

MINUTES
Board of Selectpersons
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Or immediately following the Ordinance Committee meeting
Norma Drummer Room – Seymour Town Hall

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

Others Present: Town Counsel, Richard Buturla; CAO, Kurt Miller; Tim Willis, John McKenzie, Mike Kearney, Attorney Ian Cole, Wanda Perez, Lions Club Members, Debbie Alterio

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

First Selectwoman, Annmarie Drugonis, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Public Comment.

Mike Kearney (72 Mountain Road) stated that he cannot be the Veterans representative because he has to be a Town Employee to do so.

Alex Danka (203 Pearl Street) announced Fred and Karen Stanek as Grand Marshals for the 2025 Christmas Parade. He spoke and thanked them for the contribution to the town.

➤ **Motion to add to the agenda discussion about the Tax Incentive Plan**

Motion: Bob Findley

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

➤ **Motion to add to the agenda discussion and possible action regarding a resolution congratulating the inductees of the Seymour High School Sports Hall of Fame to be confirmed on Sunday, October 26th**

Motion: Fred Stanek

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

➤ **Motion to add to the agenda discussion and follow up regarding LOCiP funds for the removal of hazardous trees as recommended by the Seymour Tree Warden**

Motion: Scott Andrews

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

ITEM #4: Approval of minutes from the October 8, 2025 Special Meeting.

➤ **Motion to approve minutes from the October 8, 2025 Special Meeting**

Motion: Scott Andrews

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

2- Abstain

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Al Bruno – Yes

Trisha Danko – Abstain

Fred Stanek – Yes

Bob Findley – Abstain

Theresa Conroy – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

ITEM #5: Proclamation for the White Cane Safety Day

WHEREAS the White Cane in our society has become a symbol of independence, mobility, and the ability of people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve a full and independent life, and

WHEREAS the White Cane also serves as a reminder to all citizens of the special considerations necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of those who use it and

WHEREAS Connecticut law and all the laws of all fifty states require that drivers exercise special care when they encounter a pedestrian using a white cane or guide dog and

WHEREAS public awareness of white cane safety day contributes to safer streets, greater respect and stronger inclusion for individuals who are blind or visually impaired, and

WHEREAS the Seymour Lions Club plays an active and vital role in supporting the blind and visually impaired through advocacy, service, and education within our community, and

WHEREAS the Town of Seymour is committed to fostering a community of equal opportunity, accessibility and independence for all of its residents, now therefore I, Annmarie Drugonis, First Selectwoman for the Town of Seymour, Connecticut do hereby proclaim October 15, 2025 as White Cane Safety Day in the Town of Seymour and I encourage all citizens to recognize and support the independence and safety of our blind and visually impaired neighbors.

The Lions Club came up to accept the proclamation. They also read the White Cane Poem. They spoke about the work they are doing and the importance of the white cane.

ITEM #6: Report from the Fire Marshall's Office

Fire Marshal, Tim Willis, discussed his report. He spoke about what the Fire Marshal does. He discussed the following report:

- Inspection and administrative activity continues to trend upward in several key areas.
- Growth in new property inspections, plan reviews, and meetings reflects the Town's increased development and construction activity.
- A few categories show decreases tied to adjusted priorities, but overall performance remains strong.
- Initial (New) Inspections: Up 308% – significant rise tied to new construction and development.
- Initial (Existing) Inspections: Up 123% – strong improvement in compliance activity, reaching ~75% of multi-family properties.
- Re-inspections: Up 137% – reflects follow-up work and stronger enforcement efforts.
- Blasting Activities: Up 190% – primarily due to regulation and oversight at the Haynes Quarry site as well as their production increases.
- Burn Permits: Up 256% – increased community engagement and permit compliance.
- Plan Reviews: Up 151% – aligns with new development projects.
- Complaints: Up 158% – likely due to greater public awareness and property turnover.
- Meetings: Up 150% – coordination across departments and external partners.

- Tim discussed the importance of maintaining ideal staffing levels and ensuring proper equipment. He explained and emphasized that part of this responsibility includes ensuring buildings are safe and well-maintained. Inspections have increased this year over prior years due to new building and construction in town. The use of technology has increased efficiency in the field however, they are not at 100% due to staffing issues. Ideally, a staff of five full time employees would make the department better prepared to meet these goals, as the inspection rate is currently approximately 75%.

Scott added to the discussion by highlighting the importance of clear communication and consistent follow-up on inspections.

a) Senior Citizen Tax Incentive

a) Continuation of discussion with resident from the October 8, 2025 meeting

Motion: Al Bruno **Second:** Bob Findley

Vote: 4-Yes	3- No	0-Abstain	
Annamarie Dragonis – No		Al Bruno – Yes	Trisha Danko –No
Fred Stanek – No		Bob Findley – Yes	Theresa Conroy – Yes
Scott Andrews – Yes			

- a) Guardrail installation at the Seymour Community Center
- b) Handicap doors at the Seymour Community Center

➤ Motion to move forward and use LOCiP funds for the guardrail installation utilizing Atlas Industrial Services for a price of \$20,450.

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

➤ Motion to go out and get additional quotes to use LOCiP funds for the handicap doors at the Seymour Community Center not to exceed \$20,000.

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

- **Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution congratulating the inductees into the Seymour High School Sports Hall of fame to be confirmed on Sunday October 26th**

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- **Discussion and possible action regarding using LOCiP funds for the removal of hazardous trees as recommended by the Seymour Tree Warden**

Scott Andrews explained that the trees were taken down by Eversource as they were near the wires. He went on to explain that due to budget constraints the use of the LOCiP funds for tree removal helps the Public Works department better serve the needs of the Town.

Annmarie read the following email from CAO, Kurt Miller:

Good afternoon everyone,

On Thursday Morning, I met with Frank Galianelli to review the tree removal quote presented at Wednesday night's meeting. Frank explained that, due to concerns he and Sean had about the trees in question, they reached out to several of the tree service companies the Town regularly works with to obtain quotes. Among those contacted was Mr. Alerio's company, which makes his comments at the BoS meeting somewhat unclear, especially since he chose not to provide a quote.

I want to emphasize that both Frank and Sean take their responsibilities very seriously, and I have full confidence in the professionalism with which they represent the Town of Seymour.

Additionally, Frank contacted his Eversource liaison, Matt Iseppi, who, together with Lewis Tree, will be sending a crew to Seymour to handle the trees discussed at the meeting, as well as others identified for maintenance. This work will be done at no cost to the Town.

This outcome reflects the strong working relationships Frank and Sean have built with Eversource and Lewis Tree, which directly benefit our residents and taxpayers.

All documentation will be included in the meeting packet for October 21 but I wanted everyone to be aware in advance. If residents inquire about the ongoing tree work, please direct them to contact me so I can connect them with the appropriate representatives at Eversource. As always, should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you and I hope everyone enjoys the holiday weekend.

-Kurt Miller

Annmarie read the following letter from Department of Public Works Director, Frank Galianelli:

Good Morning Kurt,

After watching what transpired at the October 8th Board of Selectpersons meeting and with the threat of inclement weather in the near future, I reached out to our Eversource representative Matt Iseppi and he has agreed to send us a tree crew for the next two weeks to remove the list of trees starting on October 9th at no cost to the town. We thankfully have a great working relationship with Eversource. I would also like to set the record straight that Mr. Alterio under public comment was not being truthful. He was in fact asked to give a quote on the LOCiP project and refused. I found his comments to be offensive, false and a personal attack on both Sean's and my character. As requested, we provided a list of trees and a quote and we did just that.

Respectfully, Frank Galianelli

They plan to prepare an RFQ that will include all of the tree vendors the town currently uses for both emergency and routine work. Each vendor will have the opportunity to submit a quote, and from there, the town can select which vendors to use.

ITEM #10: Transfers

None.

ITEM #11: Appointments

None.

ITEM #12: Tax refunds/abatements

- Motion to approve tax refunds/abatements as presented.

Motion: Trisha Danka

Vote: 7-Yes

Annmarie Drugonis – Yes

Fred Stanek – Yes

Scott Andrews – Yes

0-No

Second: Al Bruno

0-Abstain

Al Bruno – Yes

Bob Findley – Yes

Trisha Danka – Yes

Theresa Conroy – Yes

ITEM #13: Correspondence

- Letters from Kurt and Frank as discussed in an added agenda item
- Letter from Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mike Marganski regarding 36 Emma Street – the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously voted to give a positive referral to the Board of Selectpersons for the potential sale of the property.

ITEM #14: Public Comment

Debbie Alterio, representing Alterio Tractor Pulling LLC (63 Tibbets Road), expressed concern that the business was not given the opportunity to bid on town projects and shared her dissatisfaction regarding the matter.

ITEM #15: Selectperson's Public Comments.

Theresa discussed upcoming events in town. She addressed her concern regarding the parking for Election Day at Community Center. She discussed the splash pad/park being considered in town. The park would be donated and the Community Center is a possible location for the park.

Fred spoke about the victorious Bungay School Referendum on October 9th. He thanked the members of the Bungay Elementary School Building Committee, the Board of Education, Bonasso & Associates, the Bungay School Rebuild Alliance, and various other members of the community for all their hard work on getting this together. He discussed a new department of Griffin Hospital that just opened.

Al expressed his excitement regarding the vote for the new school. He is looking forward to discussing tax breaks for the seniors.

Trisha congratulated Fred and Karen Stanek and discussed upcoming events in town. She reminded everyone to be careful as there will be a lot of children out this weekend. She thanked Lions Club. She also thanked the community for supporting the children and the new school.

Bob expressed his excitement at the new school vote passing and getting the information out to the residents.

Scott expressed the positive impact educating the residents about the new school had on the community.

ITEM #16: Comments from the First Selectwoman.

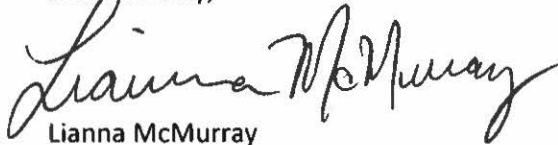
- Discussed events happening in town this weekend: Downtown Trick or Treat, Trick or Trunk, Historical Society's 50th Anniversary happening on Saturday, Seymour High School Sports Hall of Fame banquet on Sunday.
- No voting at Bungay school due to construction on Bungay Road. Those voters will go to the Community Center to vote.
- Discussed: Absentee ballots, Early voting hours and Election Day hours

- Bungay School Referendum – new charge will be given to Bungay Elementary School Building Committee on November 5th

ITEM #17: Adjournment.

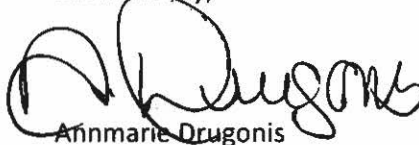
Annmarie Drugonis adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM

Submitted by,



Lianna McMurray
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



Annmarie Drugonis
First Selectwoman