

MINUTES
Board of Selectpersons
Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Trisha Danka, Phil Wilhelmy, Bob Findley (7:01 PM) and Scott Andrews

Members Absent: Brianna Girard and Al Bruno

Others Present: Town Counsel, Bryan LeClerc; CAO, Kurt Miller and Fred Stanek

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.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #4: Approval of minutes

a. Regular Meeting July 21, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from the July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Abstain

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #5: Appointments

a) Resolution for the appointment to the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority

First Selectwoman Drugonis read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour is entitled to representation on the Representative Policy Board of the Aquarion Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, the First Selectwoman has submitted the appointment of Beth Nesteriak to serve as the Town of Seymour's representative; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Seymour Board of Selectpersons has reviewed said appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectpersons of the Town of Seymour that the appointment of Beth Nesteriak to the Representative Policy Board of Aquarion Water Authority is hereby confirmed for a term ending 12/31/2027, or until a successor is duly appointed and confirmed.

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Phil Wilhelmy

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #6: Tax refunds/abatements

Motion to approve the tax refunds/abatements as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #7: Correspondence

- Notice that the Board of Selectpersons August 18th meeting was moved to August 11th
- Awards Committee Agenda for August 18th

ITEM #8: Discussion and possible action regarding the tax abatement request from the George J. Hummel Little League regarding the property at 12 Chestnut Street

Motion to approve the tax abatement request from the George J. Hummel Little League regarding the property at 12 Chestnut Street

Motion: Bob Findley

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action regarding the awarding of the Owner's Representative Services contract for the new Bungay Elementary School Building and Grounds.

Fred Stanek discussed the recommendation from the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee. Annmarie read the following letter from the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee:

Seymour Board of Selectpersons
Seymour Town Hall
1 First Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

RE: New Bungay Elementary School

Dear First Selectwoman Drugonis and Members of the Board of Selectpersons:

The Bungay Elementary School Building Committee at its July 28, 2026 meeting voted to recommend that the Board of Selectpersons enter into an agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc., with an office located at 213 Court Street, Middletown, Connecticut 06457, to provide Project Management and Owner's Representative Services for the new Bungay Elementary School Building and Grounds.

The Committee respectfully requests that the Board of Selectpersons approve and take necessary steps to enter into an agreement between the Town of Seymour and Arcadis to provide the aforesaid services for the new Bungay Elementary School Building and Grounds, State Project No.: 124-0058N, in response to the Committee's RFQ/RFP No. 2026-02.

It is my understanding that you will consider this request at your next meeting. Please notify me of the date and time of the meeting so that a representative(s) of the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee may be present to answer any questions which you may have regarding the aforesaid recommendation.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

The Bungay Elementary School Building Committee

BY: 
Frederick D. Stanek
Co-Chairperson

Trisha discussed how the committee reached its decision and reviewed the interview process. She stated that Arcadis U.S., Inc. was the second-lowest bidder and that the company's skill set stood out among the applicants. The committee's decision was unanimous.

Fred discussed the various school projects Arcadis is currently working on in the area, including the new middle school in Ansonia and two schools in Cheshire. He stated that there would be no issue with the company also working on the Bungay Elementary School project.

Trisha stated that the company's longevity, established processes, and history of successful projects were impressive. She also noted that Arcadis has previously worked with Tecton and has a good working relationship with them.

Fred stated that the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee is currently meeting with Tecton and holding initial meetings with the architect. They are working to establish a project timeline and address various administrative aspects of the project.

The design phase is expected to continue through the end of 2027. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2028 and continue for approximately 18 months. The goal is to have a Certificate of Occupancy issued in late August or early September 2029. Public working sessions will also be held throughout the process.

Motion that the town enter into agreement with Arcadis U.S., Inc. to provide project management and owners representative services for the new Bungay Elementary School Building and Grounds State Project No.: 124-0058N response to the Committee's RFQ/RFP No. 2026-02 and that the First Selectwoman enter into agreement between the Town of Seymour and Arcadis U.S., Inc. to provide the foresaid services in such a form as approved by the Town Attorney.

Motion: Phil Wilhelmy

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Trisha Danko – Abstain

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #10: Public comment

None.

ITEM #11: Selectperson's public comment

Phil asked about the process for filling a vacancy in an elected office, such as the Board of Education. It was discussed that the Board has 30 days following a resignation to appoint a replacement. If the vacancy is not filled within that timeframe, the appointment would then go to the First Selectwoman and Board of Selectpersons. The replacement has to be the same party designation.

Attorney Bryan LeClerc discussed Section 3.4(b): of the Town Charter regarding the process for filling vacancies:

- Section 3.4. - Vacancies in elected offices - (b) *Board of Education and Board of Finance*. A vacancy occurring on the Board of Education and the Board of Finance shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the board on which the vacancy occurs, provided the person selected shall be of the same political party as his/her/their predecessor, but if the vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days from the time such office becomes vacant, the First Selectman

or First Selectwoman shall within thirty (30) days thereafter, fill the vacancy by appointment from the same political party.

Trisha stated that she attended the Backpack Scavenger Hunt and enjoyed having the opportunity to speak with members of the community.

Scott asked whether there are any funding or grant opportunities available to assist the Town with road paving. He noted that several residents have raised concerns regarding road conditions, specifically Peach Drive, Spring Street, and Oriole Lane. It was noted that there has been significant construction on Spring Street and that the contractor should be responsible for addressing the roadway.

Scott also asked about the stop sign on Main Street. Annmarie stated that she is meeting with the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the matter.

Bryan Nesteriak will attend the September meeting to discuss the Town's roads and related concerns.

ITEM #12: Comments from the First Selectwoman

- 4th Annual Scavenger Hunt Backpack event with Love Mom xoxo and Bushi Ban- there were approximately 60 kids
- Movie this weekend at 8:30 PM at Chatfield Park – Super Mario Brothers

ITEM #13: Adjournment

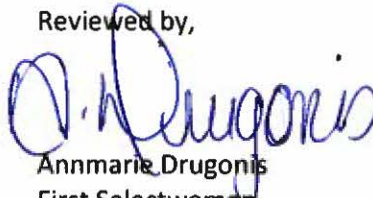
Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman