheduling several cleanup efforts around Town. These are volunteer only events and anyone is welcome to help. It is a great effort to take pride in our Town.

Public Comment:

Fire Chief Scott Andrews, 23 Bissell Place: Is at the meeting with Assistant Fire Chief Tom Tomasheski to discuss the fact that there have been several incidents where there have had to be rescues below the falls of the Naugatuck River due to many teenagers and other people swimming there. This is dangerous for everyone, the swimmers and fire personnel. This is State owned property. The Fire Department is requesting that the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen request permission from the State to post "No Swimming" signs along the bank at the falls and the surrounding area. This is for the safety and welfare of everyone involved. The signs will also give the Police Department authority to take action against violators.

First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to finalize said Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

None.

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$538.37.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 - Transfers.

Motion to transfer for Town Buildings \$25,250.00 from Library-Books acct #1-001-450-5500-640-640 for \$4,200.00 and from Contingency acct # 1-001-410-1950-530-872 for \$11,050.00 and from Registrars-Purchased Services acct # 1-001-410-1400-440-310 for \$10,000.00 into Town Buildings-Oil acct # 1-001-410-1940-510-624 for \$25,250.00. This is for Oil for Town Buildings. The Community Center is the main draw for Town Buildings. To promote energy efficiency the Community Center is replacing windows, upgrading the boiler/furnace and has installed digital thermostats. Oil bills are attached. Oil was also locked in at \$3.53 per gallon plus tax and was budgeted at \$2.50 per gallon. Usage budgeted at 18,000 gallons and the actual was 19,227 gallons. Refer to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Copy of letter thanking Comcast for "Comcast Cares Day at French Park".
- Town Clerks Report, April 2009.

ITEM # 9 - Other Business.

Motion to place on the table Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting held on 5/5/09 @ 6:45PM.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Frank Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to Act in Lieu of Special Town Meeting held on 5/5/09 @ 6:45PM due to lack of quorum, which was not due to the weather, on the following:

Motion to authorize the issue of notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to pay current expenses and obligations of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or its designees, to determine, the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, form and other details of the notes, and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as deemed necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from Federal Income Taxation of interest on the notes,

including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place on table Repairs to Sochrin's Dam.

Motion: John Putorti Second: Paul Roy
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Last year the Town of Seymour received \$150,000 from a STEAP Grant to repair Sochrin's Dam. The Town is still waiting for the permit from the State of Connecticut DEP to be able to begin this work. This money has to be committed by June 30, 2009 or the Town can possibly lose the grant. The First Selectman spoke to a representative from the State concerning the permit and was told that the Town would receive it within 7 to 10 days.

Motion to authorize the First Selectman to contact the Town Engineer to go out to bid and begin the process for the Sochrin's Dam repairs once the permit from the State DEP comes in.

Motion: John Conroy Second: John Putorti
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 11 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

Paul Roy: Has some questions and concerns regarding the issues on Emergency Transfers that have been brought up lately. He would like the process clarified for his own interest.

Robert J. Koskelowski: Knew that he would be asked these questions tonight so he contacted Doug Gillette, the Town's Bonding Counsel, who is very knowledgeable on the Town of Seymour Charter and State Law. He provided a 2 1/2 page legal opinion on this issue, which the First Selectman did not want to get due to the legal expense that he felt was unnecessary because the Charter is clear. He will provide the Board members with a copy in their next agenda packets. The legal opinion states that it is the conclusion of Attorney Gillette "that emergency appropriations do not constitute supplemental appropriations and therefore do not require approval from the Board of Finance (or the Town Meeting)."

Robert J. Koskelowski: States that there was a bad situation at the newly opened Trestle Tavern on Saturday night. There were some police officers injured and many arrests made. There is some rowdy clientele and the Town may require the owner to hire a police officer. They have been reported to the Liquor Commission for the incident.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session (Pending Litigation, Contract Negotiations, Personnel).

None.

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:17PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

Second: John Putorti
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Robert J. Koskelowski,
First Selectman

I hereby certify that this
is a true copy of the Board of Selectmen's minutes
as received for record in the held May 5, 2009
Seymour Town Clerk's Office on
May 7, 2009 at 3:10 P.M.

ATTEST: 
Town Clerk