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Board of Selectpersons
Tuesday, November 4, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Bob Findley, Phil Wilhelmy, Brianna Girard
Members Absent: Scott Andrews, Trisha Danka and Al Bruno
Others Present: Town Counsel, Bryan LeClerc; CAO, Kurt Miller, Jesse Judson, Paige Bennet, Tom Bennet, Steve Carangelo, Marsha Schuck, Charlie Betkoski and Linda Blackwood

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order
First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance
Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to move to item 11b: 234 West Church Street on the agenda to before Item # 3.
Motion: Bob Findley — Second: Phil Wilhelmy
Vote: 4-Yes — 0-No — 0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes — Bob Findley – Yes — Phil Wilhelmy – Yes
Brianna Girard – Yes

ITEM #11b: 234 West Church Street

i. 8-24 Referral from Planning and Zoning
ii. Discuss next steps

Jesse Judson discussed the property located at 234 West Church Street and reviewed various maps and surveys dating back to 1920. The ownership of the property remains undetermined. Attorney LeClerc inquired whether a title search had been conducted and requested to review it before any further action is taken.

ITEM #3: Public Comment
Paige Bennet, 4 Fairway Lane, expressed concerns regarding the proposed cell tower and its potential impact on the surrounding community, noting that a previous proposal had been denied twelve (12) years ago. She questioned whether any revenue generated from the cell tower would be allocated to property owners whose property values may be negatively affected by its construction. Ms. Bennet stated that the existing tower is barely visible from her property and referenced an AI-generated image illustrating how the proposed monopole tower could permanently alter the views she has enjoyed for years.

Steve Carangelo, 8 Country Club Road, expressed his opposition to the proposed cell tower project. He stated that the existing tower is visible from his residence and raised concerns about the future of the cell tower industry, questioning whether the project would be a worthwhile investment.

Marsha Schuck, 7 Country Club Road, referenced the cell tower proposal from approximately twelve (12) years ago. She expressed concerns about the potential impact on property values based on proximity to the tower. She also questioned whether advancements in cell tower technology could make the tower unnecessary in the future and inquired about who would be responsible for its maintenance.

Tom Bennett, 4 Fairway Lane, expressed concerns regarding the potential impacts of constructing the proposed cell tower and compared it to the existing tower. He questioned whether Board members would be comfortable having a cell tower in their own backyards and emphasized the importance of transparency and accurate information throughout the process.

Charlie Betkoski, 126 Botsford Road, raised questions regarding the proposed cell tower's construction, its proximity to the airport, and radiofrequency (RF) emissions. He also expressed concerns about the generators at the site, including the potential noise they would produce.

ITEM #4: Approval of minutes

a. Regular Meeting October 6, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from the October 6, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

b. Ordinance Committee Meeting October 6, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from the October 6, 2026 Ordinance Committee Meeting

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy Second: Brianna Girard

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

ITEM #5: Discussion with Eagle Scout Alekzander Stevens regarding his project at Colony Park

First Selectwoman Drugonis provided an update on the work at the Dog Park. She noted that Alekzander was unable to attend the meeting but expressed hope that he would be able to attend a future meeting to discuss his project.

ITEM #6: Appointments

None.

ITEM #7: Tax refunds/abatements

Motion to approve the tax refunds/abatements as presented.

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

ITEM #8: Correspondence

- Letters have been received from residents regarding the proposed cell tower. The letters will be read into the record at the next Board of Selectpersons meeting.
- Mrs. Alterio provided Board members with a packet of information regarding 63 Tibbets Road. The packet was also forwarded to the Town Attorney for review.
- Letter of resignation from Paul Wetowitz resigning from Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Letter of resignation from Beth Nesteriak resigning from South Central Regional Water Authority Board.
- Cancellation of the October 20th meeting.

ITEM #9: Discussion with the Livable Community Commission
They were unable to attend the meeting but plan to attend the next scheduled Board of Selectpersons meeting.

ITEM #10: Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Selectperson 2027 meeting schedule
Motion to approve the meeting dates as presented.
Motion: Phil Wilhelmy Second: Bob Findley
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes
Brianna Girard – Yes

ITEM #11: Discussion and possible action regarding town-owned property

a. Birch Street

1. Move Special Town Meeting for the Abandonment of Birch Street that was set at the October 6, 2026, Board of Selectpersons meeting from Tuesday, December 1, 2026, to Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The meeting will still be held in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall and will begin at 6:45 pm

Attorney LeCelrc – birch street is something we are asking you to proceed with the abandonment of. The town has no use for the property and the town does not own the property. Neighbors on both sides would assume ownership. Following the December 8th Public Hearing, the Board of Selectpersons can abandon the property.

Motion to Move Special Town Meeting for the Abandonment of Birch Street that was set at the October 6, 2026, Board of Selectpersons meeting from Tuesday, December 1, 2026, to Tuesday, December 8, 2026. The meeting will still be held in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall and will begin at 6:45 pm.
Motion: Phil Wilhelmy Second: Bob Findley
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes
Brianna Girard – Yes

Motion to add to the agenda LOCIP for Pearl Street in the among of $63,580.
Motion: Phil Wilhelmhy Second: Bob Findley
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes
Brianna Girard – Yes

LOCIP for Pearl Street in the among of $63,580.
Motion to use LOCIP money in the amount of $63,580. For the Pearl Street Road Spot Improvement Project.
Motion: Bob Findley Second: Phil Wilhelmy
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes Bob Findley – Yes Phil Wilhelmy – Yes
Brianna Girard – Yes

ITEM #12: Discussion and possible action regarding the Town of Seymour Business Tax Incentive Plan
This item was moved to the next meeting in November.

ITEM #13: Public Comment
Linda Blackwood, 130 Botsford Road, stated that she has resided at her property for 50 years because of the area's scenic and rural setting. She referenced a nearby farm and emphasized the importance of preserving the rural character of the neighborhood. She expressed concerns regarding what she perceived as changing information about the proposed cell tower project, based on articles she had read in the Valley Independent Sentinel. Ms. Blackwood voiced her opposition to the project, stating that she does not believe the Town of Seymour should serve as the landlord for the tower. She described the proposed tower as an eyesore and expressed agreement with the concerns raised by her neighbors.

ITEM #14: Selectperson's public comment
Brianna thanked the residents for attending the meeting and sharing their concerns regarding the proposed cell tower. She acknowledged that there are still many questions surrounding the project.

Phil inquired about voter turnout for the previous day's election.
Annmarie explained that presidential elections typically generate the highest voter turnout.
Phil encouraged residents to exercise their right to vote.

Bob thanked the residents who attended and spoke about the proposed cell tower. He emphasized the importance of conducting due diligence, considering public input, and ensuring the Board has sufficient information to make an informed decision regarding the cell tower.

Annmarie stated that no decisions have been made regarding the proposed cell tower and that the Board is continuing to gather updated information about the project.

ITEM #15: Comments from the First Selectwoman

- Congratulations to all the winners of the Scary Lawns this year. Every year the lawns get better.
- Brown Bag leaf pickup starts this week. This week is for the residents that garbage is picked up on Monday. Next week is for the residents that garbage is picked up on Tuesday.
- We are meeting with the DOT in regards to the construction at the Train Station next Monday. We will keep everyone up to date as to what is going on.
- November 11, 2026
    - Veterans Day – American Legion Veteran's Day memorial services 11:00 am at French Park
    - Town Hall, Community Center, Public Works, and the Library are closed that day.
- November 13, 2026
    - Kindness Day – events will be held at each school to speak about Kindness and how we all can make a difference.
- November 15, 2026
    - Yankee Clipper Toys for TEAM Inc, Breakfast – 19 Chucta Road Bring an unwrapped Toy for kids.
- November 22, 2026
    - Seymour Town Pep Rally 4:00 pm at Seymour High School food trucks, activities, and bonfire to get into spirit for our annual football game against Woodland High School.
- November 28, 2026
    - Small Business Saturday – SHOPS Downtown Seymour events
- November 29, 2026

- Annual Christmas Caravan Parade 4:00 pm

ITEM #16: Adjournment
Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 7:51PM.

Submitted by,

Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman