

Town of Seymour



4th Quarter 2016 Executive Summary

First Selectman's Office

- \$4.5 million in bonding for road improvements approved by voters
- \$1.5 million in bonding for building improvement approved by voters
- Rimmon Street reconstruction project bid awarded
- Greenway Trail Phase I project bid awarded
- Streetlight audit for LED conversion began
- Began planning for Solarize Seymour campaign
- Raised over \$10,000 for Seymour pink by pushing car during 5k with other community leaders

The fourth quarter of 2016 was quiet in the Town of Seymour. Several large infrastructure projects received approval and are ready for construction in the first quarter of 2017. Most notably, voters overwhelmingly approved \$6 million dollars in bonding, \$4.5 million of which is slated to be used to continue executing Seymour's comprehensive road improvement plan. You can read about the work planned for 2017 here: <http://www.seymourct.org/2016-Road-Report/>. Additionally, \$1.5 million in bonding for necessary repairs and improvements to municipal buildings, including HVAC upgrades, roof repairs and energy efficiency improvements were also approved.

The long-awaited Rimmon Street reconstruction project is finally ready to begin and will extend through summer 2018. Residents in the area will receive more information soon. Also, the first phase of Seymour's Greenway Trail, extending from the Paul Pawlak Bypass Channel & Park to the Bank Street Bridge, was awarded and construction should begin in the second quarter of 2017. Subsequent phases are already planned to connect to the Broad Street Park.

The LED streetlight conversion project approved last quarter began in December. The contractor will audit our existing streetlights to verify the utility's records in preparation for construction in the spring. Seymour will also be conducting a Solarize campaign in which Town officials interview and vet installers and facilitate outreach to residents in order to encourage the adoption of residential solar.

Finally, it was my pleasure to participate in this year's Seymour Pink 5K. In order to keep upping the ante, a team of leaders from various organizations in Seymour helped me to push a car the entire length of the 5K and in doing so we raised more than \$13,000 for Seymour Pink. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to those who helped.



W. Kurt Miller

Finance

Projections

Revenues	\$56,46,564	Expenditures	\$55,744,842
Budgeted	\$56,152,740	Budgeted	\$56,152,740
Variance	-\$160,176	Variance	\$407,898
Total Variance: \$301,722			

- Negative variance is due to State grant revenues coming in under budget amount and unfunded Fund Balance use.
- Positive variance is due to non-funding of the mill rate stabilization fund.

Economic Development

- New “Welcome to Seymour” signs to replace poor quality ones installed a few years ago has been approved
- Bid for Greenway Trail Phase I awarded to LaRosa Earth Group

Seymour Schools

- High School student Gurman Singh was named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Chatfield-LoPresti School student Samuel Rodrigue created Sam’s Kids, a program help feed children in the community. To date, he has collected more than 2,100 pounds of food for local food shelters. Learn more at www.feedingsamskids.com.
- Seymour High School’s Electrathon electric car team came in 2nd out of 30 at a race in November
- Seymour High School’s girls volleyball team won the Class M state championship.
- Seymour Middle School’s 8th grade collected 264 turkeys for their Thanksgiving turkey drive to benefit the Seymour/Oxford Food Bank and Spooner House
- Rich Kearns, Director of Security for Seymour School System received an honorable mention in Outstanding Achievement in youth Preparedness by FEMA, the only one in the State
- Ernie DiStasi was named 2017 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year for CT.

Community Services

- Fitness Center equipment was purchased
- Youth Basketball started

Membership

Number of Accounts Created Resident/Non-Resident	114	38
Number of Members Created Resident/Non-Resident	211	49

Number of Registrations Resident/Non-Resident	1094	170
Total Income	\$48,007.5	
Number of Activities Run	8366	
Number of Reservations	18	
Number of Senior Memberships Created	99	

Programming

Program Name	Total	Program Name	Total
ABC's of Medicare	11	Aquatic Exercise Winter	9
Swim Lessons Fall	33	Boys Basketball	140
Boys Travel Basketball	32	Girls Basketball	51
Instructional Youth Basketball	101	Men's Under-40 Basketball	53
Youth Travel Basketball	28	Men's Open Court	18
Monthly Casino Trips	95	Christmastime in Ireland at Nelson Hall	10
Diabetes Workshop	16	Dodgeball Tournament	41
Flu Clinic	35	Golf League	3
Youth Karate	156	Lunch Bunch	37
Medicare Open Enrollment	5	Pacific Coastal Cruise	29
Qigong	269	Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular	50
Monthly Senior Luncheons	178	Stormville Flea Market	14
Tai Chi	34	Tennis Workshop	0
Transportation Services	485	Trim-a-tree	1
Columbus Day Lego Camp	14	Westchester Dinner Theater	17
Woodbury Commons Holiday Shopping	16	Yoga	54
Yoga Classes	179	Zumba Adult	36
Zumba Kids			
			Total – 2,250

Seymour Police Department

- Toy & food drive, executed by Officer John Harkins and assisted by Caroline Spaulding were both very successful
- Police Commissioners approved a second canine unit. Officer Matt Butler will be the handler
- Officer John Oczkowski and canine unit Sage were involved in the apprehension of a double homicide suspect in Woodbridge

Seymour Fire Department

- Kerry Ann Lewis was hired as the new Fire Clerk

Responses		HazMat:	130
Total Calls:	146	Service Calls:	18
Total Fires:	17	Good Intent Calls:	14
Accidents:	21	False Alarms:	35

Seymour Public Library

- Received grant to expand municipal fiber network to cover library
- Working with Town Engineer on building improvements related to \$112,500 grant from State Library

Total patron visits	14,910	
Circulation Adult/Children	7,239	5,417
Inter-Library Loan Borrow/Loan	744	700
Total Holdings	81,662	
Computer Sessions	1,713	
Registered Users	6,677	
Adult Programs/Attendance	15	505
Children's Program/Attendance	25	623

Human Resources

- Converted to new payroll system. First step in process to a full HRIS implementation
- HR Manager left her position with the Town of Seymour

Tax Collector

Collections October	\$282,524.73
Collections November	\$326,665.20
Collections December	\$3,781,199.44
Total Collections	\$4,390,389.37
Current Year Outstanding	\$16,200,902.70
Current Year Collection Rate	62.52%
Back Taxes Owed	\$1,022,699.27
Collections via Card	\$190,062.41
Percent Using Cards	4.3%

Building Enforcement

	Fees Collected	Permits Issued
October	\$7,488	55
November	\$9,520	50

December	\$5,711	55
Total	\$22,719	160

Fire Marshal

- Fire safety events with school children

Current Projects

- 45 New Haven Road – Former Valley View Pizza restaurant is being revamped as new restaurant
- 38 Columbus Ave. – Apartment construction ongoing
- 33 Progress Avenue – Basement Systems project is ongoing
- 600 Derby Avenue – Construction is at a standstill
- 660 Derby Avenue – Medical supply business constructing 4,000 square foot addition

Inspections

New Construction	15	Fire Code Complaints	7
Initial, Existing Buildings	36	Detail Code Reviews	3
Re-Inspections	33	Detail Follow-up Activities	17
Underground Tanks	1	Burning Permits	1
Blasting Permits	0		

Fires

- Vehicle fire next to McDonald's
- 427 South Main Street – car and garage fire
- 8 Bungay Terrace – chimney fire

Town Clerk

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

Dog Licenses	810	Marriage Licenses	25
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	82	Recording Income	\$3,504
Absentee Ballots Issued	472		