

Town of Seymour



3rd Quarter 2016 Executive Summary

First Selectman's Office

- Comprehensive road program completed by Town Engineer
- All 2016 road work completed
- Downtown roads repaved, sidewalks replaced and LED streetlights installed
- Gary Park parking lot paved
- Agreement reached with Seymour Congregational Church to construct shared parking lot at Community Center
- Chatfield Farms subdivision work completed after builder's bond was pulled
- Conversations started with TEAM, Inc. and State legislators regarding possibility of adult daycare facility at Community Center
- Plan of Conservation and Development adopted
- Street excavation ordinance updated – will result in better road integrity going forward
- Reached agreement with CARES to open animal rescue facility in former Animal Control facility
- LED Streetlight conversion bid awarded – work to begin in fourth quarter

The third quarter of 2016 saw a lot of progress on many of the Town of Seymour's long-term priorities. It's no secret that our infrastructure was long neglected. A new, comprehensive road program was completed by the Town Engineer earlier this year saw all of its 2016 work completed when downtown roads, sidewalks and an LED streetlight conversion project were completed. The downtown area is now looking better than ever as we prepare for the construction of Phase I of the Greenway Trail early in 2017.

Although work was completed for the year there is a lot more work to be done, including a proposed \$4+ million dollar bonding issue that voters will be asked to weigh in on in November. Apart from road work, the third quarter also saw the repaving of the parking lot at Gary Park. We also reached an agreement with the Seymour Congregational Church to create an expanded, shared parking lot that will alleviate some of the long-term parking concerns at the Community Center. The Town also stepped in to complete work on the Chatfield Farms subdivision, which had been delayed for years because of the developer.

In terms of long-term development, we have begun discussion with TEAM, Inc. and our State delegation regarding converting the top floor of the Community Center into an adult daycare facility. Discussions are still in their infancy and with the worsening financial conditions at the State level it remains to be seen whether funding can be secured. We believe this would be a great project that would benefit people in Seymour and throughout the Valley.

This quarter, the Town has made some legislative changes that will have long-term impact. Seymour's Plan of Conservation and Development, a master plan for all development in Seymour for the next ten years, has been completed and adopted. We will begin working with land use staff and boards to implement its recommendations. The Selectmen also updated our street excavation ordinance. Now, the Town will hire a contractor on retainer to implement final patching on roadways to ensure their

integrity and longevity.

Last quarter, the Town joined regional animal control in Woodbridge, leaving the former animal control facility vacant. We recently reached an agreement with Coco's Animal Rescue Efforts of Seymour (CARES) to operate an animal rescue out of the facility. The Town also awarded a bid for the LED conversion of streetlights town-wide. The project is slated to begin next quarter with construction taking place in early 2017.

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W. Kurt Miller

Finance

Projections

Revenues	\$55,978,526	Expenditures	\$55,880,099
Budgeted	\$56,152,740	Budgeted	\$56,152,740
Variance	-\$174,214	Variance	\$165,629
Total Variance: -\$8,585			

- Negative variance is due to lower than anticipated State grant revenues.

Economic Development

- Silvermine Industrial Park was renamed the Silvermine Commerce and Technology Park
- Bids for Phase I of Greenway Trail were received but will have to be rebid in fourth quarter because they came back higher than anticipated
- Worked with ConnDOT and Police Department to install better signage near Silvermine Road to decrease frequency of accidents

Seymour Schools

- Graduation ceremonies were successful
- Seymour High School softball won the State championship
- Seymour High School students were rated #1 for Business Management, #1 for CADD and #6 for Personal Finance in the Career and Technical Education assessment, ranking #7 overall out of 122 participating schools

Community Services

- Voices insert very successful in improving communication and increasing attendance
- Received Matthies grant to fund fitness center, senior luncheons and Audubon Society presentation for summer playground program
- 85% of survey respondents happy with changes to playground program
- Launched basketball sponsorship programming

Membership

Number of Accounts Created Res/NonRes	111	50
Number of Members Created Res/NonRes	200	76
Number of Registrations Res/NonRes	2373	187
Total Income	\$55,261.08	
Number of Refunds/Amount	20	\$2,599
Number of Credits Issued/Amount	63	\$2,374.50
Number of Activities Run	83	
Number of Reservations	35	

Number of Senior Memberships Created	124
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Programming

Program Name	Total	Program Name	Total
2016/17 Pool Membership	39	Senior Center Membership	23
2016 Summer Field Trip Program	3	2016 Summer Playground Program	292
Amusement Park Tickets	19	Spring/Summer Swim Lessons	1
Fall Swim Lessons	33	Boy's Recreational Basketball	30
Girls' Recreational Basketball	10	Co-Ed Instructional Basketball League	22
Men's Under-40 Basketball	38	Girls' Basketball Clinic	9
Men's Open Basketball	18	Mohegan Sun Trip	149
Youth Karate	25	Mets Game	3
Pre-School Jump Bunch	7	Reflections of Italy Trip	1
Summer Football	17	Technology Summer Camp	10
Kids Summer Tennis Clinic	20	LEGO Camp (Columbus Day)	9
Co-Ed Volleyball	3	Yoga	105
Adult Zumba	19	Kids Zumba	2
9/11 Memorial Trip	3	Annual Senior Picnic	15
Christmas Time in Ireland Trip	2	Essex Steam Train Trip	15
Las Vegas Trip	20	Qigong	108
Radio City Christmas Show Trip	41	Monthly Senior Luncheons	12
Stormville Flea Market Trip	7	Tai Chi	17
Frankie Valli Trip	2	Westchester Dinner Theater	16
Woodbury Commons Holiday Shopping Trip	2		
			Total – 1,411

Seymour Public Library

- Met with library space planner regarding potential reconfiguration
- Beautification efforts continue – new chairs and reframe library architect's original watercolor

Total patron visits	13,770	
Circulation Adult/Children	6,246	6,674
Inter-Library Loan Borrow/Loan	807	476
Total Holdings	81,762	
Computer Sessions	1,356	
Registered Users	6,900	
Adult Programs/Attendance	187	1,187
Children's Program/Attendance	22	583

Human Resources

- Filled Code Compliance Coordinator position

- Collected and analyzed employee satisfaction survey
- Began work on converting to new payroll system

Tax Collector

Collections July	\$20,079,755
Collections August	\$3,123,911
Collections September	\$300,773
Total Collections	\$23,504,440
Current Year Outstanding	\$19,656,728.56
Current Year Collection Rate	53.94%
Back Taxes Owed	\$1,262,157
Collections via Card	\$685,598
Percent Using Cards	2.9%

Building Enforcement

Fees Collected	
July	\$12,499
August	\$10,407
September	\$9,423
Total	\$32,329

Fire Marshal

- Worked on proposed fire alarm ordinance with Fire Commissioners
- Handled 2 hoarding issues
- Conducted annual fire safety training with various local businesses and public housing facilities

Current Projects

- 29 Maple St. – Project complete
- 38 Columbus Ave. – Apartment construction ongoing
- 33 Progress Avenue – Basement Systems project is ongoing
- 600 Derby Avenue – Construction is at a standstill

Inspections

New Construction	32	Fire Code Complaints	3
Initial, Existing Buildings	27	Detail Code Reviews	11
Re-Inspections	46	Detail Follow-up Activities	10
Underground Tanks	1	Burning Permits	2
Blasting Permits	0		

Fires

- 10 Highland Avenue – accidental shed fire
- Youth fire setter investigated

Town Clerk

- Continuing preparation for November election
- Approved for State Library digitization grant

Dog Licenses	785	Marriage Licenses	32
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	66	Recording Income	\$3,360
Absentee Ballots Issued	20		

Assessor

- Processed 255 homeowners' applications
- Processed 106 rental rebate applications
- Visited Callahan House to assist disabled renters in applying for Rental Rebate
- Changed assessments based on decisions made by Board of Assessment Appeals