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Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 – 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Annmarie Drugonis, Karen Stanek, Stephan Behuniak, Al Bruno and Len Greene.

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; Richard Demko, Tom Eighmie, Sean Walsh and Bryan Nesteriak.

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by First Selectman, W. Kurt Miller, at 7:01 PM.

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #4: Approve minutes from July 5, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from July 5, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain
Len Greene – Yes

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Motion to add to the agenda approval of minutes from July 18, 2016 Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain
Len Greene – Yes

Second: Len Greene
2-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Abstain

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Approval of minutes from July 18, 2016 Ordinance Committee Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from July 5, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes
Al Bruno – Abstain
Len Greene – Yes

Second: Len Greene
1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes
Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Stephan Behuniak – Yes

ITEM #5: First Selectman's Report.

1. Met with Town Engineer Don Smith and Diane Stroman, Vice President of Team, Inc to continue discussions about an Adult Day Care Program being run out of the top floor of the Community Center. We will be looking at the potential of a large state grant to help fund the idea. Substantial work will need to be done to the building with all of the funding coming through the grant. I hope to have Diane at our next meeting, along with Don to provide an update and answer questions that the board may have prior to any votes or formal actions being taken.

2. Later tonight we will hear a very detailed update and review of the current status of the roads in Seymour from Town Engineer Bryan Nesteriak. This information will be used to help us prepare for the potential bond issue that I would like to see voted on during the November election. I am working with staff to produce a time line that meets the requirements for this vote and will provide more information as it comes in to me. There will be the need to hold at least one special meeting and one Town Hearing on this at dates to be determined.
3. Yearend budget work continues. We are still in the process of finalizing the numbers but are estimating that the town will finish with a surplus again this year. We don't expect to have solid numbers for a few more weeks but I will provide updates as they come in to me.
4. Work on the parking lot at Gary Park is just about complete. We expect to have everything done by weeks end.
5. The town will be moving up its normal work to refresh stop bars and cross walks that is normally done in August to late July. This will allow us to address some of the new roads that need to be completed. Public Works in conjunction with Bryan will be putting a plan in place to make sure all of the needed work is completed prior to the start of school.
6. Myself, along with Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton and CCM Executive Director Joe DeLong will be representing Connecticut at the inaugural convening of the Global Parliament of Mayors conference to be held September 10-12 in The Hague, Netherlands. Mayors representing cities large and small, from north and south, developed and emerging will convene to launch a new platform for cities to address global challenges. This new platform will leverage the collective political power of cities to move from mayors talking about issues to instead crafting real solutions. I am very honored to given this opportunity to attend a worldwide event of this magnitude and I will provide more information to the board as it becomes available to me. There will be no cost to the tax payers of the town of Seymour for me to attend this event.

ITEM #6: Discussion with Town Engineer Bryan Nesteriak regarding roads.

Bryan Nesteriak stated he approached this to come up with a long term solution, something that can be updated on an annual or regular basis. He stated they started with a baseline of what the current conditions of the roads are. He and his team created a report card for every road. They observed the cracks, pot holes, curbing, drainage flow patterns, drainage system, additional catch basins, etc.

Bryan stated they were able to identify each road and grade them (A through F). He discussed a map of Seymour that went through a color coordinated process of A - F roads. He stated they determined that C roads are the worst. Approximately half of Seymour's roads fall on grade C or less. This would cost between 35-50 million dollars to get all roads up to par. He stated they focused on getting a prioritized list of approximately 10 million dollars.

Bryan discussed his recommendations of streets to focus on in the next coming 2-3 years in Figure 1. He stated Bungay Road and Mountain Road which are used more often take larger priority. Figure 2 is a list of roads that are in decent shape and that could benefit from crack sealing.

Len inquired about Holbrook Road being a C road.

Kurt stated there is already a grant application out for that road. He stated in building the debt service model, he looked at a 5 million dollar bond issue next spring. He looked at 1.5 million dollars in building repairs and he is looking at 3.5 million dollars in road repairs. He stated those are Bryan's recommendations and suggested that the board members review the 2017, 2018 and 2019 lists.

Karen inquired about what consideration they took for the roads that are heavily traveled by school buses. Bryan stated they didn't specifically focus on school bus traffic. They focused on the roads that are heavily used in general.

The board will discuss this further and choose the roads at the next meeting on August 2, 2016.

ITEM #7: Discussion and take possible action regarding Smoke in the Valley location change request.

Kurt stated Smoke in the Valley is requesting to move the event from the Community Center to Matthies Park in the Industrial Park. This will be saving them money in fencing costs as well as police. This will also provide easier parking. The downtown business owners are never happy about Smoke in the Valley being close to their business. This will better suit their needs by moving Smoke in the Valley to Matthies Park.

Tom Eighmie stated the Congregational Church has a wedding that Saturday and Seymour Pink is growing rapidly. It will fit Smoke in the Valley perfect to be up at Matthies Park and a section of roadway between Cogwheel and Silvermine. Mrs. Deming can now use the whole Community Center for the Seymour Pink event as well as after. This will also benefit downtown business owners as well.

Annmarie inquired about what would be on Matthies Field.

Kurt stated the beer area will be on the field and they will use street for food trucks. They will have the additional space to make the event more family friendly.

Len asked about the Fire Department, Police Department and EMS being happy about moving it from downtown.

Tom stated this will control the venue better and gives emergency services a breather. The Deputy Chief will start putting a program together for the police officers.

Len suggested changing the name of the Industrial Park to Technology Park before the Smoke in the Valley event.

Motion to move location of the Smoke in the Valley to the Matthies Park and a section of roadway between Cogwheel and Silvermine pending sign off of liquor control, Seymour Police, Seymour Parks and Town Counsel.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding Dissolution of the Downtown Committee.

Motion to table Item #8: Discussion and take possible action regarding dissolution of the Downtown Committee.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and take possible action regarding tax abatement for Amanda Skellington.

Kurt read the following letter from Bryan Ryan, Seymour Ambulance Association Deputy Chief:

Dear First Selectman Miller,

While compiling the list for tax abatement recipients for the volunteers of Seymour Ambulance Association in 2015, I did not include Amanda Skellington. Amanda had not identified for me that she owned any

real property on the Grand List of 2014. She has since then indicated this to me. As such, I am requesting that you consider providing the tax abatement afforded to other eligible volunteers of the Seymour Ambulance Association.

Amanda meets all of the requirements set forth under Town of Seymour Ordinances and the SAA points system to receive up to \$1,000 abatement.

Please accept my apology for this oversight and consider her name for inclusion on the 2015 tax abatement list.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely, Bryan Ryan, Deputy Chief

Motion to include Amanda Skellington as part of the 2015 Tax Abatement list in the amount of \$1,000 as recommended by Seymour Ambulance Deputy Chief Bryan Ryan.

Motion: Karen Stanek

Second: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion and take possible action regarding tax abatement for George J. Hummel Little League.

Kurt read the following letter from William Regaini, President of George J. Hummel Little League:

Dear Board Members:

The George J. Hummel Little League is requesting the Board of Selectmen to waive the payment of taxes in the amount of \$6,131.16 for property at Casagrande Field as you have in the past. The property was donated to the Little League by the Casagrande Family with the clause that if the League should dissolve, the property would revert back to the family. Because of this clause, the Little League has been taxed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, William Regaini

Motion for the Town of Seymour to waive the July 2016 and January 2017 tax bills to the Seymour Little League for a total amount of \$6,131.16.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #11: Discussion and take possible action regarding proposed ordinance changes

- **Historic Landmark Preservation**
 - The Ordinance Committee has no updates or recommendations yet for this board.
- **Justice of the peace**
 - The Ordinance Committee talked about having an equal distribution between Democrat, Republican and Unaffiliated. They came up with 45 total – 15 Democrat, 15 Republican and 15 Unaffiliated.
 - Stephan suggested making it a higher number so there won't be an issue in the future. He suggested making it the maximum number.
 - Kurt stated they wanted to make sure there was enough availability and not too many for it to be oversaturated. He stated he wouldn't be opposed to making it more.
 - Town Counsel, Richard Buturla stated the maximum is 1,369 total. He suggested choosing a number that is divisible by 3.

- Len inquired about why so many people are interested in becoming Justices of the Peace. The board discussed the Justice of the Peace position.
- Stephan believes the more options the better.
- Town Counsel discussed the duties as a Justice of Peace. He stated Justices of Peace are selected every 4 years.
- Len doesn't see a point of choosing an arbitrary number if it is allotted by party.
- Kurt inquired about not being able to fill all the spots in the board chooses 100 for each party.
- Town Counsel stated it gets complicated for the Unaffiliates because vacancies cannot be filled right away without an application already filled out ahead of time.
- The board agreed on 300 total number of Justices of the Peace- 100 for Democrats, 100 for Republicans and 100 for Unaffiliates.
- **Street Excavation**
 - Kurt stated this will be put in its entirety out to the residents to allow them to give feedback on it. He stated if the town is spending time and energy on these roads, this will put a strict plan in place.
 - The town will be responsible for putting on final patch on any road work done and everything will be examined by town engineers.
 - The board discussed other towns that have put this to use.
 - Town Counsel stated there are some issues he wants to look into and will get back to Kurt.
- **Strategic Planning**
 - The Strategic Planning Committee is asking that that reports be changed to semiannual instead of quarterly and change meeting with First Selectman and the staff he/she deems necessary.

ITEM #12: Set public hearing for August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Norma Drummer Room to discuss ordinances forwarded from the Ordinance Committee.

Motion to set public hearing for August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Norma Drummer Room to discuss ordinances forwarded from the Ordinance Committee: Justice of the Peace, Street Excavation and Strategic Planning.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

ITEM #13: Appointments.

Motion to appoint Jeffrey Hanewicz as an Alternate on the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term of two (2) years expiring on December 4, 2017.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Motion to appoint Richard Luby to the Livable Communities Committee until completion.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria

Second: Stephan Behuniak

Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes		Karen Stanek – Yes	Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Len Greene – Yes			

ITEM #14: Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to accept July 15, 2016 Tax Refunds/Abatements as presented.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Annmarie Drugonis		
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes		Karen Stanek – Yes	Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Len Greene – Yes			

ITEM #15: Transfers.

Motion to approve Control #12 in the amount of \$22,358.49 from Contingency - Vacuum Truck (410-1950-530-873) to Hydrants (420-2230-560-411) requested by the Fire Marshal Paul Wetowitz.

Motion: Nicole Klarides-Ditria	Second: Al Bruno		
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
W. Kurt Miller – Yes		Annmarie Drugonis – Yes	Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes
Al Bruno – Yes		Karen Stanek – Yes	Stephan Behuniak – Yes
Len Greene – Yes			

ITEM #16: Correspondence.

- Letter from Connecticut State Library letting the town know it has received the \$4,000 Historic Preservation Grant.
- June 2016 accomplishments of productivity report from Public Works Director.
- Check register.

ITEM #17: Public Comment.

Sean Walsh, Pearl Street, suggested looking into any penalties if the numbers of Justices of the Peace aren't filled. He stated his concerns with opening the roads and having the town responsible. He suggested looking into whether or not the town will assume all liability because they would be the last ones to touch the project.

ITEM #18: Selectmen's Public Comments.

Stephan Behuniak stated it is his understanding that the Police Department has transferred vehicles. Kurt stated that is not correct. The Town Hall globally receives the police cars when they come out of cycle. He stated one of the cars is at the community center and two are at Town Hall. One of the cars' transmission blew and another car has a cracked axel. The explorer will go to Emergency Management. The cars are used by the First Selectman, Zoning Enforcement, Blight Enforcement, Building, Assessor, etc. Kurt stated he asked the Police Department for one of the newer cars to be made available for town hall.

Stephan suggested having a town hall forum with representatives from all public safety to give residents an opportunity to talk to them. He suggested opening it up to the public so people can come ask questions and open up a dialogue.

Kurt stated he doesn't think it will be an issue and just has to come up with logistics.

Karen Stanek agreed with Stephan and thinks it would be great to get the community together. She inquired about replaing sign on the corner of Botsford Road and Canfield Road.

Kurt stated it is in the works.

Nicole Klarides-Ditria agreed with Stephan and Karen with having an open forum with Police and Emergency Management.

Al Bruno saw the Facebook post about Gary Park and the renovations. He stated it is great that it is out there and great that it is getting fixed up. He stated he saw the Seymour Celebrates notice at French Park at August 20th and it looks like great town event.

Annmarie Drugonis stated it is great to see Gary Park's parking lot nicely paved and added parking spots. She thanked public works for getting things done before school starts. She likes the idea of a town meeting with the residents and emergency management services. She stated it would be nice to show them that the town supports them and that we all support each other. She stated the Citizens Carnival is this weekend.

Len Greene voiced support for Stephan's idea for getting a meeting with emergency management and the residents. He thinks it would be great to come together as community.

ITEM #19: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13 PM.

Motion: Annmarie Drugonis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

W. Kurt Miller – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Len Greene – Yes

Second: Karen Stanek

0-Abstain.

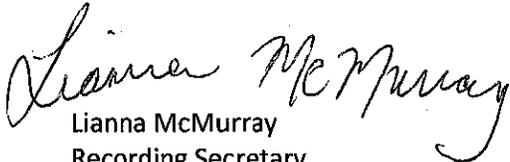
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Karen Stanek – Yes

Nicole Klarides-Ditria – Yes

Stephan Behuniak – Yes

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman