

ITEM # 5 – Public Comment.

Ed Pollack, 25 Walnut Street: Would like to know why his issue was taken off of the agenda and would like some answers as soon as possible.

ITEM # 6 – Cancel Special Town Meeting scheduled for 1/26/11.

Motion to cancel Special Town Meeting scheduled for 1/26/11.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 7 – Set Public Hearing for Charter Revision Draft Report for Tuesday, February 1, 2011 @ 7:00PM.

Motion to set Public Hearing for Charter Revision Draft Report for Tuesday, February 1, 2011 @ 7:00PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: Karl Trybus

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 8 – Update on FOI Policy.

The First Selectman states that his Administrative Assistant has heard from only half of the departments, commissions and boards on whether they received, read and understood the FOI Policy. The office will continue to pursue this matter.

ITEM # 9 – Recommendation on Police Department roof repairs from the Town Engineer.

Motion to accept quote from DiGiorgi Roofing and Siding for repairs to the roof and doors on the Seymour Police Department for a total of \$36,500.00 VIA a STEAP Grant received for \$45,000.00 and recommendations from the Town Engineer.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 – Discussion and possible action on Economic Development Advisory Committee Report on the Economic Development Director with the Economic Development Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Commission.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee: Bob Rich, Kristen Harmeling, and Preet Singh open their meeting at 7:48PM.

The Economic Development Commission does not have a quorum, but members Michael Horbal and Joseph Cass are present.

Motion to recess at 7:50PM.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of recess at 7:59PM.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to open discussion on the EDAC Report.

Motion: W. Kurt Miller

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

The Economic Development Advisory Committee has submitted the following final report of their findings for approval:

THE FINAL REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Advisory Committee which consists of Kristen Harmeling, Ted Holly, Bob Rich, and Preet Singh met three times between October 18 and November 18. The committee was given information consisting of the Master Economic Development Plan of 2007, minutes of the meetings of the Transition Team, and the results of a study done by Connecticut Main Street Center.

The committee met with Jim Ryan of the Shelton Economic Development Corporation, Sheila O'Malley the Derby Economic Development Director and Oley Carpp an Economic Development Consultant. Each of these people explained how their position worked and what each position could do for the town. The committee was also given a listing of what types of positions are employed by towns and cities in Connecticut.

After much discussion the committee ruled out the use of an Economic Development Corporation. The discussion then focused on a consultant or a director. The group felt that either would work but did not want to see someone hired then not funded in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Also discussed was hiring someone part time or full time. The consensus was to hire someone part time. The reasoning was that a smaller amount in the budget would more likely be approved and the person hired may actually work the position into a full time position through accomplishments by that person. The committee also felt that the town should advertise for a consultant/director and see what kind of response is generated. In addition the opinion was to offer a salary in the \$40,000 to \$45,000 range.

The recommendation would be to advertise and interview in January and have someone hired by February. In consulting with the Finance Department, it was determined that an individual hired at the rate of \$42,000 and working a 19 ½ hour work week would fit into the budget for the salary remaining in the budget. The EDC secretary position was funded \$29,000 including benefits for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The committee would hope that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance would approve this position.

The members expressed pleasure in serving on the commission and some even expressed an interest in serving on a committee to interview the candidates. They all agreed that the meetings were helpful and gave them a better understanding of the Town's economic needs.

A lengthy discussion was had by all. Several questions were asked including funding of the position, job description, whether a consultant or hired director would be better and goals and performance standards.

Motion to accept the recommendation to hire a part time Economic Development Director, either consultant or part time employee, from the final report from the Economic Development Advisory Committee subject to a) Obtaining an updated position description b) The position in the proposed budget for 2011/2012 c) An interview committee formed in collaboration with the EDC.

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

The Economic Development Advisory Committee Adjourns at 8:32PM. Motion: Bob Rich Second: Kristen Harmeling Vote: 3-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 11 – Appointments.

Motion to appoint Thomas Kuzia to the WPCA for the remainder of a 4-Year term expiring on 12/7/13.

**Motion: Philip Wilhelmy Second: Karl Trybus
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 12 – Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,153.66.

Motion: Philip Wilhelmy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 13 – Transfers.

Motion to transfer \$80,000.00 for the Public Works Department from Contingency A/C # 1001-410-1950-530-872 and \$40,000.00 into Snow Plowing Materials A/C# 1001-430-3110-570-422 and \$40,000.00 into Overtime Snow Plowing A/C# 1001-430-3110-570-131 for anticipation of future snow storms, to be submitted to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Philip Wilhelmy

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 14 – Correspondence.

- **Check Registers.**
- **PD Enhancement Accounts.**
- **Letter from Board of Finance re: Budget Schedule.**
- **Copies of the Town Audit.**

ITEM # 15 – Public Comment.

Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: States that the Board of Public Works specifically asked for more money in the snow plowing line items during budget time last year and knew that they would have to request more in a transfer.

ITEM # 16 – Selectmen’s Public Comment.

Annamarie Drugonis: Would like the Agenda to stay the same if there is another cancellation and Special meeting.

W. Kurt Miller: Would like to verify that the demolition on the Housatonic Wire Company will be going through. Town Counsel states that when the State permits and approvals are met and after the winter season.

He is also concerned that under FOI his laptop can be confiscated and he would like Town Counsel to advise him and the Board of their rights under the FOI law.

John Conroy: Comments on the audit. The First Selectman will have the audit on the agenda for February 1, 2011.

Annamarie Drugonis: Would like to know the status on the oil spill report. The First Selectman states that the Board of Education were supposed to have had the report on their agenda for January 18, 2011, but their meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The report will be on the Agenda for February 1, 2011.

She also asks the status on the Aging Commission issues. The First Selectman states that he has met with the Senior Director and the Aging Commission and they are working on the issues one at a time.

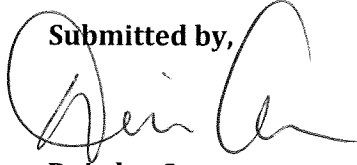
W. Kurt Miller: Would like outcomes and updates from Town Counsel on issues that are discussed in Executive Session.

**ITEM # 17 – Executive Session (Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation, Personnel).
None.**

**ITEM # 18 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 9:00PM.
Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No**

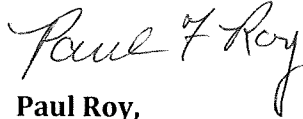
**Second: Karl Trybus
0-Abstain 0-Disqualify**

Submitted by,



**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**

Reviewed by,



**Paul Roy,
First Selectman**