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**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Tuesday, June 7, 2011 @ 7:30PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

**Members present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy, and Town Counsel Colleen Fries.**

**Not present: Philip Wilhelmy.**

**Others present: Frank Loda and Theresa Conroy.**

**ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.**

**The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.**

**ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 5/17/11.**

**Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on 5/17/11.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus                      Second: W. Kurt Miller**

**Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 4 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/17/11.**

**Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/17/11.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus                      Second: John Conroy**

**Vote: 6-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 5 - Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/25/11.**

**Approve minutes from Special Board of Selectmen meeting on 5/25/11.**

**Motion: W. Kurt Miller                      Second: John Conroy**

**Vote: 4-Yes (Paul Roy, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy)      0-No**

**2-Abstain (Karl Trybus, Annmarie Drugonis)      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 6 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:00PM on 5/31/11.**

**Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:00PM on 5/31/11.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus                      Second: Sandra Gesek**

**Vote: 3-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek)      0-No      3-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie**

**Drugonis, John Conroy)      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 7 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:15PM on 5/31/11.**

**Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:15PM on 5/31/11.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus                      Second: Sandra Gesek**

**Vote: 3-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek)      0-No      3-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie**

**Drugonis, John Conroy)      0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 8 - Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:20PM on 5/31/11.**

**Approve minutes from Board of Selectmen Public Hearing 6:20PM on 5/31/11.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus                      Second: Sandra Gesek**

**Vote: 3-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek) 0-No 3-Abstain (W. Kurt Miller, Annmarie Drugonis, John Conroy) 0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 9 – First Selectman’s Report.**

- **Attended opening of new Social Security Office in Ansonia.**
- **Attended the High School awards night. Presented two scholarships.**
- **Attended the May meeting of the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operations Committee.**
- **Attended the opening of the Kayak/Canoe launch at Keith Mitchell Forest built as an Eagle Scout project by Dustin Zrelak and Justin Gittings.**
- **Attended an Eagle Scout award ceremony for Will Denslow. Will is the scout who did the backpack drive last fall and thanked the Board of Selectmen for their help.**
- **Attended a COST meeting in Hartford to discuss legislative issues supported by COST. Met with Sue Cable and Len Greene, Jr. to discuss some of the issues that affect our area.**
- **Attended the Memorial Day Parade. Many compliments received for the organizers that made it happen. Thank you to all that attended and participated.**
- **Attended the Memorial Day services on the Bank Street Bridge and Veterans Grove in French Park on Monday, May 30, 2011.**
- **Met with our Financial Advisors from William Blair and Farmington Bank to discuss possible opportunities to restructure some of our debt.**
- **Met with VCOG to discuss possible Transit Oriented Districts for the Town.**
- **Attended an awards ceremony sponsored by Connecticut Main Street Corp at the Warner Theater in Torrington.**

**ITEM # 10 – Public Comment.**

**Alice S. Smith, 21 Patton Avenue: Offers a thank you for the minutes of the public hearing on 19 Patton Avenue and would like to make an offer to purchase a portion of the property for drainage from her property.**

**ITEM # 11 – Approve Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour.**

**Motion to approve the Police Assistance Agreement between the City of Ansonia and the Town of Seymour.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus**

**Second: John Conroy**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 12 – Approve Resolution for Fair Housing Plan.**

**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION: TOWN OF SEYMOUR**

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Seymour is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Town of Seymour hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That the chief executive officer of the Town of Seymour or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Seymour and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

**Motion to approve the Fair Housing Plan Resolution.**

**Motion: John Conroy**

**Second: W. Kurt Miller**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 13 – Approve Fair Housing Plan.**

**Motion to approve the Town of Seymour Fair Housing Plan as presented.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus**

**Second: Annmarie Drugonis**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 14 – Approve Seymour Senior/Disabled Homeowners Program for 2011/2012.**

The Assessor's Office has received 329 applications for the Town Homeowners Program. There was a \$50,000 line item approved in the budget for this. The Town is recommending a \$150.00 benefit for those that have 100% ownership of their property and/or life use and those who have less than 100% will have the benefit prorated by their percentage of ownership.

**Motion to approve the Senior/Disabled Homeowners Program 2011/2012 as presented.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus**

**Second: John Conroy**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**ITEM # 15 – Economic Development Director position.**

Paul Roy, First Selectman: Met with Fred Messoro on Monday and offered him the part time Economic Development Director Position for \$42,000. Mr. Messoro has accepted and will start on Monday, June 13, 2011. The First Selectman feels that his background check came back with everything they were told already and feels that he is the best candidate for the job.

(W. Kurt Miller would like a copy of the background check.)

**Motion to place on the table transfer of vehicle from Police Department to the Emergency Management Director.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus**

**Second: John Conroy**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

**Motion to transfer 1999 Ford F-250 from Police Department to the Emergency Management Director.**

**Motion: Karl Trybus**

**Second: W. Kurt Miller**

**Vote: 6-Yes**

**0-No**

**0-Abstain**

**0-Disqualify**

(Emergency Management Director has money in budget for repairs to the vehicle.)



Motion to appoint Annmarie Drugonis to the WPCA for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring on 12/31/12.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 5-Yes (Paul Roy, Karl Trybus, Sandra Gesek, W. Kurt Miller, John Conroy)

0-No

1-Abstain (Annmarie Drugonis)

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Lee Heller to the Region II Regional Mental Health Board Catchment Area Council #5 for a 2-Year term expiring 6/7/13.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 18 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$46.81.

Motion: Karl Trybus

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 19 – Transfers.

None.

ITEM # 20 – Correspondence.

- Check Registers.
- Town Clerk Report, May 2011.
- Financials from Finance Director. (Discussion about possible shortfall of \$120,000 and the Board Members would like the Financial Reports Monthly.)

ITEM # 21 – Other Business.

None.

ITEM # 22 – Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 23 – Selectmen’s Public Comments.

Paul Roy: Next Special Board of Selectmen meeting on the Tax Incentives will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 6pm due to another meeting in the Norma Drummer Room at 7pm.

W. Kurt Miller: Would still like to receive the legal fees accumulated from the Fire Department Clerk Position.

Paul Roy: States he is waiting for the invoice from Attorney Teodosio for the legal fees.

W. Kurt Miller: Would also like an accounting of what the Town spent on the Housatonic Wire fire.

John Conroy: Asks why there are no Brownfields funding available for cleanup.

Paul Roy: States that the Brownfields would be available if the Town owned the property.

Colleen Fries: States that the Town has filed a claim against the insurance company associated with the company that started the fire for the fence, police, etc. and will get a list together.

John Conroy: Would like to know when the Board will be getting the data that the WPCA promised them. Would like them reminded of what they were supposed to provide.

ITEM # 24 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:19PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 6-Yes

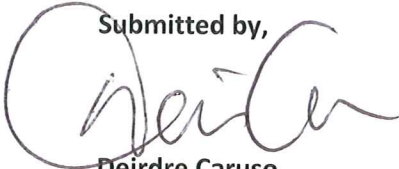
0-No

Second: Karl Trybus

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Paul Roy,  
First Selectman