

MINUTES
Board of Selectpersons
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – 7:00 PM
(Immediately following Special Board meeting if after 7:00 PM)
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Annmarie Drugonis, Bob Findley, Trisha Danka, Al Bruno, Frederick Stanek, Theresa Conroy and Scott Andrews

Others Present: Town Counsel, Bryan LeClerc and CAO, Kurt Miller

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trisha Danka made a motion regarding Item #4: Discussion and possible action regarding open positions on the Board of Selectpersons to have Scott Andrews sit on the Board of Selectpersons to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectpersons following the resignation of Patrick Lombardi. She removed her motion as it was made before the public comment.

ITEM #3: Public Comment

None.

ITEM #4: Discussion and possible action regarding open positions on the Board of Selectpersons

Motion to have Scott Andrews sit on the Board of Selectpersons to fill the vacancy on the Board of Selectpersons following the resignation of Patrick Lombardi. The term will be for the duration of Patrick Lombardi's original term.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second by Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

After being sworn in by Selectperson Stanek, Scott Andrews joined the other members for the meeting.

ITEM #5: Approval of minutes from the August 5, 2025 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from the August 5, 2025 regular meeting

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes 0-No

2-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Abstain

Scott Andrews – Abstain

ITEM #6: Set Tax Incentive Subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall

Motion to set Tax Incentive Subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Theresa Conroy

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

Motion to table setting Tax Incentive Subcommittee meeting on September 16, 2025.

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

ITEM #7: Set Awards Subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:15 PM in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall

Motion to set Awards Subcommittee meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:15 PM in the Norma Drummer Room of Seymour Town Hall

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

ITEM #8: Discussion and possible action on resolution to Call Special Town Meeting and Referendum Vote regarding the new Bungay Elementary School project

WHEREAS the Board of Selectpersons and the Board of Finance each have recommended that the Town of Seymour, known as “The Town” appropriate \$60,000,000.00 for the construction of the new Bungay Elementary School, otherwise known as “The Project” and the Town finance and appropriations using Town Bonds or Notes in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.

BE IT RESOLVED that the attached detail appropriation and bond resolution for said project “The Resolution” is hereby approved and shall be submitted to a special Town meeting to be held on Tuesday September 16, 2025 in accordance with the attached Warning a Special Town Meeting which is also hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED pursuant to the Connecticut General State Statutes Section 7-7, as amended, in the Town Charter the Board of Selectpersons hereby submits the resolution to a vote upon the voting tabulators or ballots on Thursday October 9, 2025 between the hours of 6:00am and 8:00pm.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the resolution shall be placed upon voting tabulators on ballots under the following heading:

Question 1. Shall the Town of Seymour appropriate \$60,000,000. for the construction of a new Bungay Elementary school and finance the appropriation by using the Town bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000? Yes or No

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text in the appropriations and bonding resolutions which have been submitted for a referendum vote on the voting tabulators of the Town.

Subject to the approval to the Town Attorney, the Board of Selectpersons authorize the First Selectwoman to prepare and print explanatory materials regarding the resolution such as explaining the text and explaining materials to be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General State Statutes Section 9-369(b).

The Town of Seymour Warning of Special Town Meeting shall be Tuesday, September 16, 2025 and a Referendum vote will be Thursday October 9, 2025.

Motion to approve the motion as read.

Motion: Fred Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Discussion: There is not a vote on September 16th and people will have the ability to speak. The Referendum vote will be on October 9th.

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #9: Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of 56 Squantuck Road from the South Central Regional Water Authority.

Annmarie read a letter to the Board of Selectpersons:

A draft agreement was reviewed and discussed. At it's August regular meeting, the Seymour Planning & Zoning Commission received a CGS section 8-24 referral from Kurt Miller, CAO regarding 56 Squantuck Road for 4.99 acre parcel of land owned by Birmingham Utilities. The Town would like to consider the purchase or conveyance of this property. Section 8-24 of the CGS require that these final decisions are made with the input of it's municipal Planning & Zoning Commission specifically a report must be received by the Seymour Planning & Zoning Commission determining if this purchase follows the land use strategy and goals found in the Town's plan of Conservation and Development "POCD"

On August 14, the Planning & Zoning Commission received and considered the CGS section 8-24 referral from Kurt Miller, CAO having found the proposal does adhere to the purpose and aims found in the POCD, the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted to send positive referral to the purchase and conveyance of 56 Squantuck Road and refer the positive vote to the Board of Selectpersons.

Motion to approve the purchase of 56 Squantuck Road from the South Central Regional Water Authority

Motion: Theresa Conroy

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #10: Discussion and possible action regarding the resolution for the Homeland Security Grant program

RESOLVED, that the Seymour Board of Selectpersons hereby authorizes entering into with and delivering to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security ("DEMHS") any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate in connection with a Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 2; and

RESOLVED, that the Seymour Board of Selectpersons hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, or her designee to execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Motion to approve the resolution as read.

Motion: Al Bruno

Second: Trisha Danka

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

ITEM #11: Discussion and possible action regarding using LoCIP funds

- a) For the drainage improvements and repair of Walnut St.
- b) For a potential HVAC project at Seymour Ambulance

Annmarie explained the drainage improvement costs as follows:

- Catch basin - \$4,000.00
- Pipe - \$3,000.00
- Dispose of pavement - \$1,100.00
- Bituminous Concrete Curbing - \$1,000.00
- Bituminous Concrete Roadway – Class 1 (Two – 1.5" Course) - \$21,000.00
- Processes Aggregate - \$3,500.00
- 1 ¼" Crushed Stone - \$6,000.00
- Filter Fabric (50 foot roll) - \$1,875.00
- Paver Rental - \$5,500.00
- Motor - \$800.00

Motion to use LoCIP funds for Drainage Improvements for the repair of Walnut Street in the amount of \$47,775.00 with the Town of Seymour Department of Public Works providing labor for the proposed improvements

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Bob Findley

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Motion to use LoCIP funds for the HVAC project at Seymour Ambulance

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Bob Findley

Discussion: Kurt stated the estimated cost is \$19,000.00 at the moment prior to any rebates. SAA has committed \$10,000.00 - \$13,000.00. This will take care of their bunk room and the training room.

Trisha amended her motion to add in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 but expecting rebates. Bob seconded the amended motion.

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

ITEM #12: Discussion and possible action regarding report from the Charter Revision Commission

No action needs to be taken at this point. This will be acted upon at the September 2, 2025 meeting. Bryan LeClerc explained what the process will be at the next meeting.

ITEM #13: Discussion and possible action on the approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Seymour and Local 1303-24 of Council 4 AFSCME< AFL CIO (Seymour Public Works Employees), as presented, for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 and authorize the First Selectwoman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town

Annmarie read a letter from Chris Pelosi, Human Resource Director, regarding the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Seymour and Local 1303-24 of Council 4 AFSCME< AFL CIO (Seymour Public Works Employees).

Motion to authorize the First Selectwoman to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Town for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 for Seymour Public Works Employees.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No

1-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Abstain

ITEM #14: Transfers

None.

ITEM #15: Appointments

Motion to appoint Jon Lovisolo to the Recreation Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2025

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Scott Andrews

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

Al Bruno announced his resignation as Deputy First Selectman for work commitments. He emphasized his appreciation for the ability to serve the public as Deputy First Selectman.

Annmarie appointed Trisha Danka as Deputy First Selectwoman.

ITEM #16: Tax refunds/abatements.

Motion to approve tax refunds/abatements as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Second: Theresa Conroy

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Frederick Stanek – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

ITEM #17: Correspondence.

- Pat Lombardi's letter of resignation

ITEM #18: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #19: Selectperson's Public Comments.

Theresa spoke about the anniversaries of the Flood from last year and 1955 Flood. She discussed how great the gathering at 67 Diner was yesterday. She asked about Hoadley Pond updates. Annmarie gave a brief update about getting state funding. Theresa asked about an update on the Legion Pool/Land Trust.

She also asked about the Assessor's position and Annmarie stated that no one has applied. She asked about the Rogel's site. The landowner will be going before Planning & Zoning Commission soon. She discussed complaints about the land across from Bungay Elementary School.

Fred thanked Kurt Miller and Matt Riddick, on behalf of the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee, for their hard work in regards to the bonding for the Bungay Elementary School project.

Al thanked Pat Lombardi for this service on the Board of Selectpersons and the Board of Public Works. He wished him all the best. Al asked about UPS store. Annmarie stated approximately 4 weeks it would open.

Trisha thanked the Charter Revision Commission for all their hard work and their time working on the Charter. She thanked Pat for his service on the boards. She encouraged everyone to get out and learn as much as they can about the Bungay Elementary School project. School is starting soon so be vigilant when driving and wished all the kids good luck.

Bob thanked the Charter Revision Commission for their efforts on everything they have done. He thanked Pat Lombardi for his time and service to the Town.

The board members welcomed Scott.

Scott thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the Town in this capacity.


ITEM #20: Comments from the First Selectwoman.

- Discussed the flood from last year and what has changed in the past year
- 67 Diner opened yesterday
- 4 weeks away from UPS Store opening
- Couple weeks away from Hallmark opening
- At the memorial in Oxford, one gentleman that lost his wife, said some of us lost our homes, some of us lost photos, some of us lost lawn mowers but he lost his wife – his best friend and he did not get to say goodbye. It really puts things in perspective as to when things happen in your lives
- School is opening next week – please be mindful of the buses
- Went to the 70th Anniversary of the 1955 Flood ceremony in Ansonia
- \$20,000.00 Grant from FEMA to the Fire Department for swift water rescue and additional training
- Thanked Pat Lombardi for his service to the Town of Seymour and everything he has done for the Town
- Attended the C2 Steak and Lobster dinner
- Backpack scavenger hunt – 30 families attended. Thanked Kids for Kids for helping collect the supplies and handing them out
- Thanked the Charter Revision Commission for all their hard work on the Charter changes

ITEM #21: Adjournment.

Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 8:52 PM

Submitted by,


Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

 
Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman