

MINUTES
Board of Selectpersons
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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DATE: 5/21/26
TIME: 3:05pm
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Trisha Danka, Phil Wilhelmy, Scott Andrews, Brianna Girard and Al Bruno

Members Absent: Bob Findley

Others Present: Town Counsel, Rich Buturla; Alex Danka, John McKenzie, Jim Baldwin, Josh Beaupre

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 from the Board of Selectperson Regular Meeting on May 5, 2026

Motion to approve minutes from the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #5: Appointments

Motion to appoint Gale Banks to the Library Board of Directors to replace Lauren Demko and to finish the term ending December 6, 2027.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #6: Tax refunds/abatements

Motion to approve tax refunds/abatements as presented

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Brianna Girard – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Phil Wilhelmy – Yes

ITEM #7: Correspondence

None.

ITEM #8: Discussion and possible action regarding the White Paper: Solar Infrastructure Investment for the Town of Seymour

No action needed at this time.

ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action regarding a blight appeal pertaining to 130A Skokorat Street
John McKenzie, Blight Enforcement Officer, read into the record a blight enforcement position and rationale summary regarding 130A Skokorat Street. He stated that the citation was issued after repeated non-compliance with the Town's Anti-Blight Ordinance, including failure to submit a required written corrective action plan despite multiple notices and opportunities to comply. Approximately fifty days elapsed without compliance prior to fines being imposed. He further stated that demolition work had been completed without obtaining the required building permit. McKenzie explained that the property has since been brought into compliance; however, the primary issue was failure to follow established procedural requirements. He stated that reducing or waiving the citation fine would undermine the ordinance, create inconsistency in enforcement, and weaken accountability and due process. It was the opinion of his office that the citation fine should be upheld in full.

Annmarie read the letter from property owners Kol and Kristopher Gjuraj –

May 18, 2026

To whom it may concern,

On February 27, 2026, Kristopher and myself, Kol Gjuraj, received a letter and an email regarding the blight at 130A Skokorat Street, Seymour, CT 06483 stating that we have no longer than 60 days from the email to remedy this issue. During this time there was extreme weather with snow and ice accumulations beyond control. The construction company stated they would be out as soon as possible there was emergency services that he needed to do due to the weather before he could come to our property and remove said issue. Highland Construction out of Beacon Falls said they were scheduled for the end of April. We called John McKenzie at Seymour Town Hall to inform him and he said as long as it was done before May we should be perfectly fine. Scheduled for the end of April, the construction company came earlier than expected which was April 10th. The job was completed ASAP and for this reason we are disputing any and all charges made for the blight issue due to the facts stated above. For any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me.

The Board discussed the blight citation appeal with John McKenzie regarding a detached garage located at the property that had a collapsing roof and broken windows. It was noted that much of the communication between the property owner and the Town occurred informally through verbal conversations, both in person and by telephone, with some communication also occurring via email. The property owner advised that the garage would be removed once weather conditions improved and snow had cleared. Although no formal written corrective action plan was submitted as required under the ordinance, the Board acknowledged that communication had occurred and that the issue had since been corrected.

John McKenzie reviewed portions of the Blight Ordinance and stated that the established fine structure should remain in place despite the appeal.

Trisha stated that while there is a protocol that should be followed, the property owner was responsive and did not need to be repeatedly pursued by the Town. She noted that the owner followed through with correcting the issue, despite the lack of written documentation.

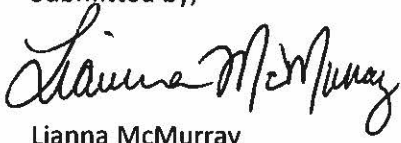
Scott stated that although the formal process was not followed, the intent of the ordinance is to have property owners remediate blighted conditions. He suggested giving the property owner the benefit of the doubt and reducing the fine, while still imposing some penalty.

Phil stated that he agreed with the recommendation provided by John McKenzie and supported upholding the fine due to the procedural requirements outlined in the ordinance.

ITEM #17: Adjournment

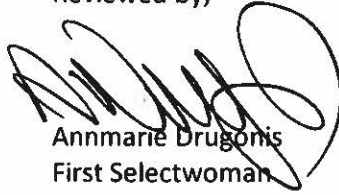
Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman