

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectpersons**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 7:00 PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall**

**Members Present:** Annmarie Drugonis, Al Bruno, Trisha Danka, Fred Stanek, Theresa Conroy, Bob Findley and Patrick Lombardi

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; CAO, Kurt Miller; John Lombardo, Dana Flach, Rob Dyer, Aaron Alibrio, Bryan Nesteriak and Chief John Bucherati.

**ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.**

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.**

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Motion to add to the agenda to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Patrick Lombardi – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

**ITEM #3: Public Comment.**

- John Lombardo, 31 Union Street, gave an update and discussed the Trash Bash event from the weekend prior. He discussed his annual free women's self-defense class.

**ITEM #4: Set a public hearing for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:15 PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT, to discuss the following: changes to the Blight Ordinance as recommended by the BOS Ordinance Committee.**

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Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Patrick Lombardi – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

**ITEM #5: Set a public hearing for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour, CT, to discuss the following: draft report as submitted by the Charter Revision Commission.**

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Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain	
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes	Trisha Danka – Yes
Patrick Lombardi – Yes		Theresa Conroy – Yes	Fred Stanek – Yes
Bob Findley – Yes			

- Motion to add to the agenda after executive session discussion with Chief Bucherati to update the board on the speeding grant and traffic control on Maple and Pearl Streets.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi	Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes
Patrick Lombardi – Yes		Theresa Conroy – Yes
Bob Findley – Yes		Trisha Danka – Yes
		Fred Stanek – Yes

#### Approval of minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting

- Motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Pat	Second: Bob Findley	
Vote: 5-Yes	0-No	2-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes
Patrick Lombardi – Abstain		Theresa Conroy – Abstain
Bob Findley – Yes		Trisha Danka – Yes
		Fred Stanek – Yes

#### ITEM #6: Executive Session

- a) **Update on contract negotiations with the Seymour Police Union**

- Motion to enter executive session at 7:13 PM to discuss the update on contract negotiations with the Seymour Police Union with Town Council Richard Burturla, Town Chief Administrative Officer Kurt Miller, Human resource Director Chris Pelosi, and Chief John Bucherati, and Deputy Chief Mike Fappiano

Motion: Al Bruno	Second: Theresa Conroy	
Vote: 7-Yes	0-No	0-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes
Patrick Lombardi – Yes		Theresa Conroy – Yes
Bob Findley – Yes		Trisha Danka – Yes
		Fred Stanek – Yes

- Motion to exit executive session at 7:33 PM noting that no votes or actions were taken in executive session.

Motion: Patrick Lombardi	Second: Al Bruno	
Vote: 6-Yes	0-No	1-Abstain
Annmarie Drugonis – Yes		Al Bruno – Yes
Patrick Lombardi – Yes		Theresa Conroy – Yes
Bob Findley – Yes		Trisha Danka – Yes
		Fred Stanek – Abstain

#### ITEM #7: Discussion and possible action regarding contract negotiations with the Seymour Police Union

No votes or motions taken during executive session.

**Discussion with Chief Bucherati to update the board on the speeding grant and traffic control on Maple and Pearl Streets.**

The Chief discussed his petitioning for the State to update the light on that intersection. The State is saying it is the Town's responsibility. He discussed a warrant study done at that intersection. He discussed the State Grant for speeding enforcement. They plan on hiring someone for several 12 hour shifts strictly for traffic. At the end of the grant, he will send the statistics to the State. The Town received two speed signs from the state for Maple Street and Washington Avenue.

**ITEM #8: Discussion and possible action regarding the draft of the new Delinquent Tax Payment Policy**

Annmarie discussed the draft and asked the members to bring back thoughts, notes, etc. to the next meeting in August. Discussion with the Tax Collector, Dana Flach, ensued. No motions or actions taken.

**ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action regarding tax abatement for 25 Walnut Street**

- Motion to approve the tax abatement for 25 Walnut Street in the amount of \$6,577.96.

**Motion: Trisha Danka**

### Second by Bob Findley

**Vote: 7-Yes**

0-No

0-Abstain

**Annmarie Drugonis – Yes**

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

**Patrick Lombardi – Yes**

Theresa Conroy – Yes

**Fred Stanek – Yes**

**Bob Findley – Yes**

**ITEM #10: Discussion and possible action with Town Engineer Bryan Nesteriak regarding FY 2026 Road Plan**

Bryan Nesteriak discussed the following:

- Bungay Road update. Phase Zero was Botsford Rd mill and repave and is 100% complete including curbing and striping. Phase one was from the High School down to Balance Rock. Mostly complete as the new pavement is complete as well as drainage. The top portion of asphalt will be completed toward the end of the project. Phase Two from Balance Rock to Bungay Terrace. They are reclaiming the road and putting in drainage. Two retaining walls have been installed and sidewalks are being poured. They are on track to pave this section by the end of the month. Phase Three is Bungay Terrace to Knorr Avenue. Phase Four is from Knorr Avenue to the Historical Society. The goal is to have all phases completed by the end of the year.
- First Selectwoman Drugonis mentioned that an Uber driver was unable to pick up a resident in the area due to the construction. In addition, some residents have complained that mail is not being delivered. The Town engineer will follow up with the contractor and the postmaster regarding the resident concerns.
- The Town engineer reiterated the project is currently on budget and ahead of schedule.
- Clinton Road is being worked on with LOCIP grant funds in the amount of \$50,000. Two bids were secured and the Town engineer is going to speak with the low bidder regarding the project. The State would like a roundabout on this project.
- A priority list of projects was presented and reviewed with the board. The engineer reviewed the list and gave an opinion on the amount of roads that needed repair. A question was asked on how much it would cost to mill and pave a mile of road. For full reconstruction, this would cost approximately \$1 million. For mill and repave is approximately \$500,000.
- Haddad Road needs to be done, especially the Southern section. The Northern section is a candidate to remove.
- Cemetery Road is in poor condition and is a cut through and would be expensive to repair.

- Prospect Avenue was mentioned and the town engineer will take a look at this road and assess the timing and estimated cost of repairs.
- Birch Street – discussion regarding obtaining a turnaround.
- Main Street sidewalk – the Town is waiting to get funding from the state grant.
- Humphrey Street – the Town completed work a while ago but it is need of additional work.

**ITEM #11: Discussion and possible action regarding the potential Fuel Cell project for the Town of Seymour**

Aaron from Johnson Controls discussed the following:

- Total project cost is estimated to be \$7.25 million. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is a U.S. federal statute passed by the 119<sup>th</sup> United States Congress and signed into law by the President on July 4, 2025. The Town should take advantage of a provision in the bill so they do not lose out on \$1.9 million (grants and rebates) which is the IRA direct tax pay since municipalities do not pay taxes and can use renewable programs to get the benefit of direct pay. No financial bid is required. The Town just has to get into the program where the Town can take the high power that the fuel cells produce and be able to send them to other Town/School buildings. They are approximately the size of a rubbish container (8 ft high, 10 ft wide and 20 ft long) and run 365 days a year, 24 hours a day and is 325kw for each cell. The Town would be looking at installing two.
- This project is projected to be budget neutral over 12.5 years. The contract is a 20 year agreement. This project is greener power than traditional methods so the Town would be reducing carbon from the beginning. Possible locations are the community center, Bungay School, Library and Police Department. Natural gas lines will be delivered at the Community Center at no cost to the Town.
- If you took the amount of savings the project produces and apply it towards the debt it has a 12.5 year payout. The Town could get \$6.4 million upfront and use it for other projects as the fuel cell project is budget neutral.
- The fuel cells require maintenance every 4-8 years and will last approximately 20 years.
- If the project gets approved, applications and permits would be obtained. There was an additional discussion regarding solar. The program won't end but the benefits would be less in the future.
- It's possible the Town could use the \$6.4 million upfront to do the solar project and then the Board of Education would have no cost for electricity and once the debt service is paid off the Town would have no cost for electricity. There would also be a revenue stream for the Town until the 20 years are up.
- These projects are State Agricultural Municipal (SAM) accounts and for the school site and can send the power to any of the accounts or any other SAM account in the Eversource district and they would pay the \$18.86 cents.

- Motion to authorize the First Selectwoman to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Seymour with Johnson Controls for the purpose of siting two fuel cells on property owned by the Town of Seymour subject to approval by Town Counsel

Motion: Bob Findley

Second: Patrick Lombardi

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danko – Abstain

Patrick Lombardi – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

**ITEM #12: Discussion and possible action regarding cameras for Chusetown Park**

Rob Dyer gave an update on the cameras. Working with the camera vendor and installer to get cost down. He stated it would cost approximately \$2,000.00.

**ITEM #13: Transfers.**

None.

**ITEM #14: Tax refunds/abatements.**

None.

**ITEM #15: Correspondence.**

- Letter from Mike Marganski for Birch Street
- Letter from Community Service Assistant, Tara Miller, regarding the Pumpkin Festival
- Letter from Prudence Hayden complimenting an employee at the Town Dump

**ITEM #16: Public Comment.**

None.

**ITEM #17: Selectperson's Public Comments.**

Trisha and Al complimented John Lombardo and the Trash Bash event.

Fred discussed upcoming Awards nominations.

Theresa Conroy asked for a list of the paper roads in town. Hearts and prayers go out to Texas during this devastating time.

**ITEM #18: Comments from the First Selectwoman.**

- Route 67 is almost done
- 49,000 in LOCIP money – going to be used for Clinton and Tibbets Roads
- Public Works has been out working on pot holes and patching roads and the drainage issues at Matthies Field
- HR will be reposting the Assessor's position
- Accounts Payable position was posted. The Finance Director and Accounting Manager are going to go through applications and resumes and pick 2-3 people to interview
- Rte 67 Diner opened – the ribbon cutting will be next week
- Card store at Klarides Plaza passed its inspection – grand opening in august
- Newport Academy is going through final inspections and are planning to open the fall. They have invested over 600,000 in the Olives Oil building alone for their cafeteria.
- Dock 34 opened a new ice cream spot
- 175<sup>th</sup> celebration was a great turn out. She thanked Culture & Arts and the Events Committee
- The community center has an outdoor movie theater. Hosting first movie on July 25<sup>th</sup> - looking to hear movie ideas for future events. Thanked Pat Knott and Public Works and Kevin from Stella's Garage for making that possible
- Sabo's Auto Body should be completed soon
- Bushi Ban Trash Bash collected 55.5 lbs of trash. Thanked Alex from Bushi Ban for coming up with the idea

- She discussed another project from students from Seymour High School
- House bill 500 was vetoed
- Annmarie congratulated Fred on his scouting award
- Fiscal budget season for 2027 has started

**ITEM #19: Adjournment.**

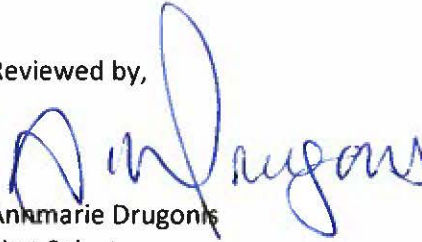
Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray  
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Annmarie Drugonis  
First Selectwoman